

## MEDICAL CODING



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## OBJECTIVES

- Define medical coding, “what”
- Describe the components of medical coding, “why, where, how & who”
- Identify six resources utilized for medical coding
- Identify five synonyms for the occupational title “medical coder”
- Identify nine desirable qualities of a medical coder
- Locate three medical procedure codes
- Identify four professional resources for the medical coder

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## What is Medical Coding?

- Assignment of numeric code(s) to each diagnosis, procedure and service



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## Why is medical coding done?

- **To:**

- provide a statistical data base
- serve as an information retrieval system
- facilitate payment of health services
- evaluate utilization patterns
- study health care costs
- research the quality of health care
- predict health care trends
- plan for future health care needs



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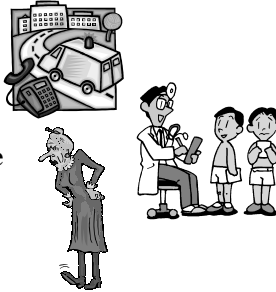
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## Where is medical coding done?

- Hospital
- Physician's office
- Home health care
- Long term care
- Insurance firms



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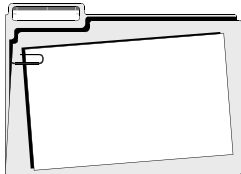
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## How is medical coding done?

- Key medical terms are identified & abstracted from the medical record.
- Specific codes are assigned to each term.



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## Resources of the Medical Coder...

- Physicians' Current Procedural Terminology (CPT)
- International Classification of Diseases, 9th Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-9-CM)
- Health Care Procedure Coding System (HCPCS)
- Diagnosis-Related Groups (DRG's)
- Health Insurance Claim Form: HCFA-1500
- Health Insurance Claim Form: UB-92 HCFA-1450

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## AKA's of the Medical Coder

- Health Information Technician
- Health Information Coder
- Medical Record Coder
- Coder / Abstractor
- Coding Specialist
- Insurance Specialist



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## Qualities of the Medical Coder

- Knowledge of medical terminology
- Knowledge of anatomy & physiology
- Detail oriented
- Accuracy
- Critical thinking
- Willingness to learn
- Self-motivated
- Flexibility
- Computer skills



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## LET'S CODE!



- CPT coding
- Patient situation:

Baby Cody Terms is at the pediatrician's for a 4-month well-baby check-up (examination) and OPV immunization.

- Key terms
- Identify CPT section
- Assign code



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## Professional Resources

- Included in handouts
- American Academy of Procedural Coders
- American Health Information Management Association



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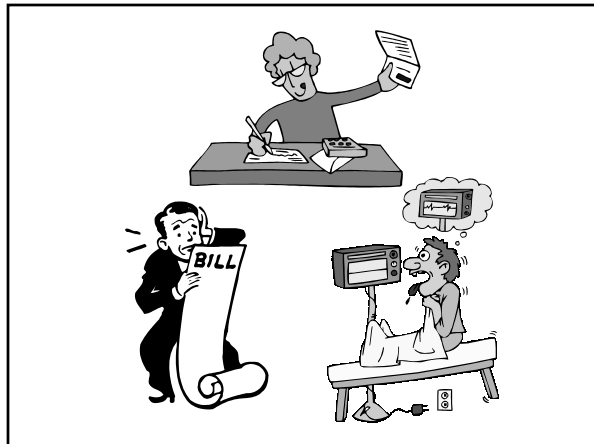
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