

## Pain Management Coding Alert

### You Be the Coder: Keeping Up With ICD-10 Terminology

**Question:** After a level-two evaluation and management (E/M) service for a new patient, the provider confirms a diagnosis of osteophyte in the patient's shoulder. What is osteophyte, and how should we code this encounter?

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**Answer:** Osteophyte is no more than a clinical term for bone spurs. This patient had bone spurs in his shoulder.

On your 99202 (Office or other outpatient visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient, which requires these 3 key components: An expanded problem focused history; An expanded problem focused examination; Straightforward medical decision making ...) claim, report one of the following ICD-10 codes depending on encounter specifics:

- M25.711 - Osteophyte, right shoulder
- M25.712 - ... left shoulder
- M25.719 - ... unspecified shoulder.