

Dermatology Coding Alert

ICD-10: New Choices Shine Through for Sunburn and UV Radiation

Next year, you'll find many more options for dermatitis due to solar radiation.

When ICD-10 comes into effect on Oct. 1, 2015, you'll just have to know one new code to replace each of the current ICD-9 diagnosis codes for the three degrees of sunburn. However, you'll have quite a few new options when it comes to other solar radiation-related disorders.

In the "Other acute skin changes due to ultraviolet radiation" category (L56.-), ICD-10 will introduce specific codes for conditions including drug phototoxic response, solar urticaria and polymorphous light eruption.



Solar radiation-related disorders



Look for a discussion of ICD-10 changes to diagnoses for skin conditions resulting from other forms of radiation in an upcoming issue of Dermatology Coding Alert.

Learn more: For more information on the ICD-10 conversion, as well as specific ICD-9 to ICD-10 code bridges, visit <https://www.aapc.com/codes/>.