

Part B Insider (Multispecialty) Coding Alert

PART B CODING COACH: Can You Select the Right Diagnosis Code? Find Out With This Quick Quiz

Best bet: Know when a fifth digit is required and when you can simply get by with a shorter ICD-9 code.

Be careful that your sepsis, Charcot foot, and hypertension knowledge doesn't leak into your diagnostic code choice, or you could end up with an unsupported code. Test if you're inferring too much with this quick quiz.

Urosepsis = UTI

Question 1: A physician is treating a patient in the hospital and billing initial and subsequent care with documented diagnosis of urosepsis. Should you report code 038.9 (Unspecified septicemia)?