

## **Internal Medicine Coding Alert**

## **Reader Question: Pronouncing a Patient**

Question: What code do you use if the physician goes to the hospital to pronounce a patient deceased?

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**Answer:** The physician should report an office or other outpatient services evaluation and management (E/M) code (99201-99215) commensurate with the amount of medical decision-making and examination that the visit required.