A Pneumothorax is the presence of air or gas in the pleural cavity. This causes mild to severe chest pain and shortness of breath and can also sometimes cause a shift in the mediastinum. An Iatrogenic Pneumothorax is one which was caused by medical treatment, often as an incidental event during a procedure such as a pacemaker insertion.

In ICD-9, an iatrogenic Pneumothorax is coded to 512.1 and can be found in the encoder by selecting ‘iatrogenic’ after selecting ‘Pneumothorax’.

In ICD-10, an iatrogenic Pneumothorax is coded to J95.811 and can be found in the encoder by selecting ‘postprocedural’ after selecting ‘Pneumothorax’.


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