

## ICD-10 Radiology Update

## **Documenting and Coding for Knee Sprains 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 knee sprains and provide the additional detail that should be documented in the radiologist's report to direct proper diagnosis code assignment, come October 1, 2015.

## Sprain/Strain of the Knee

In ICD-9-CM, there are 6 codes for knee sprains. The ICD-10-CM nomenclature expands the code set to 81, adding codes to specify site, laterality, and episode of care.

Dictation should detail:

- Site
  - o Unspecified collateral ligament
  - o Medial collateral ligament
  - o Lateral collateral ligament
  - o Unspecified cruciate ligament
  - o Anterior cruciate ligament
  - Posterior cruciate ligament
  - Superior tibiofibular joint and ligament
  - Other specified parts of knee
  - o Unspecified site



- Laterality
  - Right knee
  - o Left knee
  - Unspecified knee
- Episode of Care
  - Initial encounter
  - o Subsequent encounter
  - o Sequela

	ICD-9-CM Code	ICD-10-CM code
	Lateral collateral ligament of knee	S83.401 Sprain of unspecified collateral ligament
844.1	Medial collateral ligament of knee	of right knee
		S83.402 Sprain of unspecified collateral ligament of left knee
		S83.409 Sprain of unspecified collateral ligament of unspecified knee
		S83.411 Sprain of medial collateral ligament of right knee
		S83.412 Sprain of medial collateral ligament of left knee
		S83.419 Sprain of medial collateral ligament of unspecified knee
		S83.421 Sprain of lateral collateral ligament of right knee
		S83.422 Sprain of lateral collateral ligament of left knee
		S83.429 Sprain of lateral collateral ligament of unspecified knee
		$\checkmark$ To the above codes, a 7 <sup>th</sup> digit is added to
		specify initial encounter, subsequent encounter, or sequela
844.2	Cruciate ligament of knee	S83.501 Sprain of unspecified cruciate ligament of right knee
		S83.502 Sprain of unspecified cruciate ligament of left knee
		S83.509 Sprain of unspecified cruciate ligament of unspecified knee
		S83.511 Sprain of anterior cruciate ligament of right knee
		S83.512 Sprain of anterior cruciate ligament of left knee
		S83.519 Sprain of anterior cruciate ligament of unspecified knee



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	S83.521 Sprain of posterior cruciate ligament of right knee
	S83.522 Sprain of posterior cruciate ligament of left knee
	S83.529 Sprain of posterior cruciate ligament of unspecified knee
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	<ul> <li>✓ To the above codes, a 7<sup>th</sup> digit is added to specify initial encounter, subsequent encounter, or sequela</li> </ul>
844.3 Tibiofibular (joint)(ligament), superior	S83.60 Sprain of the superior tibiofibular joint and ligament, unspecified knee
	S83.61 Sprain of the superior tibiofibular joint
	and ligament, right knee S83.62 Sprain of the superior tibiofibular joint
	and ligament, left knee
	✓ To the above codes, a $6^{th}$ digit of X is required
	as a placeholder to accommodate future expansion of the code set
	To the above codes, a $7^{\text{th}}$ digit is added to
	specify initial encounter, subsequent encounter,
	or sequela
844.8 Other specified sites of knee and leg	S83.8X1 Sprain of other specified parts of right knee
	S83.8X2 Sprain of other specified parts of left knee
	S83.8X9 Sprain of other specified parts of
	unspecified knee
	✓ To the above codes, a $7^{th}$ digit is added to
	specify initial encounter, subsequent encounter,
	or sequela
844.9 Unspecified site of knee and leg	S83.90 Sprain of unspecified site of unspecified knee
	<ul><li>S83.91 Sprain of unspecified site of right knee</li><li>S83.92 Sprain of unspecified site of left knee</li></ul>
	✓ To the above codes, a 6 <sup>th</sup> digit of X is required as a placeholder to accommodate future
	expansion of the code set
	✓ To the above codes, a $7^{th}$ digit is added to
	specify initial encounter, subsequent encounter, or sequela
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