

## **Dermatology Coding Alert**

### **You Be the Coder: Cherry Angioma**

**Question:** What would the correct ICD-10 code be for a diagnosis of cherry angioma?

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**Answer:** In ICD-10, the hemangioma diagnosis codes are distinct by anatomical site:

- D18.00 ☐ Hemangioma of unspecified site
- D18.01 ☐ ... of skin and subcutaneous tissue
- D18.02 ☐ ... of intracranial structures
- D18.03 ☐ ... of intra-abdominal structures
- D18.04 ☐ ... of other sites.

In a dermatology setting, you'd be most likely to encounter D18.01.

**What is it?** A cherry hemangioma is made up of clusters of capillaries at the surface of the skin, forming a small round dome-like shape. They can range in color from bright red to purple.