



3M™ Codefinder™ Computer-Assisted Edition

- Helps coders quickly access, view, code, and validate electronic medical records
- Accelerates the reliable, accurate coding of inpatient records
- Integrates with the 3M™ Coding and Reimbursement System and 3M dictation and transcription solutions

Product introduction

According to Kim Rosier, RHIT, CCS, 3M Senior Nosologist, the complexity of a coder's job is compounded by pressure for faster turnaround. "Not only are the rules changing," she says. "Pressures are changing, but the bills still have to get out. First there are lots of inpatient charts to get through, and hundreds of pages of documentation to read."

Computer-assisted coding will not change the coding process; it will enhance it. According to Rosier, the coder's skills and clinical knowledge are very important. "Computer-assisted coding is not going to change that," she says. "It's going to help coders get through the charts faster."

"We are arming coders with tools to expedite the process and leverage their expertise to get the coding complete. We're not taking coders out of the loop or inserting them after the fact to validate codes. Instead, we reinforce their value. We can make them more effective at what they do."

The challenge and the solution

At most hospitals, coders spend at least 70 percent of their time reading, navigating, and assessing the documentation. With the implementation of MS-DRGs and eventual adoption of ICD-10, these tasks require increased precision. Yet, coders feel pressured for faster turnaround.

3M Codefinder Computer-Assisted Edition responds to these pressures. Incorporating expert logic and intelligent mapping tools, it expedites the inpatient coding process without compromising accuracy and compliance. It integrates seamlessly with the 3M Coding and Reimbursement System to help coders edit and perform final code assignment in a single, easy-to-use desktop view.

3M Codefinder Computer-Assisted Edition:

- Organizes custom views of the patient's medical record, which can be used as a summary of the patient encounter
- Annotates text and highlights diagnosis and procedure terms that are relevant to the proven coding paths in the 3M Coding and Reimbursement System
- Bypasses coding path decision screens while maintaining coding compliance and leaving the critical decisions to the expert coder
- Streamlines the coding workflow, helping coders quickly identify the critical issues relating to the patient record and minimize the time spent hunting for information

Supporting workflow and productivity

The 3M Codefinder Computer-Assisted Edition first analyzes and interprets text from multiple documents created during a patient's hospital stay, including electronic records and dictated and transcribed reports. Using robust terminology mapping tools, it identifies relevant text and links it to the logic-based coding paths of the 3M Coding and Reimbursement System.



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The system highlights relevant clinical terminology and advances the coder as far as possible through the coding paths, allowing the coder to review and select the appropriate codes. When coupled with the 3M™ Advanced Analyzer Software, it alerts coders to possible missing diagnoses in the physician documentation, including possibilities based on the medications prescribed and documented in pharmacy orders.

Key features and benefits

- Organizes electronic text and scanned images from the electronic record into customized views and a uniform format
- Identifies the documents most pertinent to the diagnosis
- Reads, understands, and maps the diverse terminology used in inpatient documentation to appropriate diagnosis and procedure codes
- Highlights relevant keywords and phrases associated with diagnosis and procedure codes

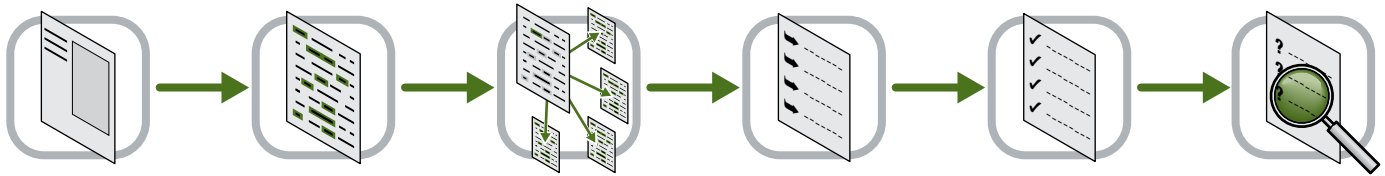
- Links keywords in the documentation directly to coding paths in the 3M™ Coding and Reimbursement System
- Integrates with 3M applications for dictation, transcription, and speech recognition, as well as case management and viewing applications, creating a seamless system for capturing complete documentation
- Minimizes the need for outsourcing and helps compensate for coder shortages

The result is faster generation of diagnosis and procedure codes consistent with ICD-9 and ICD-10, which can help translate into higher coder productivity, lower coding costs, improved cash flow, and more accurate reimbursement.

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For more information on how 3M solutions can assist your organization, contact your 3M sales representative, call us toll-free at **800-367-2447**, or visit us online at www.3Mhis.com/codefinder.

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- 1 3M™ Codefinder™ Computer-Assisted Edition** organizes and displays documents from the patient record according to facility-defined, customized views.
- 2 3M Codefinder Computer-Assisted Edition** highlights keywords and phrases relating to diagnosis and procedure codes.
- 3** By selecting a highlighted term, the coder can view a cross-reference of all the documents containing the term, or ...
- 4** ... identify related terms, or ...
- 5** ... jump into the coding path within the **3M™ Coding and Reimbursement System**.
- 6** The pharmacy enhancement to the **3M™ Advanced Analyzer Software** suggests possibly overlooked diagnosis codes based on the medications received.



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