

The Coder's Anatomy Mapping Framework

Step 1 — Identify the Structure What exactly is named?	Step 2 — Place It Where is it?
☐ Region	☐ Right / Left
☐ Organ	☐ Quadrant
☐ Tissue	☐ Body region
☐ Cell	☐ Cavity

Step 3 — Connect It

Which body system?

Normal function:

Step 4 — Classify the Statement	Step 5 — What Is Still Missing?
☐ Symptom	☐ Laterality
☐ Imaging finding	☐ Specific structure
☐ Diagnosis	☐ Diagnosis
☐ Procedure	☐ Provider confirmation
☐ History	☐ Cause
☐ Plan	☐ Other specificity

Golden Rule

Anatomy explains where.

Documentation explains what.

Never let anatomy become the diagnosis.