

Understanding Hospital Billing And Coding Answer Key

The student workbook is design to help the user retain key chapter content. Included within this resource are chapter objective questions, key term definition queries, multiple choice, fill in the blank and true or false problems.

Regional health care databases are being established around the country with the goal of providing timely and useful information to policymakers, physicians, and patients. But their emergence is raising important and sometimes controversial questions about the collection, quality, and appropriate use of health care data. Based on experience with databases now in operation and in development, Health Data in the Information Age provides a clear set of guidelines and principles for exploiting the potential benefits of aggregated health data--without jeopardizing confidentiality. A panel of experts identifies characteristics of emerging health database organizations (HDOs). The committee explores how HDOs can maintain the quality of their data, what policies and practices they should adopt, how they can prepare for linkages with computer-based patient records, and how diverse groups from researchers to health care administrators might use aggregated data. Health Data in the Information Age offers frank analysis and guidelines that will be invaluable to anyone interested in the operation of health care databases.

Provides an overview of the medical office environment, CPT and ICD-9-CM coding, and the major health insurance entities; includes information on how to obtain entry-level employment as a reimbursement specialist.

Understanding Health Insurance, 12th Edition, is the essential learning tool your students need when preparing for a career in medical insurance billing. This comprehensive and easy-to-understand text is fully-updated with the latest code sets and guidelines, and covers important topics in the field like managed care, legal and regulatory issues, coding systems, reimbursement methods, medical necessity, and common health insurance plans. The twelfth edition has been updated to include new legislation that affects healthcare, ICD-10-CM coding, implementing the electronic health record, the Medical Integrity Program (MIP), medical review process, and more. The practice exercises in each chapter provide plenty of review, and the workbook (available separately) provides even more application-based assignments and additional case studies for reinforcement. Includes free online SimClaim™ CMS-1500 claims completion software, and free-trial access to Optum's EncoderPro.com—Expert encoder software. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

This guide to successful practices in observation medicine covers both clinical and administrative aspects for a multinational audience.

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Updated for 2018 ICD-10 CM (International Classification of Diseases, Clinical Modification) guidelines, this 6 page laminated guide covers core essentials of coding clearly and succinctly. Author Shelley C. Safian, PhD, RHIA, CCS-P, COC, CPC-I, AHIMA-approved ICD-10-CM/PCS trainer used her knowledge and experience to provide the largest number of valuable facts you can find in 6 pages, designed for you to find answers fast with color coded sections, and bulleted lists. A must for students seeking coding certification and a great desktop refresher for professionals for classifying and coding diagnoses, symptoms and procedures recorded in conjunction with hospital care. 6-page laminated guide includes: General Coding Conventions & Official Guidelines Instructional Notations Chapter-Specific Official Guidelines Selection of Principal Diagnosis Reporting Additional Diagnoses Diagnostic Coding & Reporting Guidelines for Outpatient Services Steps to Coding Diagnoses Using the ICD-10-CM Manual Documentation of Complications of Care Rules of Compliance External Cause Codes Sequencing Multiple Codes Correctly What to Code & What Not to Code The Process of Abstracting Medical Coding ICD-10-PCS Selection of Principal Procedure ICD-10-PCS Coding Conventions ICD-10-PCS Sections & Subsections Medical & Surgical Section: Guidelines Obstetrics Section: Guidelines New Technology Section: Guidelines ICD-10-PCS Terms "COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH INSURANCE: BILLING, CODING & REIMBURSEMENT, 2/e" provides students with the knowledge and skills needed to work in a variety of medical billing and coding positions in the medical field. Comprehensive in approach, it covers the foundations of insurance, billing, coding and reimbursement. Students learn not only the submission of claims to the insurance carrier, but also reviewing medical records, verifying patient benefits, submitting a secondary claim, posting payments and appealing the insurance carrier's decision. This edition includes new chapters devoted to HIPAA and ICD-10-CM Medical Coding, as well as outstanding coverage of electronic records. Numerous case studies and patient files are included throughout and demonstrate refunds and appeals, auditing and compliance, Medicare calculations and professionalism.

