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Clip and Save: Use this Handy Tool to Learn Your Way around the ICD-10 Manual

These memory tricks will give your navigation a boost.

After years of using your ICD-9 manual, you know right where to look for the conditions you code most often. But when ICD-10 makes its debut, you'll need to learn your way around a whole new manual.

Each ICD-10 code begins with a letter and these letters indicate the tabular chapter from which the code comes. Use this humorous memory tool from **Lisa Selman-Holman, JD, BSN, RN, HCS-D, COS-C, HCS-O**, consultant and principal of **Selman-Holman & Associates** and **CoDR -- Coding Done Right** in Denton, Texas to begin familiarizing yourself with ICD-10's organization.

- A & B -- Infectious and Parasitic Diseases = **Anti-Biotics**
- C -- Neoplasms = **Cancer**
- D -- Neoplasms and Blood and Blood-Forming Organs = More Neoplasms and **Deficiencies**
- E -- **Endocrine, Nutritional, and Metabolic**
- F -- Mental and Behavior Disorders = **Freud**
- G -- Nervous System = **Golly!** makes you nervous.
- H -- Eye and Adnexa, Ear and Mastoid Process = **Hearing**
- I -- Circulatory System = **Ischemia**
- J -- Respiratory System = Take a deep breath before you **Jump**
- K -- Digestive System = Special **K** (fiber is good for your digestive system)
- L -- Skin and Subcutaneous = **Lovely** skin
- M -- **Musculoskeletal**
- N -- Genitourinary = **Naughty** parts
- O -- Pregnancy, Childbirth and Puerperium = **Obstetrics**
- P -- **Perinatal** Period
- Q -- Congenital Malformations, Deformations and Chromosomal Abnormalities = Quite difficult conditions
- R -- Symptoms, Signs and Abnormal Clinical and Laboratory Findings = Should be coded **Rarely**
- S & T -- Injury, Poisoning and Certain Other Consequences of External Causes = **Strychnine** and **Trauma**
- V, W, X, Y -- External Causes of Morbidity= **Victims**
- Z -- Factors Influencing Health Status and Contact with Health Services = Codes of last resort.