Guidelines for ICD-10 Checkpoint
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ICD-10 CHECKPOINT

Purpose

The purpose of this column is to demonstrate differences between ICD-9-CM and ICD-10-CM or ICD-10-PCS and to expose coding professionals to ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS coding principles.

Content Guidelines

Space is limited. Content developers are encouraged to focus on key points and major differences. Where applicable use phrases in bulleted lists rather than full sentences. Lengthy narrative should be avoided.

The column is to include the following elements as applicable:

1. The condition to be coded
   - a statement or brief description of a medical condition or surgical procedure
   - recommended length: 2-3 sentence maximum (under 50 words)
   - this should be a snapshot of a procedure or a diagnostic statement that will illustrate a key difference in the two classification systems

2. Correct codes assigned
   - for both ICD-9-CM and ICD-10-CM/PCS
   - with full code description for each indexed terms for both ICD-9-CM and ICD-10-CM/PCS

3. Code comparisons
   - brief notes highlighting variances between the coding systems
   - may include changes in code categories/subcategories, basis for code assignment, etc.
   - recommended length: Maximum of 5 bullet points (under 100 words)

4. Documentation needed from physicians
   - brief notes highlighting what must be documented to support the highest level of specificity in code assignment
   - recommended length: Maximum of 3 bullet points (under 50 words)
Suggestions/ideas for ICD-10-CM topics

- Illustrate use of episode of care seventh characters
- Illustrate different Excludes notes (Excludes1, Excludes2)
- Migraines
- Heart valve disease of tricuspid valve
- OB with diabetes
- Injuries (grouped by site and then type)
- Late effects/Sequelae
- Poisoning/adverse effects/underdosing
- Infection with multiple organisms
- ICD-9-CM V codes/ICD-10-CM Z codes
- External cause codes
- Lyme Disease
- Occlusion/stenosis of precerebral arteries with cerebral infarction
- Hematuria
- CAD with Angina
- Malignant neoplasms
- Alzheimer dementia
- Asthma

Suggestions/ideas for ICD-10-PCS topics

Surgical examples from Med/surg and OB that illustrate the definitions of the code characters (especially the various root operations), such as:

- Wedge ostectomy (excision)
- Fulgurate rectal polyp (destruction)
- Arthroscopy (percutaneous endoscopic)
- Common bile duct exploration during an open cholecystectomy (open intraluminal)
- Needle biopsy (percutaneous)
**CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE.**
**COMPARE ICD-9-CM CODES TO ICD-10-CM AND ICD-10-PCS CODES.**

What are the correct codes to report [insert condition or procedure to be coded here]?  

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>ICD-9-CM</th>
<th>ICD-10-CM/PCS</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Code(s) Assigned</td>
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<tr>
<td>[Insert correct ICD-9-CM codes here]</td>
<td>[Insert correct ICD-10-CM or ICD-10-PCS codes here]</td>
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Indexed Terms  

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<tr>
<td>[Insert term indexed in ICD-9-CM here]</td>
<td>[Insert term indexed in ICD-10-CM/PCS here]</td>
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<td>If topic is ICD-10-PCS also include a breakdown of the information found in the applicable table. See sample column provided after this template.</td>
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Code Comparisons  

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<td>[Bulleted notes comparing the two systems are entered on the left and right here]</td>
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Documentation Needed From Physicians  

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<td>[Bulleted notes highlighting the documentation that is needed to assign the most specific code are entered for comparison side-by-side here]</td>
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See sample ICD-10 Checkpoint reprinted from November 2014 *CodeWrite* on the next page.
CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE.
COMPARE ICD-9-CM CODES TO ICD-10-CM AND ICD-10-PCS CODES
What are the correct codes to report laparoscopic excision of painful cyst from left ovary?

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<td>65.25 Other laparoscopic local excision or destruction of ovary</td>
<td>0UB14ZZ Excision of left ovary, percutaneous endoscopic approach</td>
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Indexed Terms

**Index:**
- **Excision**
  - cyst
  - ovary
  - laparoscopic 65.25

**Index:**
- **Excision**
  - Ovary
  - Left 0UB1

**Table:**
Reference the table 4A0 to identify the remaining characters of the codes:
- 0 – Medical and Surgical (Section)
- U – Female Reproductive System (Body System)
- B – Excision (Operation)
- 1 – Ovary, Left (Body Part)
- 4 – Percutaneous Endoscopic (Approach)
- Z – No Device (Device)
- Z – No Qualifier (Qualifier)

Code Comparisons

- One code is used to report this scenario
- Code assignment is impacted by the approach taken to excise the cyst
- Code assignment is the same whether the cyst is excised from the left or the right ovary
- Subcategory 65.2 includes six codes describing various procedures for local excision or destruction of ovarian lesion or tissue

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- Unique body part values exist for left ovary, right ovary, and bilateral ovaries

Documentation Needed From Physicians

- Surgical approach used for excision of cyst
- Site of cyst

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- Site of cyst and for lateral body sites need to specify if left side or right side of the body