

# HCC Coding

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# What is it?

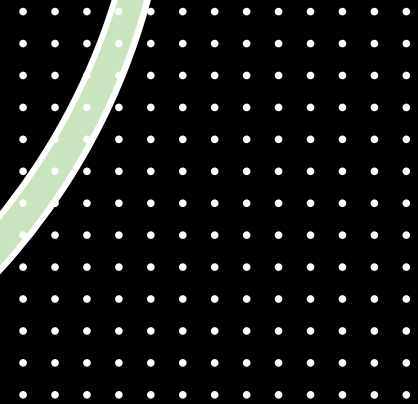
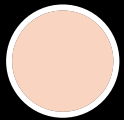
- A risk-adjustment model intended to estimate future health care costs for patients.



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Benefits

# Pitfalls

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# V28 Update

- Increased number of HCC categories from 86 to 115 (more detailed)
- Decreased total codes

# Consider the HCC coding audience

- Billers
- Coders
- CMS
- Colleagues

Helpful  
wording for  
me:

- Coexisting
- Clinically monitoring

# EMR

- Use your tools:
  - BPA
  - HCC Summary
- Document in the problem list!



HCC codes  
to be aware  
of:

- Heart failure

HCC codes  
to be aware  
of:

- Cardiomyopathy

HCC codes  
to be aware  
of:

- Heart failure AND cardiomyopathy!

HCC codes  
to be aware  
of:

- Dementia

HCC codes  
to be aware  
of:

- Chronic kidney disease

HCC codes  
to be aware  
of:

- Cancer (be more specific)
  - metastases
  - lymph node involvement

HCC codes  
to be aware  
of:

- Moderate or severe major depressive disorder

HCC codes  
to be aware  
of:

- Cirrhosis (type must be specified)



HCC codes  
to be aware  
of:

- Severe or morbid obesity

HCC codes  
to be aware  
of:

- Severe persistent asthma

HCC codes  
to be aware  
of:

- Wound and skin disorders

HCC codes  
to be aware  
of:

- Substance use disorders

HCC codes  
to be aware  
of:

- Diabetic eye disease

HCC codes  
to be aware  
of:

- Eating disorders

# 2025 Coding Tips

- Ask specialties for clarification!
- Be confident!
- Use resources available to you (even if they are not your ideal resources)!


# HCC Motivation

- You are charting for your future self.
- Every bit counts





# Sadie's takeaways

- Evolve your wording
  - Use the problem list
  - Chart CKD
  - Chart CHF
  - Chart cardiomyopathy
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Questions?

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Thank you!