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Comparison of ICD-9-CM and ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Codes

On October 1, 2013 the diagnosis coding system will change from ICD-9-CM to ICD-10-CM. The table below summarizes differences between the two systems.

ICD-9	ICD-10
<i>3-5 characters</i>	<i>3-7 characters</i>
<i>Approximately 13,000 codes.</i>	<i>Approximately 68,000 available codes.</i>
<i>First character may be alpha (E or V) or numeric; characters 2-5 are numeric.</i>	<i>Character 1 is alpha; characters 2 and 3 are numeric; characters 4-7 are alpha or numeric.</i>
<i>Limited space for adding new codes.</i>	<i>Flexible for adding new codes.</i>
<i>Lacks detail.</i>	<i>Very specific.</i>
<i>Lacks laterality.</i>	<i>Has laterality.</i>
<i>Difficult to analyze data due to non-specific codes.</i>	<i>Specificity improves coding accuracy and richness of data for analysis.</i>
<i>Codes are non-specific and do not adequately define diagnoses needed for medical research.</i>	<i>Detail improves the accuracy of data used for medical research.</i>
<i>Does not support interoperability because it is not used by other countries.</i>	<i>Supports interoperability and the exchange of health data between other countries and the United States.</i>

Corrections Document for CPT 2012

Each year the AMA posts corrections to the new CPT Manual on their web site. Corrections to the 2012 manual may be found at:

<http://www.ama-assn.org/resources/doc/cpt/cpt-corrections.pdf>

Although most corrections involve spelling or the addition of the convention to identify new or revised text, some corrections do affect the use of the code.

For example –

- *64479, injection, anesthetic agent and/or steroid, transforaminal epidural, with imaging guidance (fluoroscopy or CT); cervical or thoracic, single level* adds an **s** to **injection** to indicate that it may be more than one injection.
- For *Services Included in Critical Care Services* code *91105* (a deleted code) is removed and replaced by code **43753**.

It is important to check the AMA site periodically as additional corrections are added when mistakes are identified.

Compliance Discussion Group for February 2012

Topic: Update to the Referring Provider Field

Dates and Locations:

Tuesday, February 21, Hofheimer Hall 757

Thursday, February 23, Hofheimer Hall 758

Time:

Noon to 1:00.

RSVP by email or phone to Leanne Smith (451-6207).

Bring your lunch