Completely updated to reflect the massive changes to healthcare law! Medical Billing and Coding Demystified clearly explains the practices used by medical offices, hospitals, and healthcare facilities to encode medical services in order to receive payment from government agencies and insurance companies. Like other entries in this bestselling series, this self-teaching guide uses a building-block approach that allows readers to learn at their own pace and test themselves along the way. No previous medical or accounting training or experience is necessary to benefit from Medical Billing and Coding Demystified, and the book can be used as a classroom textbook or as a complement to larger texts. This new edition offers detailed coverage of the sweeping revisions that have taken place in healthcare law, including the transition from ICD9 to ICD10 coding and the Patient Protection and Affordable Healthcare

Acts. It also includes an important overview of medical billing software. Includes valuable learning aids such as end-of-chapter quizzes, a final exam, and key points Different from similar books on the market in that it explains basic medical concepts enabling the reader to actually understand the procedures and tests they are billing and coding for

Your professional coding coach at your fingertips. Increase your confidence with the expert guidance you'll find in the 3rd Edition of this easy-to-use guide. Here's all of the information you need to understand medical billing and coding procedures...in a snap! It's your one-stop source for commonly used codes and categories that don't change frequently and ICD-10 references for locating codes that do. It's like having a master coder by your side showing you how to use the coding reference manuals to increase your efficiency and accuracy.

AAPC's CPB™ Certification Study guide is specifically designed to help individuals prepare for the CPB™ exam. The CPB™ study guide contains fourteen chapters to review each section of the CPB™ exam in detail and provides practical examples, sample questions, and test taking techniques. Topics include healthcare regulations pertinent to medical billing; insurance modules and consumer driven health plans; the patient registration process and data capture; the basics of ICD-10-CM, CPT®, and HCPCS coding; medical necessity; medical claim forms and the billing process; accounts receivable and the collection process; and detail on government carriers, common commercial carriers, and workers' compensation. If you have billing experience or have successfully completed medical billing training, this study guide will optimize exam preparation. The study guide is not an introduction to billing but a review of billing concepts. Key Features: - Practical Examples - Testing Techniques for CPB™ exam - Questions designed to mimic the CPB™ certification exam - Each chapter includes ten review questions geared to test important concepts - Study guide written by same task force who wrote the CPB™ exam - 50 question practice test, including cases, with answers and rationales AAPC's CPB™ Online Practice Exams are highly recommended to supplement this study guide. These online practice exams will add an additional 150 questions to your preparation.

CPT® 2021 Professional Edition is the definitive AMA-authored resource to help health care professionals correctly report and bill medical procedures and services. Providers want accurate reimbursement. Payers want efficient claims processing. Since the CPT® code set is a dynamic, everchanging standard, an outdated codebook does not suffice. Correct reporting and billing of medical procedures and services begins with CPT® 2021 Professional Edition. Only the AMA, with the help of physicians and other experts in the health care community, creates and maintains the CPT code set. No other publisher can claim that. No other codebook can provide the official guidelines to code medical services and procedures properly.

FEATURES AND BENEFITS The CPT® 2021 Professional Edition codebook covers hundreds of code, guideline and text changes and features: CPT® Changes, CPT® Assistant, and Clinical Examples in Radiology citations -- provides cross-referenced information in popular AMA resources that can enhance your understanding of the CPT code set E/M 2021 code changes - gives guidelines on the updated codes for office or other outpatient and prolonged services section incorporated A comprehensive index -- aids you in locating codes related to a specific procedure, service, anatomic site, condition, synonym, eponym or abbreviation to allow for a clearer, quicker search Anatomical and procedural illustrations -- help improve coding accuracy and understanding of the anatomy and procedures being discussed Coding tips throughout each section -- improve your understanding of the nuances of the code set Enhanced codebook table of contents -- allows users to perform a quick search of the codebook's entire content without being in a specific section Section-specific table of contents -- provides users with a tool to navigate more effectively through each section's codes Summary of additions, deletions and revisions -- provides a quick reference to 2020 changes without having to refer to previous editions Multiple appendices -- offer quick reference to additional information and resources that cover such topics as modifiers, clinical examples,

add-on codes, vascular families, multianalyte assays and telemedicine services
Comprehensive E/M code selection tables -- aid physicians and coders in assigning the most appropriate evaluation and management codes Adhesive section tabs -- allow you to flag those sections and pages most relevant to your work More full color procedural illustrations Notes pages at the end of every code set section and subsection

