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ICD-10 Pathology Update

Documenting and Coding for Diseases of the Gastrointestinal System in ICD-10-CM

On October 1, 2015, 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 employs 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. This newsletter is part of a series by APS Medical Billing that illustrates the changes that will occur in transitioning to the new code set for sample conditions, providing the additional documentation that will be needed to facilitate final code assignment in ICD-10.

In this issue we will take a look at two diseases of the gastrointestinal system – Barrett’s Esophagus and Crohn’s Disease - and provide the additional detail that should be included in the pathologist’s report to direct proper diagnosis code assignment, come October 1, 2015.

Barrett’s Esophagus

In ICD-9-CM, there is 1 code available for Barrett’s Esophagus which includes the diagnosis of Barrett’s Ulcer. The ICD-10-CM nomenclature expands the code set to 6, adding codes to specify dysplasia and separately categorizing Barrett’s Ulcer.



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Dictation should specify:

- Barrett’s esophagus, syndrome, or disease
 - Without dysplasia
 - With dysplasia
 - Low grade
 - High grade
 - Unspecified
- Barrett’s ulcer
 - Without bleeding
 - With bleeding

ICD-9-CM Code	ICD-10-CM Code
530.85 Barrett’s esophagus (includes syndrome, ulcer)	K22.70 Barrett’s esophagus <i>without dysplasia</i> (includes syndrome; excludes ulcer)
	K22.710 Barrett’s esophagus <i>with low grade dysplasia</i> (includes syndrome; excludes ulcer)
	K22.711 Barrett’s esophagus <i>with high grade dysplasia</i> (includes syndrome; excludes ulcer)
	K22.719 Barrett’s esophagus <i>with dysplasia, unspecified</i> (includes syndrome; excludes ulcer)
	K22.10 <i>Ulcer of esophagus without bleeding</i>
	K22.11 <i>Ulcer of esophagus with bleeding</i>

Crohn’s Disease

In ICD-9-CM, 4 codes are available for Crohn’s Disease, differentiated by site. The ICD-10-CM nomenclature expands the code set to 28, also differentiated by site, and now detailing complications for each of those sites.



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Dictation should specify:

- Site
 - Small intestine
 - Large intestine
 - Small and large intestine
 - Unspecified
- Without complications
- With complications
 - Rectal bleeding
 - Intestinal obstruction
 - Fistula
 - Abscess
 - Other
 - Unspecified

ICD-9-CM Code	ICD-10-CM Code
555.0 Crohn's disease of small intestine	K50.00 Crohn's disease of small intestine <i>without complications</i> K50.011 Crohn's disease of small intestine <i>with rectal bleeding</i> K50.012 Crohn's disease of small intestine <i>with intestinal obstruction</i> K50.013 Crohn's disease of small intestine <i>with fistula</i> K50.014 Crohn's disease of small intestine <i>with abscess</i> K50.018 Crohn's disease of small intestine <i>with other complication</i> K50.019 Crohn's disease of small intestine <i>with unspecified complications</i>
555.1 Crohn's disease of large intestine	K50.10 Crohn's disease of large intestine <i>without complications</i> K50.111 Crohn's disease of large intestine <i>with rectal bleeding</i> K50.112 Crohn's disease of large intestine <i>with intestinal obstruction</i> K50.113 Crohn's disease of large intestine <i>with fistula</i> K50.114 Crohn's disease of large intestine <i>with abscess</i> K50.118 Crohn's disease of large intestine <i>with other complication</i> K50.119 Crohn's disease of large intestine <i>with unspecified complications</i>



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555.2 Crohn's disease of small intestine with large intestine	K50.80 Crohn's disease of both small and large intestine <i>without complications</i> K50.811 Crohn's disease of both small and large intestine <i>with rectal bleeding</i> K50.812 Crohn's disease of both small and large intestine <i>with intestinal obstruction</i> K50.813 Crohn's disease of both small and large intestine <i>with fistula</i> K50.814 Crohn's disease of both small and large intestine <i>with abscess</i> K50.818 Crohn's disease of both small and large intestine <i>with other complication</i> K50.819 Crohn's disease of both small and large intestine <i>with unspecified complications</i>
555.9 Crohn's disease of unspecified site	K50.90 Crohn's disease, unspecified, <i>without complications</i> K50.911 Crohn's disease, unspecified, <i>with rectal bleeding</i> K50.912 Crohn's disease, unspecified, <i>with intestinal obstruction</i> K50.913 Crohn's disease, unspecified, <i>with fistula</i> K50.914 Crohn's disease, unspecified, <i>with abscess</i> K50.918 Crohn's disease, unspecified, <i>with other complication</i> K50.919 Crohn's disease, unspecified, <i>with unspecified complications</i>