## Elements of Medical Decision Making

### Amount and/or Complexity of Data Reviewed/Aalyzed

- **Minimal or None**
- **Limited** (meets at least 2 of following)
  - Independently interpreting results
  - Ordering each unique test*
  - Review result of each unique test*
  - Review prior external note
- **Extensive** (meets at least 3 of following)
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### Risk of Complications and/or Morbidity or Mortality

- **Minimal risk of morbidity**
- **Moderate risk of morbidity**
- **Moderate risk of morbidity**
- **High risk of morbidity**
  - High risk of death or hospital stay extension
  - Decision regarding emergency major surgery
  - Decision regarding elective major surgery
  - Decision regarding escalation of hospital level care
  - Decision regarding elective major surgery WITH patient or social determinant of health
  - Prescription drug management
  - High risk diagnostic testing or treatment

### Level of Medical Decision-Making

- **Straightforward**
  - Low
  - Moderate
  - High

### Number & Complexity of Problems Addressed

- **Minimal**
  - 1 self-limited or minor problem

- **Low**
  - 2 or more self-limited or minor problems
  - 1 acute or chronic illness or injury that poses a threat to life or bodily function

- **High**
  - 1 acute complicated injury
  - 1 acute illness with systemic effects of treatment
  - 1 undiagnosed new problem
  - 2 or more stable chronic illnesses
  - 1 or more chronic illness with exacerbation, progression, or side effects of treatment

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