So many books, so little time

Every day, coders are under intense pressure to code large quantities of medical records and also achieve quality in the coding. Each record must be accurately coded to meet compliance and help facilitate appropriate reimbursement. To accomplish such feats, today’s coding staff needs a thorough knowledge of anatomy and physiology, disease processes, coding rules and guidelines, and medical terminology. For coders to validate documentation in a patient’s record or look up additional information, they need convenient access to appropriate and up-to-date references.

The challenge

Because of the complexity of today’s medical record documentation and ongoing regulatory changes, coders frequently use several industry-standard references each day. If the process of using a reference is difficult or tedious, either productivity will suffer or the quality of medical record coding may decrease, because many coders may simply not have the time to use references as often as they should.

The solution: integrated coding references

HIM departments that use 3M CRS can add on the 3M Coding Reference Software to provide easy, online, integrated access to current versions of state-of-the-industry references. 3M Coding Reference Software changes the way coders look up coding and medical information by providing simple, mouse-click access to these valuable references:

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