HCC Coding

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What is it?
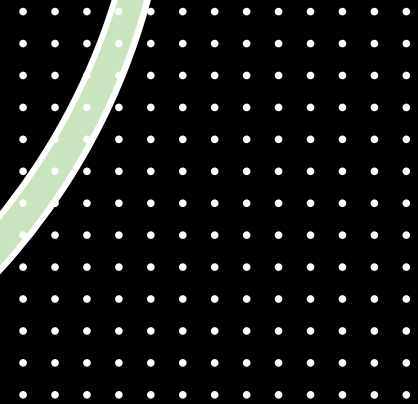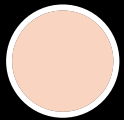
- A risk-adjustment model intended to estimate future health care costs for patients.

Benefits

Pitfalls

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

Questions?

Thank you!