ICD-10 Pathology Update

On October 1, 2014, the ICD-9-CM code set that is used to report medical diagnoses in the United States will be replaced with the ICD-10-CM code set. The new code set provides more than 68,000 codes, compared to 13,000 in ICD-9, and introduces alphanumeric category classifications for the first time. As such, ICD-10 is much more proficient at describing current conditions and healthcare practices, and possesses the flexibility to expand as needed to accommodate the changing clinical environment.

Under the ICD-9 nomenclature, codes range from three to five digits while diagnosis coding under the ICD-10 system uses three to seven digits. The expanded number of characters of the ICD-10 code set provides greater specificity as they identify additional detail such as disease etiology, anatomic site, severity, episode of care, and laterality. Through their medical reports, providers are the source of the information from which the diagnosis codes are derived that will be submitted to payers for claims processing. As such, attention will need to be given to enhancing that documentation to provide the additional detail needed for proper code assignment. This newsletter is provided by APS Medical Billing to illustrate the changes that will occur in transitioning to the new code set for sample conditions, providing the additional documentation that providers should include in their medical reports to facilitate final code assignment in ICD-10.

Specific to this edition, our ICD-10 Newsletter will take a look at expansion of diagnosis code sets for diseases and disorders of skin and subcutaneous tissue. Please review the following pages for more information on vital information needed for correct diagnosis code, come October 1, 2014.

DISEASES/DISORDERS OF SKIN AND SUBCUTANEOUS TISSUE

LIPOMAS

In ICD-9-CM, there are 2 codes available for lipomas of the skin and subcutaneous tissue, differentiated between face and other site. The ICD-10-CM nomenclature classifies lipomas as benign lipomatous neoplasms and expands the code set to reflect additional sites.

Dictation should identify:
- Site
- Laterality of the extremities

ICD-9-CM CODE	ICD-10-CM CODE
214.0 Lipoma of skin and subcutaneous tissue of face	D17.0 Benign lipomatous neoplasm of skin and subcutaneous tissue of head, face and neck
214.1 Lipoma of other skin and subcutaneous tissue	D17.1 Benign lipomatous neoplasm of skin and subcutaneous tissue of trunk D17.20 Benign lipomatous neoplasm of skin and subcutaneous tissue of unspecified limb D17.21 Benign lipomatous neoplasm of skin and subcutaneous tissue of right arm D17.22 Benign lipomatous neoplasm of skin and subcutaneous tissue of left arm D17.23 Benign lipomatous neoplasm of skin and subcutaneous tissue of right leg D17.24 Benign lipomatous neoplasm of skin and subcutaneous tissue of left leg D17.30 Benign lipomatous neoplasm of skin and subcutaneous tissue of unspecified site D17.39 Benign lipomatous neoplasm of skin and subcutaneous tissue of other specified sites

CONTACT DERMATITIS

In ICD-9-CM, 12 codes are available for dermatitis specified as contact, occupational, venenata, and eczema (acute) (chronic) specified as allergic, erythematous, or occupational. ICD-10-CM classifies contact dermatitis by type and cause, expanding the code set to 30 code choices.

Dictation should reflect:
- Type: allergic, irritant, unspecified
- Cause
  - Identification of drug as a cause
  - Identification of other chemical products as a cause (cement, insecticide, plastic, rubber)

ICD-9-CM CODE	ICD-10-CM CODE
692.0 Contact dermatitis and other eczema due to detergents	L24.0 Irritant contact dermatitis due to detergents
692.1 Contact dermatitis and other eczema due to oils and greases	L24.1 Irritant contact dermatitis due to oils and greases
692.2 Contact dermatitis and other eczema due to solvents	L24.2 Irritant contact dermatitis due to solvents
692.3 Contact dermatitis and other eczema due to drugs and medicines in contact with skin	L23.3 Allergic contact dermatitis due to drugs in contact with skin L24.4 Irritant contact dermatitis due to drugs in contact with skin L25.1 Unspecified contact dermatitis due to drugs in contact with skin
692.4 Contact dermatitis and other eczema due to other chemical products	L23.1 Allergic contact dermatitis due to adhesives L23.5 Allergic contact dermatitis due to other chemical products L24.5 Irritant contact dermatitis due to other chemical products L25.3 Unspecified contact dermatitis due to other chemical products
692.5 Contact dermatitis and other eczema due to food in contact with skin	L23.6 Allergic contact dermatitis due to food in contact with skin L24.6 Irritant contact dermatitis due to food in contact with skin L25.4 Unspecified contact dermatitis due to food in contact with skin

692.6	Contact dermatitis and other eczema due to plants [except food]	L23.7	Allergic contact dermatitis due to plants, except food
		L24.7	Irritant contact dermatitis due to plants, except food
		L25.5	Unspecified contact dermatitis due to plants, except food
692.81	Contact dermatitis and other eczema due to cosmetics	L23.2	Allergic contact dermatitis due to cosmetics
		L24.3	irritant contact dermatitis due to cosmetics
		L25.0	Unspecified contact dermatitis due to cosmetics
692.83	Contact dermatitis and other eczema dermatitis due to metals	L23.0	Allergic contact dermatitis due to metals
		L24.81	Irritant contact dermatitis due to metals
692.84	Contact dermatitis and other eczema due to animal (cat)(dog) dander	L23.81	Allergic contact dermatitis due to animal (cat)(dog) dander
692.89	Other contact dermatitis and other eczema	L23.4	Allergic contact dermatitis due to dyes
		L23.89	Allergic contact dermatitis due to other agents
		L24.89	Irritant contact dermatitis due to other agents
		L25.2	Unspecified contact dermatitis due to dyes
		L25.8	Unspecified contact dermatitis due to other agents
692.9	Contact dermatitis and other eczema, unspecified cause	L23.9	Allergic contact dermatitis, unspecified cause
		L24.9	Irritant contact dermatitis, unspecified cause
		L25.9	Unspecified contact dermatitis, unspecified cause