

# **OPTIMAL ICD-10 CODING OF COMMON NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS**

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While the roughly 5–fold expansion in the number of codes with the transition from ICD-9-CM to ICD-10-CM is daunting, little has changed with the organization of codes used by neurologists. Aside from the alphanumeric codes and “encounter codes,” the approach to coding has not changed. To avoid denials and potential audits, it is worthwhile to become more familiar with the nuances of ICD-10-CM. There is a greater emphasis on capturing specificity supported by the documentation, whether that is the diagnosis, lateralization of disorders, or issues complicating management and treatment. Through clinical scenarios, best practices of ICD-10-CM coding will be reviewed, focusing on potential pitfalls and opportunities for improvement.