

Dermatology Coding Alert

ICD-10: Specify Malignant Melanoma or Melanoma In Situ

Next year, ICD-9's 172.x series expands to dozens of diagnosis codes.

Dermatology coders who have been paying attention to the coming ICD-10 diagnosis codes should not be surprised to learn that, effective Oct. 1, 2015, the code set for malignant melanoma of skin (172.x) will expand considerably. In addition to more specificity in body location (for example, different ICD-10 codes for melanoma on right and left eyelids), the new diagnosis codes will distinguish between malignant melanoma and melanoma in situ.



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/>.