

## OASIS Alert

### Diagnosis Coding: Searching For Enlightenment? Try These Online Coding Resources

Help is available to build your coding knowledge.

Whether you're looking for a specific answer or for general coding information, these resources can help you:

1. The **Center for Disease Control's** Web site at [www.cdc.gov/az.do](http://www.cdc.gov/az.do) provides extensive information about most diseases.

2. Find the Official ICD-9 Coding Guidelines online at [www.ahacentraloffice.com/ahacentraloffice/pdf\\_docs/OfficialGuidelines.pdf](http://www.ahacentraloffice.com/ahacentraloffice/pdf_docs/OfficialGuidelines.pdf).

3. For information about Coding Clinic for ICD-9-CM, the **American Hospital Association's** quarterly journal for coding professionals, go to [www.ahaonlinestore.com](http://www.ahaonlinestore.com).

4. Access the ICD-9-CM Coordination and Maintenance Committee minutes at [www.cdc.gov/nchs/about/otheract/icd9/maint/maint.html](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/about/otheract/icd9/maint/maint.html) for information about coding changes.

5. The **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services** provides a number of coding re-sources. Go to [www.cms.hhs.gov/medlearn](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medlearn) and click on "Provider pages" and "home health" for the newest diagnosis code changes and the latest invalid diagnosis codes. And a free one-hour Web-based training course, **Diagnosis Coding: Using the ICD-9-CM**, is available at [www.cms.hhs.gov/medlearn/icd9code.asp](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medlearn/icd9code.asp): click on "Web Based Training Modules" and scroll down to "Office Management Information."

Editor's Note: For more diagnosis coding help, subscribe to Eli's Home Health ICD-9 Coding Alert at 800-874-9180 or at [www.elihealthcare.com](http://www.elihealthcare.com). And order the tape of the Feb. 25 teleconference "Savvy Solutions to Complex HHA Coding Cases," by coding expert **Lisa Selman-Holman** at <http://codinginstitute.com/conference/conference.cgi?detail=214>.