Your complete guide to a career in medical billing and coding, updated with the latest changes in the ICD-10 and PPS This fully updated second edition of *Medical Billing & Coding For Dummies* provides readers with a complete overview of what to expect and how to succeed in a career in medical billing and coding. With healthcare providers moving more rapidly to electronic record systems, data accuracy and efficient data processing is more important than ever. *Medical Billing & Coding For Dummies* gives you everything you need to know to get started in medical billing and coding. This updated resource includes details on the most current industry changes in ICD-10 (10th revision of the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems) and PPS (Prospective Payment Systems), expanded coverage on the differences between EHRs and MHRs, the latest certification requirements and standard industry practices, and updated tips and advice for dealing with government agencies and insurance companies. Prepare for a successful career in medical billing and coding Get the latest updates on changes in the ICD-10 and PPS Understand how the industry is changing and learn how to stay ahead of the curve Learn about flexible employment options in this rapidly growing industry *Medical Billing & Coding For Dummies, 2nd Edition* provides aspiring professionals with detailed information and advice on what to expect in a billing and coding career, ways to find a training program, certification options, and ways to stay competitive in the field.

Develop the skills and background you need for a career in medical billing and insurance processing or revenue management with *Green's UNDERSTANDING HEALTH INSURANCE: A GUIDE TO BILLING AND REIMBURSEMENT, 2021 Edition*. This complete resource explains the latest medical code sets and guidelines as you learn how to assign ICD-10-CM, CPT and HCPCS level II codes; complete health care claims and master revenue management concepts. You focus on today's most important topics, including managed care, legal and regulatory issues, coding systems and compliance, reimbursement methods, clinical documentation improvement, coding for medical necessity and common health insurance plans. Updated every year, this edition address changes to ICD-10-CM and CPT 2021 codes and introduces you to important developments, such as electronic claims processing, clinical quality language (CQL) and changes to the requirements for the National Healthcare Association (NHA) Certified Billing and Coding Specialist. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

Packed with real-world applications, *UNDERSTANDING HOSPITAL CODING AND BILLING: A WORKTEXT, 3e* offers a comprehensive guide to both hospital billing and coding that helps students learn to create results with greater specificity, and accuracy. Enabling instructors to easily adapt to the postponement of ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS, the new edition provides instruction on the current ICD-9-CM concepts as well as prepares students for ICD-10 guidelines. Features more than 30 case studies with patient record activities for practicing completing the UB-04 billing form Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

The annual CPT "TM" Professional Edition provides the most comprehensive and convenient access to a complete listing of descriptive terms, identifying codes, and anatomical and procedural illustrations for reporting medical services and procedures. The 1999 edition includes more than 500 code changes. To make coding easy, color-coded keys are used for identifying section and sub-headings, and pre-installed thumb-

notch tabs speed searching through codes. Also includes 125 procedural and anatomical illustrations and an at-a-glance list of medical vocabulary.

The definitive guide to starting a successful career in medical billing and coding With the healthcare sector growing at breakneck speed—it's currently the largest employment sector in the U.S. and expanding fast—medical billing and coding specialists are more essential than ever. These critical experts, also known as medical records and health information technicians, keep systems working smoothly by ensuring patient billing and insurance data are accurately and efficiently administered. This updated edition provides everything you need to begin—and then excel in—your chosen career. From finding the right study course and the latest certification requirements to industry standard practices and insider tips for dealing with government agencies and insurance companies, *Medical Billing & Coding For Dummies* has you completely covered. Find out about the flexible employment options available and how to qualify Understand the latest updates to the ICD-10 Get familiar with ethical and legal issues Discover ways to stay competitive and get ahead The prognosis is good—get this book today and set yourself up with the perfect prescription for a bright, secure, and financially healthy future!

Includes answer key to case studies and resources such as sample syllabi and lesson plans.

