NEW ICD-9-CM CODE CHANGES FOR 2010

New valid ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes: 311
Revised valid ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes: 45
Invalid ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes: 22

New valid ICD-9-CM procedure codes: 11
Revised valid ICD-9-CM procedure codes: 14
Invalid ICD-9-CM procedure codes: 0

Note: This code count was based upon the new and revised code list released with the proposed rule for the inpatient prospective payment system (IPPS) FY 2010 and as posted on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid ICD-9-CM website. Modifications to this code count may be made once the official ICD-9-CM addenda for Volumes 1, 2 & 3 are released.

NEW CODE TOPICS HIGHLIGHTS

Merkel cell carcinoma (209.31-209.36, 209.75): An aggressive neuroendocrine skin cancer with a rising incidence making this one of the most common causes of non-melanoma skin cancer deaths in the US.
   Dermatology, Oncology, Family Practice, Plastic Surgery, Primary Care

Secondary neuroendocrine tumors (209.70-209.74, 209.79): New codes for secondary sites of tumors associated with a wide range of hormonal syndromes, commonly respiratory and gastrointestinal.
   Oncology, Gastroenterology, Thoracic Surgery, Neurosurgery

Gouty arthropathy (274.00-274.03): New codes differentiate between the stages of gouty arthropathy which is critical in determining appropriate treatment regimens.
   Internal Medicine, Orthopedics, Family Practice, Primary Care, Geriatrics, Physical Therapy, Home Health, Skilled Nursing

Chemotherapy induced anemia (285.3): Anemia is the most common side affect of chemotherapy.
   Oncology, Home Health, Skilled Nursing

Acute chemical conjunctivitis (372.06): Common irritants such as swimming pool chlorine, household cleaners can cause, or other common substances cause significant risk to vision, but must be differentiated from serious alkaline or acid chemicals burns to the eye.
   Family Practice, Primary Care, Ophthalmology, Pediatrics

Chronic pulmonary embolism (416.2): Identification of patients who are no longer in the acute stage of pulmonary embolism, but are receiving treatment such as anticoagulant therapy.
Acute and chronic venous embolism and thrombosis (453.50-453.52, 453.6, 453.71-453.79, 453.81-453.82): New terminology, new site specificity, and new differentiation between deep and superficial vessels for venous embolism and thrombosis.

New Late effects of cerebrovascular disease, dysarthria (438.13) and fluency disorder (438.14)

Nursemaid’s elbow (832.2): Common subluxation of the elbow in children under the age of five.

Hypoxic-ischemic encephalopathy (HIE) (768.70-768.73): Cerebral injury during the perinatal period, unrelated to the birth process, can now be coded according to clearly defined clinical severity.

Perinatal conditions: Codes for other newborn conditions such as feeding problems (779.31), vomiting (779.32-779.33) and failure to thrive (779.39) are adopted.

Symptom codes: New symptom codes to identify specific voice disturbances (784.42-784.44), bilious emesis (787.04), colic (789.7), inconclusive mammogram (793.82), types of nervousness (799.21-799.29), and apparent life threatening event in an infant (ALTE) have been added.

Torus fractures: Expansion coding torus fractures to now include fracture of ulna alone (813.46) and radius and ulna together (813.47).

Poisoning codes: Expanded poisoning codes to identify various classes of antidepressants and psychostimulants (969.00-969.09, 969.70-969.79).

Adverse effect of drug: Failed moderate sedation during a procedures (995.25)
V Codes: 32 new V codes that cover personal history of disease, health supervision of newborns, fitting and adjustment of gastrointestinal devices, family disruption issues, substance abuse issues, personal history of specific therapies (estrogen, steroid, immunosuppressive), and new specific screening codes.

Internal Medicine, General Medicine, Ophthalmology, Pediatrics, Obstetrics/Gynecology, Family Practice, Mental health, Skilled Nursing, Home Health

E Codes: 104 new Activity E codes to identify the specific activity in which the person was engaged which resulted in injury or other health condition.

All Specialties

48 new E codes that identify more specifically injury due to war operations.

All Specialties

THESE ARE ONLY THE HIGHLIGHTS AND MORE NEW CODES ARE EXPECTED TO COME. THERE WILL ALSO BE THE NUMEROUS INDEX CHANGES, INSTRUCTIONAL NOTE CHANGES, REVISED CODE TITLES AND CODING GUIDELINE REVISIONS.