Coding Notes

HIPE UNIT, ESRI

Coding is good for your health!

Announcing the National Clinical Coding Conference.

"Towards a Professional Identity"

Application form enclosed. Please contact us for extra forms or posters. Enrol now!!!

The ESRI in association with

The Department of Health and Children present

National Clinical Coding Conference

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND CHILDREN
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ONE DAY CONFERENCE

**Friday 30ᵗʰ August, 2002
VENUE: The Stillorgan Park Hotel, Dublin**

**PRE- CONFERENCE DINNER
Thursday 29th August, 2002**

This is the first conference dedicated to the profession of clinical coding. It will be a celebration of the work of coders both past, present and future. There will be presentations on the work of coders in America and Australia, coder accreditation, medical terminology, and much much more. Don't miss the announcement and introduction of the new ICD-10 coding scheme to be adopted in January 2003. You cannot afford to miss this great opportunity to meet with your colleagues both socially and professionally. Enrol today.. And don't forget the dinner on Thursday night!!

Cracking the Code
A selection of queries received in the H.I.P.E. Unit recently:

1. Question: We had several patients admitted to our hospital with the winter vomiting bug (SRV - Small round Virus), and we weren't sure what code to use for this condition.

Answer:

Code to 008.64 Other small round viruses (SRVs).

2. Question:

A patient who was admitted for Lap & Dye for Infertility. What procedure code(s) would I use in this case.

Answer:

Two procedure codes are used to code this procedure. 54.21 Laparoscopy & 66.8 Insufflation of Fallopian Tube.

3. Question:

How do I code division of a TVT (transvaginal tape). The patient had the TVT inserted 8 months ago for stress incontinence, and is now complaining of urinary incontinence, urgency, frequency & recurrent urinary tract infections.
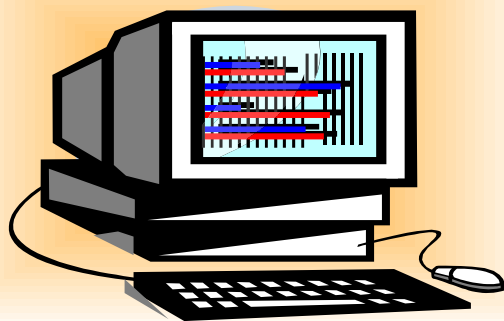
Answer:

Code the division of a TVT to 59.79 Other operations on urinary tract.
This is the same code that is used for the insertion of the TVT.

4. Question:

What code do I use for Myelodysplasia. The patient is 80 years of age.
Answer: Code to 238.7 Neoplasm of other lymphatic and haematopoietic tissues.

Windows HIPE Reporting

Highlights

◆ HIPE Data Analysis

◆ Using HIPE Reports

◆ HIPE Report Layout & Design

◆ HIPE Report Output Options

A Basic Training Course on Windows HIPE Reporting will be given on Thursday 6th and Friday 7th of June.

The course will be approximately 3 hours long

Four start times are available:

Thursday 10.00 - 1.00/ Thursday 1.30-4.30

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Places are limited. For further information and an application form please contact:
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Closing date for applications: **31st May 2002**

Launch of the Report

Activity in Acute Public Hospitals in Ireland 1990 -1999

by Minister for Health and Children

Mr. Micheál Martin T.D. March 26, 2002.

The Minister stated in his speech at the launch:

"In many respects, the Hospital In-Patient Enquiry provides an example of health information at its best. It is a system which has been progressively developed over the years and has become an indispensable source of information on acute hospital activity particularly during the past decade.

The Health Strategy states that, "Information plays a central role in supporting strategic goals and in underpinning the principles of the Health Strategy. It must not be seen merely as an add-on". The implementation of the National Health Information Strategy will be critical in ensuring that information remains central and is appropriately resourced and developed. Acute hospital activity will quite obviously

continue to be an essential part of that framework."

(full text available at www.doh.ie)

Professor Miriam Wiley added:

"This report presents the first comprehensive analysis of the *five and a half million discharges* treated by acute public hospitals in Ireland through the 1990's. Between 1990 and 1999 an increasing number of sicker people have been treated with shortening hospital stays within the acute hospital system. As close to 800,000 discharges were treated in 1999, this represents an increase of over 40 per cent in the number of discharges treated since 1990. Much of the increase in activity may be attributed to reductions in length of inpatient stays and in the expansion of day beds in hospitals which has resulted in increased use of day services. In 1999, one third of all discharges were treated on a day basis compared with just over one in ten discharges in 1990. " Professor Wiley went on to thank all who have worked in the past and who continue to work within the HIPE system both in the ESRI and all the coders and other staff involved in the hospitals.

If you did not receive a copy of the HIPE report and would like one please contact the HIPE Unit, ESRI, 4 Burlington Road, Dublin 4. Phone 01-6671525.

HIPE/Casemix Co-ordinators' Meeting

E.S.R.I. Tuesday, June 11th 10am-2pm

In advance of the Clinical Coding Conference on 30th August the ESRI will facilitate a meeting of HCCs to discuss issues relating to the professional advancement of coders. Any HCCs interested in attending this meeting

please contact Marie Glynn in the ESRI (see below for contact details).

Upcoming HIPE Coding Courses

Basic Course

Always let us know when you need a new Coder trained and we will let you know when the next course is scheduled, usually about every 6-8 weeks.

An Intermediate course is being arranged for May 2002 and candidates will be contacted shortly.

You are welcome to re-attend any of these courses if it would be of benefit and if there is space. Contact Marie Glynn for more information.

UPCOMING WORKSHOP

Combination Workshop

Obstetrics Workshop: 28th May 2002

This combination course comprises of the following programme:

Morning 10am – 1pm
The morning will cover the basics of obstetrics for those who have never attended a workshop before or who need a refresher on the topic.

Afternoon 2pm – 4.30pm
The afternoon will be a more in-depth look at obstetrics.

You can sign up for the morning, the afternoon or both depending on your needs. Please note candidates for any of the above workshops must have attended *both* a Basic and an Intermediate HIPE training course.

Final closing date for completed applications is 21st May.

Please contact Marie Glynn in the H.I.P.E. Unit (01-6671525) Ext. 467 for application forms for any coding course.

If you would like a similar coding workshop or other specialised workshop held in your area please let us know.

Also enclosed with this month's Coding Notes:

⊞ An updated drugs coding sheet

⊞ An application form for The Clinical Coding Conference

If you did not receive these or need extras of either please contact us.

If you have any ideas for future topics for Coding Notes please let us know. Thanks and keep in touch.

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