

Part B Insider (Multispecialty) Coding Alert

More New ICD-9 Codes

ICD-9 2005 introduces three new codes for venous embolisms, which offer more specificity than the current 453.8 (Other venous embolism and thrombosis; of other specified veins). Now you can choose among 453.40 (Venous embolism and thrombosis of unspecified deep vessels of lower extremity), 454.41 (Venous embolism and thrombosis of deep vessels of proximal lower extremity) or 454.42 (Venous embolism and thrombosis of deep vessels of distal lower extremity).

The update also includes a new code for obstructive chronic bronchitis with acute bronchitis, 491.22, which your physician may be diagnosing after chest X-rays or other diagnostic tests.

Meanwhile, a new code will help you track patients' predisposition to prostate cancer: V84.03 (Genetic susceptibility to malignant neoplasm of prostate). This code will help researchers track these genetic predispositions more effectively, says **Morgan Hause**, privacy and compliance officer for **Urology of Indiana** in Indianapolis. With more genetic markers being found all the time, this addition is a forward-looking step to help people track their risk factors.