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Get paid faster and keep more detailed patient records with CDT 2020: Dental Procedure Codes. New and revised codes fill in the coding gaps, which leads to quicker reimbursements and more accurate record keeping. CDT 2020 is the most up-to-date coding resource and the only HIPAA-recognized code set for dentistry. 2020 code changes include: 37 new codes, 5 revised codes, and 6 deleted codes. The new and revised codes reinforce the connection between oral health and overall health, help with assessing a patient's health via measurement of salivary flow, and assist with case management of patients with special healthcare needs. Codes are organized into 12 categories of service with full color charts and diagrams throughout, in spiral bound format for easy searching. Includes a chapter on ICD-10-CM codes. CDT 2020 codes go into effect on January 1, 2020 – don't risk rejected claims by using outdated codes. Selecting diagnosis codes is faster and easier with Buck's 2019 ICD-10-CM Hospital Edition. Designed by coders for coders, this full-color manual includes all the ICD-10 codes that you need for today's inpatient coding. As coders need extensive knowledge to code with ICD-10-CM - and to choose from the thousands of possible codes - this edition makes it easier with colorful Netter's Anatomy illustrations to help you understand anatomy and how it can affect your code choices. In addition, it comes with durable spiral binding, and includes a companion website with the latest coding news and updates. At-a-glance Guide to the Updates in the front of the book lists all new, revised, and deleted codes, providing at-a-glance lookup of the coding changes. Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting (OGCRs) are listed in full in the Introduction, at the beginning of each chapter, and integrated within the code set, providing easier reference to coding rules when they are needed most. Unique! Full-color Netter's Anatomy art is included in a separate section for easy reference and cross-referenced within the Tabular List of Diseases and Injuries, to help users understand anatomy and how it may affect choosing codes. Full-color design includes consistent color-coded

symbols and text, providing easier access to codes and coding information. American Hospital Association's Coding Clinic® citations include official ICD-10-CM coding advice relating to specific codes and their usage. 182 illustrations provide visual orientation and enhance understanding of specific coding situations. Items are included throughout the Tabular List to ensure accurate coding, providing additional information on common diseases and conditions. Additional elements within specific codes define terms and add coding instructions relating to difficult terminology, diseases and conditions, or coding in a specific category. Symbols and highlights draw attention to codes that may require special consideration before coding, including: new, revised, and deleted Unacceptable Principle Diagnosis Codes that call for the use of additional character(s) Includes, Excludes 1 and Excludes 2 Use Additional Unspecified Code First and Code Also Placeholder X symbol reminds you to assign placeholder X for codes less than 6 characters that require a 7th character. CC (Complications & Comorbidities) and MCC (Major CC) symbols identify codes associated with the presence of secondary diagnoses from MS-DRGs, and call attention to CC and MCC exceptions. Hospital Acquired Condition symbol clearly identifies conditions that will always be coded as hospital acquired. Manifestation code symbol identifies conditions for which it is important to record both the etiology and the symptom of the disease. Age and Sex edits from the Definition of Medicare Code Edits help to ensure accuracy by denoting codes that are used only with patients of a specific age or sex. NEW! Updated 2019 Official Code set reflects the latest ICD-10 codes needed for diagnosis coding.

Understanding Hospital Coding and Billing: A Worktext, Second Edition, is your complete guide to the world of hospital billing from patient intake through the entire billing process, covering inpatient and outpatient coding and billing. This resource presents concepts in an outline format, with room in the margins to take notes, and practice exercises and case studies to test your knowledge. An appendix of inpatient and outpatient case scenarios is available for use with SimClaim UB-04 practice software for electronic claims completion.

This complete self-study course on coding combines content, practice, and self-assessment into one online learning tool that the learner can follow at his or her own pace. The online program assumes the role of instructor, guiding individuals through the material and directing them when to read relevant sections from the text, checking their comprehension along the way, and providing feedback and encouragement. Users follow the program and learn at their own pace, working through chapter "lesson lectures" and reading assigned sections of the text as they progress. Interactive exercises, questions, and activities allow users to check their comprehension and learn from immediate feedback. Illustrations clarify concepts and familiarize students with the clinical procedures they are learning to code. Chapter exams are scored and incorporated in a grade book, which users can view to evaluate their progress. A series of approximately 18 SlideShows with audio narration explain and demonstrate clinical procedures. Hypertext links incorporated into the lesson lectures open pop-up boxes with further explanations and/or definitions of concepts and terms. Links to relevant web sites provide additional resources to enhance learning or stimulate discussion within a cohort group. An extensive glossary of approximately 650 terms provides correct definition for key terms throughout the course. All content has been updated to current

industry standards; for use with Step-by-Step Medical Coding, 5th Edition ensuring that students learn from the most up-to-date material available. Each online chapter includes engaging "lesson lectures" by the author, guiding the learner through the online and text content. Interspersed self-comprehension questions, learning activities, and lesson quizzes throughout the online content allow learners to check their comprehension and learn from feedback. End-of-chapter review and self-assessment exercises include a specially created case-based coding activity, as well as matching, fill-in-the-blank, and multiple choice. Answers to the textbook exercises allow students to check their work on the exercises printed in the text against the answers posted within the course.

