

**AMA: Levels of Medical Decision Making (MDM)
DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS**

STRAIGHTFORWARD Medical Decision-Making Table 2023 MDM

Level of MDM <i>(Based on 2 out of 3 Elements of MDM)</i>	Elements of Medical Decision Making		
	Number and Complexity of Problems Addressed at the Encounter	Amount and/or Complexity of Data to be Reviewed and Analyzed <i>*Each unique test, order, or document contributes to the combination of 2 or combination of 3 in Category 1 below</i>	Risk of Complications and/or Morbidity or Mortality of Patient Management
Straight-forward	Minimal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 self-limited or minor problem 	Minimal or none	Minimal risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment

LOW Medical Decision-Making Table 2023 MDM

Level of MDM <i>(Based on 2 out of 3 Elements of MDM)</i>	Elements of Medical Decision Making		
	Number and Complexity of Problems Addressed at the Encounter	Amount and/or Complexity of Data to be Reviewed and Analyzed <i>*Each unique test, order, or document contributes to the combination of 2 or combination of 3 in Category 1 below</i>	Risk of Complications and/or Morbidity or Mortality of Patient Management
Low	Low <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 or more self-limited or minor problems; or 1 stable, chronic illness; or 1 acute, uncomplicated illness or injury or 1 stable acute illness or 1 acute, uncomplicated illness or injury requiring hospital or observation level of care 	Limited <i>(Must meet the requirements of at least 1 of the 2 categories)</i> Category 1: Tests and documents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any combination of 2 from the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of prior external note(s) from each unique source*; Review of the result(s) of each unique test*; Ordering of each unique test* or Category 2: Assessment requiring an independent historian(s) <i>(For the categories of independent interpretation of tests and discussion of management or test interpretation, see moderate or high)</i>	Low risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment

Moderate Medical Decision-Making Table 2023 MDM

Level of MDM <i>(Based on 2 out of 3 Elements of MDM)</i>	Elements of Medical Decision Making		
	Number and Complexity of Problems Addressed at the Encounter	Amount and/or Complexity of Data to be Reviewed and Analyzed <i>*Each unique test, order, or document contributes to the combination of 2 or combination of 3 in Category 1 below</i>	Risk of Complications and/or Morbidity or Mortality of Patient Management
Moderate	<p>Moderate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 or more chronic illnesses with exacerbation, progression, or side effects of treatment; <p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2 or more stable, chronic illnesses; <p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1 undiagnosed new problem w/uncertain prognosis; <p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1 acute illness w/systemic symptoms <p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1 acute complicated injury 	<p>Moderate <i>(Must meet the requirements of at least 1 of the 3 categories)</i></p> <p>Category 1: Tests and documents, or independent historian(s)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Any combination of 3 from the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Review of prior external note(s) from each unique source*; ▪ Review of the result(s) of each unique test*; ▪ Ordering of each unique test*; ▪ Assessment requiring an independent historian(s) <p>or</p> <p>Category 2: Independent interpretation of tests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Independent interpretation of a test performed by another physician/other qualified health care professional (not separately reported); <p>or</p> <p>Category 3: Discussion of management or test interpretation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Discussion of management or test interpretation with external physician/other qualified health care professional/appropriate source (not separately reported) 	<p>Moderate risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment</p> <p><i>Examples only:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rx drug management ▪ Decision re: minor surgery w/identified pt or procedure risk factors ▪ Decision re: elective major surgery w/o identified pt or procedure risk factors ▪ Dx or tx significantly limited by social determinants of health (SDoH)

HIGH Medical Decision-Making Table 2023 MDM

Level of MDM <i>(Based on 2 out of 3 Elements of MDM)</i>	Elements of Medical Decision Making		
	Number and Complexity of Problems Addressed at the Encounter	Amount and/or Complexity of Data to be Reviewed and Analyzed <i>*Each unique test, order, or document contributes to the combination of 2 or combination of 3 in Category 1 below</i>	Number and Complexity of Problems Addressed at the Encounter
High	High <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 or more chronic illnesses with severe exacerbation, progression, or side effects of treatment; or • 1 acute or chronic illness or injury that poses a threat to life or bodily function 	Extensive <i>(Must meet the requirements of at least 2 out of 3 categories)</i> <p>Category 1: Tests, documents, or independent historian(s)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any combination of 3 from the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Review of prior external note(s) from each unique source*; ○ Review of the result(s) of each unique test*; ○ Ordering of each unique test*; ○ Assessment requiring an independent historian(s) <p>or</p> <p>Category 2: Independent interpretation of tests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independent interpretation of a test performed by another physician/other qualified health care professional (not separately reported); <p>or</p> <p>Category 3: Discussion of management or test interpretation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion of management or test interpretation with external physician/other qualified health care professional/appropriate source (not separately reported) 	High risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment <p><i>Examples only:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drug therapy requiring intensive monitoring for toxicity • Decision regarding elective major surgery with identified patient or procedure risk factors • Decision regarding emergency major surgery • Decision regarding hospitalization <u>or escalation of hospital-level of care</u> • Decision not to resuscitate or to de-escalate care because of poor prognosis • Parenteral controlled substances