

# Internal Medicine Coding Alert

## You Be The Coder: Second Day of Observation

Test your coding knowledge. Determine how you would code this situation before looking at the box below for the answer.

Question: I am having a problem getting an insurance company to pay for the second-day stay in the outpatient observation facility of a hospital. It will pay for the admit (99218-99220) and the discharge (99217) but not a 99232 for the second day. Which CPT code should I use to get this claim paid?

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