

Title:

Communicating the Patient's Condition via Coding (ICD-10)

Presenter Name:

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Total Hours:

1-2

Course Topic:

Coding

Course Description:

Accurate diagnostic coding is essential for reimbursement and clearly communicating the patient's condition, treatment rationale, and medical necessity. This one—to two-hour course provides a practical, clinician-friendly introduction to ICD-10 and its role in clinical communication.

Course objectives:

- **Explain the structure and logic behind ICD-10 coding**, including the significance of each character in a diagnostic code.
- **Select and apply the most specific and appropriate diagnostic codes** to accurately represent a patient's clinical condition.
- **Identify common coding errors**—including incompatible code pairings and misused external cause codes—and correct them using exclusion notes and documentation best practices.

Hour-by-hour outline:

Hour 1: Introduction to ICD-10

- Changes from ICD-9 to ICD-10
- Overview of diagnostic code organization within ICD-10
- Review of the meaning of numerical and alphabetic characters in code development

Hour 2: Diagnostic Coding Examples

- Code specificity
- Compatible and unacceptable code pairs (via Type 1 and Type 2 exclusion notes)
- External Cause Codes
- ICD-11