

HISTORY OF PRESENT ILLNESS ELEMENTS:	
Location	Timing
Quality	Context
Severity	Modifying Factors
Duration	Associated Signs/Symptoms

REVIEW OF SYSTEMS (ROS):	
Constitutional	Integumentary (skin and/or breast)
Eyes	Neurological
ENT, including mouth	Psychiatric
Cardiovascular	Endocrine
Genitourinary	Respiratory
Gastrointestinal	Hematologic/Lymphatic
Musculoskeletal	Allergic/Immunologic

PHYSICAL EXAM:		
BODY AREAS:	ORGAN SYSTEMS:	
Head (including face)	Constitutional	Musculoskeletal
Neck	Eyes	Skin
Chest (including Breasts & Axillae)	ENT and mouth	Neurologic
Abdomen	Cardiovascular	Psychiatric
Genitalia, groin, buttocks	Respiratory	Hematologic/ Lymphatic/ Immunologic
Back (including spine)	Gastrointestinal	
Each Extremity	Genitourinary	

1995 coding guidelines count Body Areas and/or Organ Systems

1997 coding guidelines count bullets from General Multi-System Examination
or
Single Organ System Exam

HPI/ROS

HPI: History of Present Illness
Location: where in/on the body the problem, symptom or pain occurs, eg. Area of body, bilateral, unilateral, left, right, anterior, posterior, upper, lower, diffuse or localized, fixed or migratory, radiating to other areas.
Quality: an adjective describing the type of problem, symptom or pain, eg. Dull, sharp, throbbing, constant, intermittent, itching, stabbing, acute, chronic, improving or worsening, red or swollen, cramping shooting, scratchy
Severity: patient's nonverbal actions or verbal description as to the degree/extent of the problem, symptom or pain: pain scale 0 to 10, comparison of the current problem, symptom or pain to previous experiences, severity itself is considered a quality.
Duration: how long the problem, symptom or pain has been present or how long the problem, symptom or pain lasts, eg. Since last night, for the past week, until today, it lasted for 2 hours
Timing: describes when the pain occurs eg. in the morning, after meals, after or during exercise, wakes me up at night
Context: what actions/circumstances causes the problem, symptom or pain to occur/worsen/improve, eg. Worse when standing, improved with sitting, aggravated by eating, fell going down the stairs, during a football game.
Modifying Factor: actions/activities taken to improve the problem, symptom, or pain and its outcome, eg. Pain relieved with Tylenol, no relief with Ibuprofen, it felt better/worse when I
Associated Signs & Symptoms: other signs/symptoms that occur when the problem, symptom or pain occurs, eg. Generalized symptoms (constitutional), frequency and urgency with urination, headache with blurred vision, back pain leads to numbness and tingling down the leg.

ROS: Review of Systems
Constitutional: weight loss/gain, fever, weakness, fatigue
Eyes: eyestrain, excessive tearing or pain, any visual disturbances, blurred or double vision, floaters, redness, swelling, sensitivity
Ears, Nose, Mouth & Throat: sensitivity to noise, hearing loss, discharge, tinnitus, vertigo, dizziness, feeling of fullness, epistaxis, difficulty swallowing, sinus pain
Cardiovascular: chest pain, palpitations, irregular pulse, edema, faintness, leg pain when walking, coldness or numbness of extremities, hair loss on legs, color changes in fingers or toes
Respiratory: chronic cough, hemoptysis, dyspnea, wheezy/noisy respiration, sputum (color/quantity)
Gastrointestinal: indigestion/pain associated with eating, appetite, thirst, nausea, vomiting, hematemesis, rectal pain and/or bleeding, heartburn, change in bowel habits, diarrhea, constipation, food tolerance, flatus, hemorrhoids, jaundice
Genitourinary: frequent/painful urination, nocturia, pyuria, hematuria, incontinence, urinary frequency, flank pain, genital sore, libido, Female: menarche, LMP, regularity, dysmenorrhea, menorrhagia/metrorrhagia, vaginal discharge, dyspareunia, menopausal symptoms, Male: impotence, discharge from penis, testicular pain/masses
Musculoskeletal: muscle pain/cramping, weakness, motor activity limitations, twitching, joint stiffness or deformity, noise with joint movement, chronic backache, redness, swelling
Integumentary/Skin: rashes, h/o itching, skin reactions to hot/cold, presence of scars, moles, sores, color changes of lesions, changes in nail color/texture, Breast: nipple discharge, breast feeding, breast pain, tenderness or swelling
Neurological: sensory disturbances, motor disturbances including problems with gait, balance or coordination, tremor or paralysis, headaches, fainting or unconsciousness, seizures, memory loss, hallucinations, disorientation, speech or language dysfunction, tingling, weakness
Psychiatric: personality type, depression, mood changes, nervousness, insomnia, nightmares, tension headache
Endocrine: heat/cold intolerance, increased sweating, thirst, hunger or urination, changes in hair or skin texture, unexplained changes in weight
Hematologic/Lymphatic: easy bruising, bleeding tendencies, or fatigue, low platelet count, unexplained swollen glands
Allergic/Immunologic: allergies, hives and/or itching, frequent sneezing, chronic clear nasal discharge, conjunctivitis, recurrent infections