

**HPI** : Level 99284 and 99285 require 4 elements of the HPI.

- **Location:** Where in/on the body the signs or symptoms occurred (RUQ, Left, Hand, Generalized Weakness)
- **Quality:** A subjective description of the character of the sign/symptom (Throbbing, sharp, crampy, itchy, red, crushing)
- **Severity:** A subjective qualifier describing the intensity of the symptom (rated 1-10, Severe, moderate, improving, decreasing, subjective fever, fever tactile)
- **Duration/Onset:** When the symptom first manifested (Today, since yesterday, for a week, last night, for a week, last 2 days.)
- **Timing:** Number of occurrences or the frequency of the sign/symptom since the presenting problem started (Intermittent, Constant/Continuous, In the morning, currently, ongoing)
- **Modifying Factor:** Action taken to change the sign/symptom; an event that makes a sign/symptom better or worse. (Exacerbated by, Affected by, relieved by). If you ask the question is the problem relieved by or affected by and patient responds none we can count as modifying factor.
- **Context:** Who, what, where, when, why and/or how of the sign or symptom. The sign/symptoms circumstance, setting or situation.(Mowing yard, upon awakening, hit by car, while lying down, after eating)
- **NOTE:** Can only use Context for recent travel or sick contacts if associated with the presenting sign/symptoms. Negative sick contact or travels does not count for Context. Examples could count for Sick contact or travels: became sick after eating at a local restaurant, after eating fish; exposed to strep, Flu in household.
- **Associated Signs and Symptoms:** Other sign/symptom whether present or absent. (Also complains of..., denies nausea & vomiting) If no pain document as this counts as associated signs and symptoms.