Prepare for a successful career in medical billing and insurance processing or revenue management with the help of Green's UNDERSTANDING HEALTH INSURANCE: A GUIDE TO BILLING AND REIMBURSEMENT, 2020 Edition. This comprehensive, inviting book presents the latest medical code sets and coding guidelines as you learn to complete health plan claims and master revenue management concepts. This edition focuses on today's most important topics, including managed care, legal and regulatory issues, coding systems and compliance, reimbursement methods, clinical documentation improvement, coding for medical necessity, and common health insurance plans. Updates introduce new legislation that impacts health care. You also examine the impact on ICD-10-CM, CPT, and HCPCS level II coding; revenue cycle management; and individual health plans. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

From the creator of the popular website Ask a Manager and New York's work-advice columnist comes a witty, practical guide to 200 difficult professional conversations—featuring all-new advice! There's a reason Alison Green has been called "the Dear Abby of the work world." Ten years as a workplace-advice columnist have taught her that people avoid awkward conversations in the office because they simply don't know what to say. Thankfully, Green does—and in this incredibly helpful book, she tackles the tough discussions you may need to have during your career. You'll learn what to say when • coworkers push their work on you—then take credit for it • you accidentally trash-talk someone in an email then hit "reply all" • you're being micromanaged—or not being managed at all • you catch a colleague in a lie • your boss seems unhappy with your work • your cubemate's loud speakerphone is making you homicidal • you got drunk at the holiday party Praise for Ask a Manager "A must-read for anyone who works . . . [Alison Green's] advice boils down to the idea that you should be professional (even when others are not) and that communicating in a straightforward manner with candor and kindness will get you far, no matter where you work."—Booklist (starred review) "The author's friendly, warm, no-nonsense writing is a pleasure to read, and her advice can be widely applied to relationships in all areas of readers' lives. Ideal for anyone new to the job market or new to management, or anyone hoping to improve their work experience."—Library Journal (starred review) "I am a huge fan of Alison Green's Ask a Manager column. This book is even better. It teaches us how to deal with many of the most vexing big and little problems in our workplaces—and to do so with grace, confidence, and a sense of humor."—Robert Sutton, Stanford professor and author of The No Asshole Rule and The Asshole

Survival Guide “Ask a Manager is the ultimate playbook for navigating the traditional workforce in a diplomatic but firm way.”—Erin Lowry, author of *Broke Millennial: Stop Scraping By and Get Your Financial Life Together*

This reference guide is a comprehensive list of medical abbreviations and acronyms. Use it to your advantage in class, during homework and as a memory refresher while preparing for exams. Reinforce your knowledge of abbreviations and acronyms with this convenient chart.

Hospital Billing, Second Edition provides current content with a practical approach. The content addresses the real world of the hospital billing department, integrating the computer skills and procedures needed for daily work. The material also addresses the types of critical thinking, analysis, and synthesis skills demanded by today’s employers. The text includes instruction that entry-level hospital billers must understand, including the following: the hospital billing flow; basic coding and payment systems; the data elements required to complete the recently mandated new UB-04 form; the way in which form-completion requirements vary depending on the type of facility; the medical insurance plan, and inpatient/outpatient status; job performance in compliance with HIPAA privacy and best practices regulations; and how computerized systems are used for form completion

The first textbook that explains the differences between the UB-04 and the UB-92 and provides a global view of how the billing function should work in conjunction with the coding department. It helps health care providers maximize claim processing performance and revenue recovery and better manage their revenue cycle process. It provides accurate information about the UB-04 and explains how and why ICD-9, CPT and HCPCS code conventions must be integrated with UB-04, HCFA-1450 and CMS-1450 billing conventions. It teaches an individual how to complete a facility UB-04 billing form, and contains vignettes that explain the billing office process, its components and reporting nuances. It helps HIM staff understand that billing coding conventions are as important as ICD-9 coding conventions when sending a claim to a payer and ensures that members of accounting, admitting, and quality management departments understand how their contributions to the revenue cycle must be translated by billers. Contains an overview of basic payment methodologies, plus 65 quizzes with answers.

