

Internal Medicine Coding Alert

News You Can Use: Get More Specific With New ICD-9 Codes

Internal medicine coders will finally be able to specify memory loss (780.93), septic shock (785.52), and facial and muscle weakness (781.94 and 728.87) thanks to the new ICD-9 codes that take effect Oct. 1.

CMS unveiled the new ICD-9 codes, several of which affect internal medicine practices, in the May 19 Federal Register. The new ICD-9 codes have something in common: fifth digits that will make your signs and symptoms coding more accurate and specific.

Beginning Oct. 1 you will be able to report an abnormal glucose test in greater detail. Instead of coding it with the nonspecific "Abnormal glucose tolerance test" (790.2), you will now have codes that distinguish fasting glucose, glucose tolerance test (GTT), and other abnormal glucose (790.21, 790.22 and 790.29, respectively). Check out the clip-and-save list of new ICD-9 codes in the "Quick Key: Implement These ICD-9 Codes" on page 61.

In other changes beginning Oct. 1, you should incorporate these new V codes:

1. V04.81 Need for prophylactic vaccination and inoculation, influenza
2. V45.85 Insulin pump status
3. V58.63 Long-term (current) use of antiplatelet/antithrombotic
4. V58.64 Long-term (current) use of nonsteroidal anti-inflammatories
5. V58.65 Long-term (current) use of steroids.

Quick Key: Implement These ICD-9 Codes

List of new diagnosis codes for use beginning Oct. 1.

6. 255.10 Primary aldosteronism
7. 255.11 Glucocorticoid-remediable aldosteronism
8. 255.12 Conn's syndrome
9. 255.13 Bartter's syndrome
10. 255.14 Other secondary aldosteronism
11. 282.41 Sickle-cell thalassemia without crisis
12. 282.42 Sickle-cell thalassemia with crisis
13. 282.49 Other thalassemia
14. 282.64 Sickle-cell/Hb-C disease with crisis
15. 282.68 Other sickle-cell disease without crisis
16. 289.81 Primary hypercoagulable state
17. 289.82 Secondary hypercoagulable state
18. 289.89 Other specified diseases of blood and blood-forming organs
19. 348.30 Encephalopathy, unspecified
20. 348.31 Metabolic encephalopathy

21. 348.39 Other encephalopathy
22. 358.00 Myasthenia gravis without (acute) exacerbation
23. 358.01 Myasthenia gravis with (acute) exacerbation
24. 414.07 Coronary atherosclerosis, of bypass graft (artery) (vein) of transplanted heart
25. 458.21 Hypotension of hemodialysis
26. 458.29 Other iatrogenic hypotension
27. 493.81 Exercise-induced bronchospasm
28. 493.82 Cough variant asthma
29. 517.3 Acute chest syndrome
30. 530.20 Ulcer of esophagus without bleeding
31. 530.21 Ulcer of esophagus with bleeding
32. 530.85 Barrett's esophagus
33. 600.00 Hypertrophy (benign) of prostate without urinary obstruction
34. 600.01 Hypertrophy (benign) of prostate with urinary obstruction
35. 600.10 Nodular prostate without urinary obstruction
36. 600.11 Nodular prostate with urinary obstruction
37. 600.20 Benign localized hyperplasia of prostate without urinary obstruction
38. 600.21 Benign localized hyperplasia of prostate with urinary obstruction
39. 600.90 Hyperplasia of prostate, unspecified, without urinary obstruction
40. 600.91 Hyperplasia of prostate, unspecified, with urinary obstruction
41. 607.85 Peyronie's disease
42. 719.7 Difficulty in walking
43. 728.87 Muscle weakness
44. 728.88 Rhabdomyolysis
45. 780.93 Memory loss
46. 780.94 Early satiety
47. 781.94 Facial weakness
48. 785.52 Septic shock
49. 788.63 Urgency of urination
50. 790.21 Impaired fasting glucose
51. 790.22 Impaired glucose tolerance test (oral)
52. 790.29 Other abnormal glucose
53. 799.81 Decreased libido
54. 799.89 Other ill-defined conditions
55. 850.11 Concussion, with loss of consciousness of 30 minutes or less
56. 850.12 Concussion, with loss of consciousness from 31 to 59 minutes
57. 959.11 Other injury of chest wall
58. 959.12 Other injury of abdomen
59. 996.57 Complication, due to insulin pump