

# Welcome to the NORD Members-Only Webinar: ICD-10 Codes & Applications

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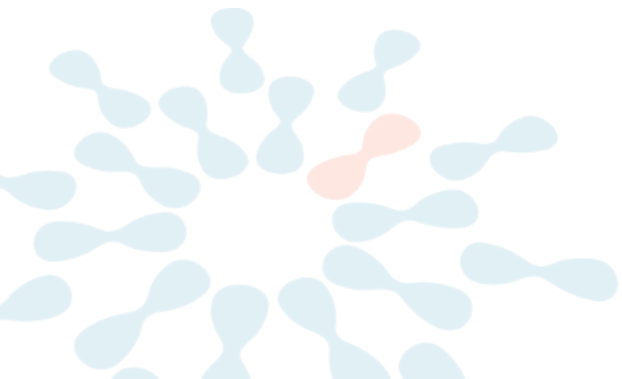
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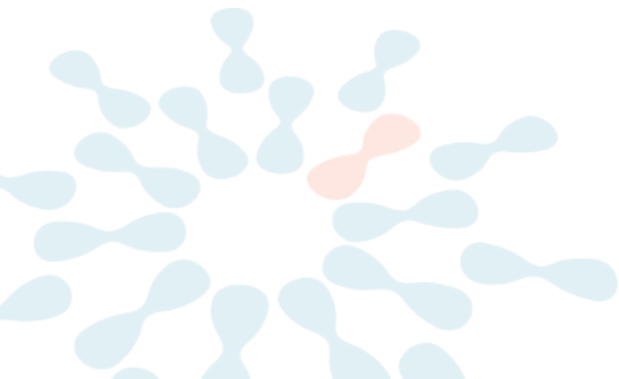
NORD, along with its more than 260 patient organization members, is **committed to the identification, treatment, and cure of rare disorders** through programs of education, advocacy, research, and patient services.



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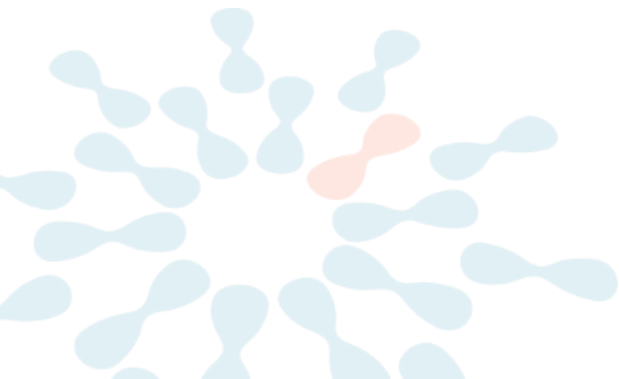
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# What is an ICD-10 Code?

- The International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Edition (ICD-10) is a clinical cataloging system that went into effect for the U.S. healthcare industry on Oct. 1, 2015.
- ICD codes are used to properly note diseases on health records, track epidemiological trends, and assist in medical reimbursement decisions.
- The use of ICD-10 for coding of death certificates and mortality data was mandated in the United States beginning in 1999.



# What is an ICD-10 Code?

- The World Health Organization (WHO) owns, develops and publishes ICD codes, and national governments and other regulating bodies adopt the system.
- All member states of the WHO, including the United States, use the ICD to record and classify diseases and illnesses, according to the WHO. The ICD is also used to track mortality and morbidity rates by all member states as well as most countries worldwide.
- In the U.S., ICD-10 is split into two systems: **ICD-10-CM** (Clinical Modification) for diagnostic coding and ICD-10-PCS (Procedure Coding System) for inpatient hospital procedure coding.

