

Internal Medicine Coding Alert

News You Can Use

786.50 and 786.51 Land on PT 'Paid' List

If your practice provides prothrombin time (PT) tests to assess patients on warfarin or who are otherwise at risk for abnormal bleeding or thrombosis, take note. CMS announced that 786.50 (Chest pain, unspecified) and 786.51 (Precordial pain) will join the list of diagnoses covered nationally by Medicare for PT testing.

Resource: You'll find the determination online at

www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/details/cal-decision-memo.aspx?CALId=254&fromdb=true.