

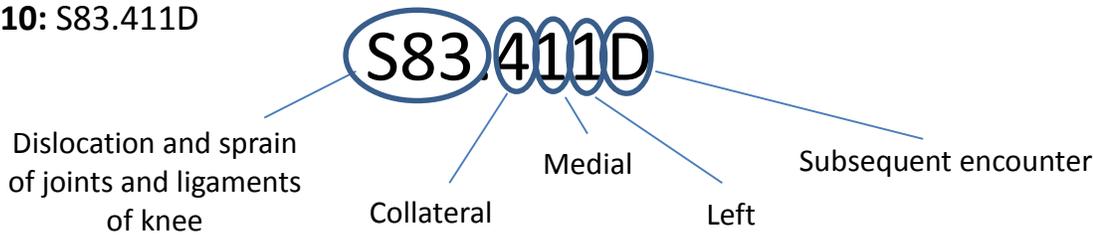
Physical and Occupational Therapy Coding – A Significant Change!

With the 1 October 2015 implementation of ICD-10-CM, the 13,000 ICD-9-CM codes will be retired in favor of 70,000 codes of greater detail. Therapists will notice a significant change as laterality and specificity dictate the use of longer, more complex codes. For example, a left knee medial collateral ligament sprain previously coded as 844.1 (collateral ligament sprain) in ICD-9 becomes S83.411. Because this is an injury code, a 7th character is added as seen below.

Example: L Knee MCL Sprain

ICD-9: 844.1

ICD-10: S83.411D



Another big change is the retirement of the treatment codes V57.1 (other physical therapy) and V57.21 (other occupational therapy). Starting 1 October 2015, all treatment encounters will be coded with the working diagnoses.



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Days Remaining to
ICD-10 Conversion
As of 9/11/2015

Upcoming Events

Brushing Up on ICD-10: A Refresher Workshop

September 18 –
September 19
Multiple locations (OH,
MD, CO)
<http://www.ahima.org/events/2015sept-icd10refresher-columbus>

2015 Annual Clinical Coding Meeting

September 26 –
September 27
New Orleans, LA
<http://www.ahima.org/events/2015sept-clinicalcoding>

ICD-10 Documentation Training for Physicians

3-hour online course
offered by medical
specialty
<https://www.aapc.com/icd-10/icd-10-physician-documentation.aspx>

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Therapy's most common ICD-9 codes series is 710-739, diseases of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue. Under ICD-10, pain in specific locations (not related to medical procedures or trauma) are coded in the M00-M99 series. For Example:

M25.512 Pain in left shoulder

M25.532 Pain in left wrist

M25.562 Pain in left knee

M25.572 Pain in left ankle and joints of foot

M54.2 Neck pain

M54.5 Low back pain

M79.602 Pain in left arm (region)

M79.652 Pain in left thigh (region)

Therapy's other common ICD-9 code series is 800-999, injuries and poisonings. Under ICD-10, injuries are coded in the S00-T88 series. For example:

S62.001A Right wrist scaphoid fracture, initial encounter

S93.461D Right lateral ankle sprain, subsequent encounter

T22.111S Burn of first degree of right forearm, sequela

In the case of an injury, a 7th character is added to indicate if it is the patient's initial or subsequent encounter for this diagnosis. Initial encounters warrant an "A" and subsequent encounters receive a "D." The 7th character "S" indicates sequela associated with the diagnosis. Add the "S" to the condition that caused the sequela. For example:

T22.111S Burn of first degree of right forearm, sequela

M24.521 Contracture of right elbow

To ensure a smooth transition on 1 October 2015, it is important to know the basic rules of ICD-10 and partner with your Military Treatment Facility (MTF) coders.

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