

The Military Health System (MHS), supported by a TMA/Information Management Chaired MHS ICD-10 Integrated Project Team, is preparing for the transition to International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision (ICD-10) on October 1, 2013. Clinical documentation specialists and coders who translate medical providers' work into codes are gearing up to start using the new system.

ICD-10 Documentation Improvement

With the move to ICD-10, clinical documentation is a key aspect for coders to provide a more exact and up-to-date accounting of diagnoses and hospital inpatient procedures, which could improve payment strategies and care guidelines.

ICD-10 will require a greater level of documentation specificity to code conditions and procedures from physicians. For example, cerebral artery occlusion with infarct (stroke) has 11 possible code choices in ICD-10, which require that coders know the location of the stroke and whether it occurred in the right, left, middle, anterior, or posterior of the cerebral artery or cerebellar artery. Many physicians may typically not include this location information in their documentation.

As stated by Mr. Darrell D. Dorrian (Deputy, Air Force Data Quality Manager), "When each member contributes to clinical documentation, then all the members of the team can be used to their full potential for the delivery of care."

A clinical documentation specialist, Ms. Linda Renee Brown, stated in her blog "Clinical documentation improvement is about making sure that the words match the reality. I need the physicians and nurses to write exactly what they see, what they think, and what they do."

The Services have initiatives that will assist in clinical documentation such as COMPASS (Clinical Optimization Military Provider AHLTA Satisfaction Strategy) and the Tri-Service Workflow AIM template.

Operation COMPASS includes four key components: peer-to-peer training, training the Military Treatment Facility (MTF) trainers, refresher training for Providers as MTF Clinical Champions and overall process/workflow optimization within the MTF.

The Tri Service Workflow AIM template for AHLTA is a standardized template that improves workflow and standardizes documentation for history of present illness (HPI), personal and family social history (PFSH), Review of systems (ROS), and physical exam (PE).

For more information, contact:

ICD-10 Awareness:

With the hope that this never happens, did you know there was a code for this condition?

W59.22 Struck by turtle

V80.21 Animal-rider injured in collision with pedal cycle

V91.05 Burn due to canoe or kayak on fire

W22.02 Walked into lamppost

W45.1 Paper entering through skin (Paper cut)

W55.21 Bitten by cow

W61.43 Pecked by turkey

Upcoming Events!!

October 24 – 27, 2011 – WEDI 2011 Fall Conference
<http://www.wedi.org/forms/meeting/MeetingFormPublic/view?id=1192700002B1>

Nov. 7 – 19, 2011
AAPC - ICD-10 What You Need to Know - NOW
<http://www.aapc.com/workshops/icd-10-what-you-need-to-know-now.aspx>

May 10 – 11, 2012
5th Annual Association of Clinical Documentation Specialist (ACDIS) Improvement Conference
San Diego, CA
<http://www.hcpro.com/content/260283.pdf>

Note that the above ICD-10 related links are provided as informational resources only and do not constitute an endorsement of any non-Government site or entity.

As of 10/24/2011

707 Days Remaining to CONVERSION