

Refresh Your AHLTA 3.3.8 Knowledge in Preparation for the ICD-10 Implementation

ICD-10 has survived the first of June without further delay, which puts us within 4 months from the ICD-10 implementation. All indications are that the U.S. nationwide transition of ICD-10 is on track for the 1 October 2015 implementation. In preparation for the ICD-10 implementation, refreshing your knowledge of AHLTA 3.3.8 updates is beneficial, as it was originally delivered with training in 2014.

The version 3.3.8 update to AHLTA, the Military's ambulatory services electronic health record (EHR), was released to the Services in January of 2014. This update included the availability of the appropriate International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision (ICD-10) codes (effective 1 October 2015), enhanced Problem List Management, and a new Diagnosis History List as well as Medication Reconciliation options with Med Recon reports. To educate users on the scope and use of AHLTA functionality, related training materials were left with each MTF and the Defense Health Clinical Systems (DHCS) In-Depth Training Team developed the AHLTA 3.3.8 Updates and Enhancements Overview course, which is available at www.ehrknowex.com.

AHLTA 3.3.8 Updates

Our last AHLTA 3.3.8 NewsFlash article (January/February 2014) focused on the high level overview of AHLTA 3.3.8 Updates and Enhancements course. The DHCS training focuses on ICD-10 Code Implementation, Problem List Management, and Medication Reconciliation. Highlights from this training include:

- AHLTA 3.3.8 will automatically display the diagnosis term as the new ICD-10 diagnosis term when a template with ICD-9 terms is loaded into an encounter. There are rare exceptions discussed in the training that will require manual updates.
- Template users should use the existing search feature in the AHLTA Assessment & Plan Module for ICD-10 codes (after October 2015) to verify the converted ICD codes or to find an ICD-10 code that is not automatically converted.
- New Diagnosis History Lists will also include a complete history of all diagnoses that are assigned in a completed encounter or telephone encounter (e.g., Telcon) entry.
- Problem List Updates include options to add new, edit, merge, and update existing problems to ICD-10 code descriptions.

Access DHCS AHLTA 3.3.8 Updates and Enhancements Overview Training

The training slides are posted to the DHCS Knowledge Sharing Site (KSS) in both the AHLTA and the ICD-10 group content areas. (Figure 1)

- <http://www.ehrknowex.com/docs/DOC-2848>

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Days Remaining to
ICD-10 Conversion
As of 6/1/2015

Upcoming Events

AHIMA Data Summit: Beyond ICD-10

July 13-14
Baltimore, MD
<http://www.ahima.org/events/2015july-datasummit>

Advanced ICD-10 PCS Skills Workshop

July 15-17
Minneapolis, MN
<http://www.ahima.org/events/2015july-advancedpcs-minneapolis>

AHIMA ICD-10 Academy: Building Expertise in Coding

July 15-17
Denver, CO
<http://www.ahima.org/events/2015july-coderacademy-denver>

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Figure 1: Access the DHCS Training through the AHLTA or ICD-Content under 'Documents'

AHLTA's Injury Information Window

As the 1 October 2015 implementation date approaches, significant attention is being focused on increasing provider compliance with accident injury codes (E-codes). The descriptions of the accident codes vary for specific injuries and there are a greater number to choose from with ICD-10, hence creating a need for additional training to ensure the providers learn the new terminology.

Adding an injury diagnosis brings up the Injury Information Window. Within the Injury Information Window, there are new enhancements that need to be taken into consideration with ICD-10. Previous injuries are stored in the patient's history so they can easily be reused if necessary. The External Cause search box (i.e. "what happened") is very specific. For example, "running" could have many different results. Once an External Cause has been selected, the user has the option of choosing if this is initial injury, subsequent visit, or sequela, which are all radio buttons as shown in the screenshot below.

 The screenshot shows the 'Injury Information' window. At the top, it states 'At least one code must be selected from the mechanism/intent/medical complication search tool on the left.' The window is divided into several sections:

- Previous External Causes of Injury/Accident/Morbidity:** A list box with 'Add >>' and '<<Remove' buttons.
- External Cause of Injury/Accident (External Cause of Morbidity):** A large text area for input.
- Search Results:** A search box containing 'running' and a 'Find Now' button. Below it, a list of search results is shown, including 'Contact with hot tap-water X11', 'Contact with hot water in bath or tub X11.0', 'Contact with running hot water X11.1', 'Contact with other hot tap-water X11.8', and 'Falling, lying or running before or into moving object, undetermined intent Y31'.
- Initial Visit for this injury:** Radio buttons for 'Initial Visit for this injury', 'Subsequent Visit', and 'Sequela'.
- Date of Initial Injury:** A date picker and an 'Approximate' checkbox.
- Status at Time of Injury/Accident:** A dropdown menu.
- Place of Occurrence:** A text input field.
- Activity at Time of Injury/Accident:** A text input field.
- Evidence - Blood Alcohol Level:** A dropdown menu.
- Injury Category for Compensation:** Radio buttons for 'AA - Auto Accident', 'EM - Employment', and 'OA - Other Accident/Injury'.
- GeoLocation of Injury/Accident:** A dropdown menu showing 'VIRGINIA'.
- Place of Employment:** A text input field.

 At the bottom, there are 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons. A note at the bottom right states '*Fields marked with an asterisk (*) are required fields.'

Figure 2: AHLTA's Injury Information Window

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