

## Documentation Tip

### Atrial Fibrillation



Documenting Atrial Fibrillation type accurately supports the intensity of your service, severity of illness, risk of mortality, length of stay and risk adjusted mortality.

#### ➤ Document the type of Atrial Fibrillation:

- **Paroxysmal**-terminates within 7 days
- **Persistent (CC)\***-sustained > 7 days and is subject to rhythm control to maintain NSR
- **Permanent** (Chronic)-NSR cannot be sustained, and physician ceases further attempts to maintain NSR
- **History of A-fib**-patient had a-fib in the past but now NSR and taking no medication to maintain NSR

\*CC (Complication and comorbidity): A secondary condition that reflects a *significantly* greater severity of illness and complexity of care of the patient