

Optometry Coding & Billing Alert

ICD-10: Explore H44 for More Disorders of the Globe Dx

Degenerative myopia, siderosis diagnoses will specify affected eye.

In our last issue, we examined how the ICD-10 switchover would affect diagnosis coding for conditions found under "Disorders of the Globe" (see "Zoom In on H44 Codes for Endophthalmitis, Other Disorders of Globe" in Optometry Coding and Billing Alert Vol. 13 No. 2). In this issue, we'll look at how degenerative disorder of the globe diagnosis will change this October.

In addition to ICD-10's customary expansion of the code sets to include specificity — e.g., different codes describing whether the right, left, both, or an unspecified eye is affected — note that the new diagnosis codes change some terminology — for example, the "Other metallosis of globes" code uses the term "chalcosis" instead.



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