The most comprehensive resource for hospital inpatient coding and reimbursement! Provides educators, students, and healthcare practitioners with the most authoritative guidance available for managing inpatient coding and reimbursement issues. This must-have resource was developed to give you easier access to the most up-to-date information you need for inpatient coding and reimbursement. You'll save time and make more effective decisions with this one-of-a-kind resource. Covers reimbursement methodologies for hospital inpatient services, the structure and organization of the Medicare Inpatient Acute Care Prospective Payment System, the relationship between coding and DRG assignment, and data quality and coding compliance processes related to coding and reimbursement for inpatient services.

Hospital billing departments are known by various names, but their staff all experience the same problems understanding and complying with Medicare's many billing requirements. Hospital Billing From A to Z is a comprehensive, user-friendly guide to hospital billing requirements, with particular emphasis on Medicare. This valuable

resource will help hospital billers understand how compliance, external audits, and cost-cutting initiatives affect the billing process. Beginning with 2-Midnight Rule and Inpatient Admission Criteria and ending with Zone Program Integrity Contractors, this book addresses 88 topics in alphabetical order, including the following: Correct Coding Initiative CPT_r, HCPCS, Condition Codes, Occurrence Codes, Occurrence Span Codes, Revenue Codes, and Value Codes Critical Access Hospitals Deductibles, Copayments, and Coinsurance Denials, Appeals, and Reconsideration Requirements Dialysis and DME Billing in Hospitals Hospital-Issued Notice of Noncoverage Laboratory Billing and Fee Schedule Local and National Coverage Determinations Medically Unlikely Edits and Outpatient Code Editor Medicare Advantage Plans Medicare Beneficiary Numbers and National Provider Identifier Medicare Part A and Part B No-Pay Claims Observation Services Outlier Payments Present on Admission Rejected and Returned Claims UB-04 Form Definitions

For a better understanding of the latest revisions to the CPT(R) code set, rely on the CPT(R) Changes 2022: An Insider's View. Get the insider's perspective into the annual changes in the CPT code set directly from the American Medical Association.

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From award-winning ProPublica reporter Marshall Allen, a primer for anyone who wants to fight the predatory health care system--and win. Every year, millions of Americans are overcharged and underserved while the health care industry makes record profits. We know something is wrong, but the layers of bureaucracy designed to discourage complaints make pushing back seem impossible. At least, this is what the health care power players want you to think. Never Pay the First Bill is the guerilla guide to health care the American people and employers need. Drawing on 15 years of investigating the health care industry, reporter Marshall Allen shows how companies and individuals have managed to force medical providers to play fair, and shows how you can, too. He

reveals the industry's pressure points and how companies and individuals have fought overbilling, price gouging, insurance denials, and more to get the care they deserve. Laying out a practical plan for protecting yourself against the system's predatory practices, Allen offers the inspiration you need and tried-and-true strategies such as: Analyze and contest your medical bills, so you don't pay more than you should Obtain the billing codes for a procedure in advance Write in an appropriate treatment clause before signing financial documents Get your way by suing in small claims court Few politicians and CEOs have been willing to stand up to the medical industry. It is up to the American people to equip ourselves to fight back for the sake of our families--and everyone else.

Explains how the utilities that we rely on in our everyday lives are delivered to our homes

Don't fear the transition to ICD-10. Understand it. *Medical Coding: Understanding ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS* is a comprehensive walkthrough of the new ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS coding systems for coders in every part of healthcare. It covers the fundamentals of medical coding, billing, and documentation, essential to understanding the importance of code selection. In-depth chapters on body systems, signs and symptoms, injuries, and health status provide the full picture of diagnosis coding, preparing coders for ICD-10's new guidelines, terminology, and sequencing. Chapters on the brand-new format of ICD-10-PCS have you covered for the evolution in hospital coding. Looking for even more practice? Don't miss the *Medical Coding Workbook for Physician Practices and Facilities: ICD-10 Edition* (Newby). It spotlights the basics of ICD-10 coding and provides many opportunities for practice and mastery.

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