

## Outpatient Facility Coding Alert

### Reader Question: CAP Diagnosis Should Be 486

**Question:** The discharge diagnosis is "CAP bilateral." What does this mean? I'm not sure where to begin searching for this.

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**Answer:** CAP is an acronym for Community Acquired Pneumonia. If there's additional information in the record, that would affect code choice. If this is the only information you have, report the diagnosis as 486 (Pneumonia organism unspecified).