



ICD-10CM/PCS

Are you ready?

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DOCUMENTATION IS THE KEY: PREPARING FOR I-10 SUCCESS

CODING SNAPSHOT

Successfully embracing ICD-10 boils down to one thing- **meticulous documentation**. The specificity of accurate ICD-10 coding demands recording all the details of what the provider sees and does, and it is time to start. Medical necessity from today on depends on being fastidious and complete. Even physicians utilizing electronic medical records (EMRs) must have a full understanding of the code set and the requirements found within ICD-10 to select the codes in the program. Not sure why? Take a look at this example:

IMPRESSION: Cellulitis and superficial abscess index finger.

PLAN: I am recommending debridement and irrigation of the digit today. I think the skin is dead and that she will tolerate it without anesthesia; I would like her to stay on the clindamycin and I will check her back in 3 days to see how she is doing.

Note that left or right is not documented. In ICD-10 it should not be coded without further documentation. In ICD-9-CM this was coded as 681.00 but in ICD-10-CM it will take two codes, but look at the choices when 681.00 is compared to the ICD-10-CM GEM file:

ICD-10 RESOURCE

ICD-10 information is ever changing. Staying on top of the changes is a must! One way for all of you to stay current is to sign up for the ICD-10 list serv. CMS will send you updates via email alerts when anything on their ICD-10 page has changed. This is a great way to stay abreast of changing environment. It is also beneficial to check the CMS website periodically for updates free webinars, and other valuable information on ICD-10 and 5010 implementation. [sign up for updates here @CMS.gov](#)

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| L02.511 | Cutaneous abscess of right hand |
| L02.512 | Cutaneous abscess of left hand |
| L02.519 | Cutaneous abscess of unspecified hand |
| L03.011 | Cellulitis of right finger |
| L03.012 | Cellulitis of left finger |
| L03.019 | Cellulitis of unspecified finger |
| L03.021 | Acute lymphangitis of right finger |
| L03.022 | Acute lymphangitis of left finger |

ICD-10-CM takes code assignment to new levels of specificity requiring us to take a long look at our current documentation habits to determine how we need to make improvements.

CC: Hurt left knee-TV fell on it

HPI: Patient hurt her knee and it is bruised and it hurts to walk. She was moving a TV in her bedroom last night and she fell into the TV with her knee causing her to collide with it. Her lower back has been hurting since then as well.

Exam: HEENT-Neg, RRR, no murmur, CTA B/L, NDNT, no HSM, no C/C/E, no rash, no focal neuro, deficits L knee ecchymosis, no effusion, full ROM, spine flex 30 EXT 5 LAT 10 neg ST leg raise DTR 2.4

A/P: L knee strain
Ice elevation diclofenac
Lumbar strain
Tylenol 1GM every 6 hour
Coded in ICD-9-CM as:

844.9—sprain/strain of the knee unspecified

846.9—sprain/strain low back

E917.3—striking furniture without subsequent fall

Coded in ICD-10
S86.812A—Strain, left knee, initial encounter
S39.012A—Strain, Back, initial encounter
W18.09xA—Fall striking other object, initial encounter(activity)
Y92.013—House, single family home, bedroom (place of occurrence)

CODING TIPS

- Laterality:** we need to know which knee was affected
- Encounter:** we need to know if it was an initial encounter, subsequent encounter or sequela
- Activity:** we need to know what the patient was doing when the injury occurred
- Place of Occurrence:** we need to know where the patient was when the injury occurred