

## MDS Alert

### **MDS Accuracy: Wondering How To Code Multivitamins, TPN, Herbal Remedies, Skin Rx?**

To code Section O, you have to know not only what to count but how to count it, as follows:

1. A multivitamin counts as one medication.
2. Liquid dietary supplements that contain vitamins and minerals (e.g., Ensure) are NOT counted.
3. Basic TPN solutions are NOT counted in Section O (record these in Section K). But vitamins, electrolytes, or other medications (e.g., insulin) added to the TPN are counted.
4. Herbal and alternative medicine products are NOT counted.
5. Include topical preparations, ointments, creams used in wound care (e.g., Elase) but not topical preparations used for preventive skin care (i.e., moisturizers and moisture barriers).