# Benefits of an ICD-10 Code

- Better identify disease and therefore treatment options for disease and/or symptoms.
- Higher quality information for measuring healthcare service quality, safety, and efficiency.
- Improved ability to measure outcomes, efficacy, and costs of new medical technology.
- Enhanced review of medical necessity and fewer claims denials.
- Reduced need for manual review of health records to perform research and data mining and adjudicate reimbursement claims.
- Reduced need for supporting documentations to support information reported on claims.
- Clinical Research.
- Personal and social reasons.

# How to Check if a Code Exists

- CDC website:
  - <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/icd/icd10cm.htm#%20FY%202017%20release%20of%20ICD-10-CM>
  - 2017 Release
    - ICD-10 FY 2017 Full PDF
      - [ftp://ftp.cdc.gov/pub/Health\\_Statistics/NCHS/Publications/ICD10CM/2017/icd10cm\\_codes\\_2017.txt](ftp://ftp.cdc.gov/pub/Health_Statistics/NCHS/Publications/ICD10CM/2017/icd10cm_codes_2017.txt)
- Greater detail on the 2017 ICD-10 Codes:
  - ICD-10 Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting:
    - <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/Downloads/2017-ICD-10-CM-Guidelines.pdf>
  - Look up a code for its descriptor: <http://www.icd10data.com/>



# Submission of Proposal

## Proposals for a new code should include:

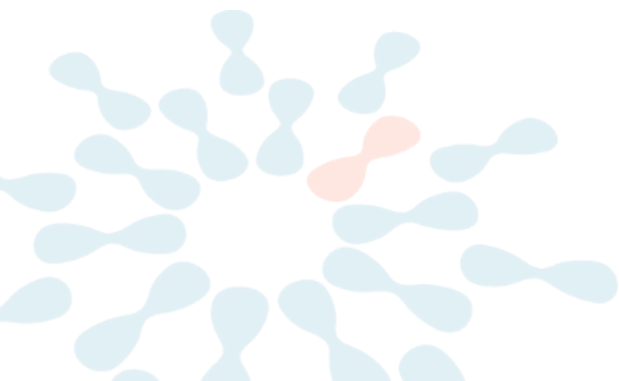
- Description of the code(s)/change(s) being requested.
- Rationale for why the new code/change is needed (including clinical relevancy).
- Supporting clinical references and literature should also be submitted.
- Proposals should be consistent with the structure and conventions of the classification.
- [https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/icd/icd10\\_maintenance.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/icd/icd10_maintenance.htm)

# Important Dates

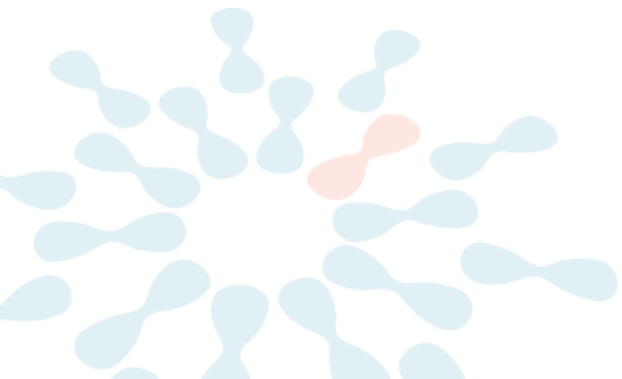
- **September 12-13, 2017**: Upcoming ICD-10-CM Coordination and Maintenance Committee Meeting.
- **July 14, 2017** Deadline for requestors:
  - Those members of the public requesting that topics be discussed at the September 12-13, 2017 ICD-10 Coordination and Maintenance Committee meeting must have their requests submitted.
  - **[https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/icd/icd10cm\\_maintenance.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/icd/icd10cm_maintenance.htm)**
  - (Same link for previous submissions and submission information.)
- **October 1, 2018** Implementation.

# Conclusion

- Start researching now to see if current code exists, needs to be updated or moved.
  - Cannot delete codes.
- Use KOLs as support for request.
- Can request more than one code.
- CDC website is very helpful and so is CDC personnel.



# Questions?



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