ICD 10 Training: Introduction

Some facts:

1. The US is the only country that has not switched from ICD 9 to 10. ICD 9 has been used in this country for 32 years.
2. ICD 9 had 13,000 diagnosis codes. ICD 10 has 68,000
3. By far, the most affected specialty is orthopedics
4. ICD 9 had 3-5 characters to define a diagnosis., while ICD 10 has 5 to 7. Much more specific. Many more branch points.
5. Here is an example of the last 3 characters' specificity. I am not making this up.
    a. V10: Pedal cycle rider injured in collision with pedestrian or animal
    b. V11: Pedal cycle rider injured in collision with other pedal cycle
    c. V12: Pedal cycle rider injured in collision with two or three wheeled motor vehicle
    d. Vi3: Pedal cycle rider injured in collision with car, pickup, or van
    e. V14: Pedal cycle rider injured in collision with heavy transport vehicle or bus
    f. V15: Pedal cycle rider injured in collision with railway train or railway vehicle
    g. V16: Pedal cycle rider injured in collision with other nonmotor vehicles.
    h. V17: Pedal cycle rider injured in collision with fixed or stationary object
    i. V18: Pedal cycle rider injured in non collision transport accident
    j. V19: Pedal cycle rider injured in other and unspecified transport accidents
6. Here is another one:
    a. V70: Bus occupant injured in collision with pedestrian or animal
        i. V70.0: Driver injured
        ii. V70.1: Passenger injured
        iii. V70.2: Person on outside of bus
        iv. V70.3: unspecified occupant of bus
        v. V70.4: Person boarding or alighting the bus
        vi. V70.5: ETC!!
7. There are many examples of significant detailed criteria for coding. We will never be able to learn them. We are going to keep the routers unchanged, so you will continue circle the diagnoses in the same ways. The codes attached to our diagnoses will change to ICD 10. Others, based on our documentation, will do the coding for us.
8. We need to get our documentation spot on so that others can code correctly so that we get paid. The "experts" predict that our income can go down significantly:

    Experts from the Centers of Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) estimate ICD-10 will initially result in a decrease in cash flow and loss of revenue. ii It is predicted that denial rates will increase by 100 percent to 200 percent post-implementation, with a corresponding increase in accounts receivable days by 20 percent to 40 percent. Healthcare organizations will most likely be hindered with declining payments for up to two years after the implementation date of October 1, 2015.iii In addition, claims-error rates are anticipated to increase from 6 percent to 10 percent as compared to the current average of about 3 percent with ICD-9.

    So, if we want to get paid, we need to start documenting comprehensively. In the next email, I will share with you how we propose that you learn the new documentation standards.