



## Knowledge Check

### and case studies to accompany the *ChiroCode Complete and Easy ICD-10 Coding for Chiropractic Boot Camp*

1. ICD-10-CM contains \_\_\_\_\_ chapters, which are separated by body region or condition.
  
2. Because ICD-10 codes are alphanumeric and up to seven characters long, we are able to achieve:
  - a. greater specificity
  - b. Nirvana
  - c. inner peace
  - d. perfection
  
3. ICD-10 is currently used in which of the following countries?
  - a. Germany
  - b. Australia
  - c. Great Britain
  - d. United States
  
4. The National Center for Health Statistics is responsible for the Clinical Modification of ICD-10 in the United States  
  
True                      False
  
5. The implementation date for ICD-10 is October 1, 2014  
  
True                      False

6. The last update to ICD-10 was made October 1, 2011

True                  False

7. ICD-10 codes start with letters and contain up to six characters

True                  False

8. Many ICD-10 codes contain information about left and right anatomical regions

True                  False

9. ICD-10 codes must have six or seven characters to be complete

True                  False

10. The first three characters in ICD-10 describe the:

- a. Etiology
- b. Payment details
- c. Category
- d. Anatomic site

11. Relevant instructional notes for a single code can be found at the level of:

- a. The general guidelines
- b. The chapter specific guidelines
- c. The chapter heading
- d. The block (code range)
- e. The category (three characters)
- f. The subcategory (four or five characters)
- g. The code itself
- h. All of the above

12. Which of the following ICD-10 conventions is used to for a code that is defined in the physician documentation, but not accurately described anywhere in the tabular list?

- a. NOS
- b. Excludes1
- c. NEC
- d. and

13. The placeholder “x” is optional and should be deleted before listing a code on a claim form.

True          False

14. When a diagnosis has not been established by the provider, it is acceptable to report codes for the presenting signs and symptoms.

True          False

15. Code all conditions that coexist, even if they are not addressed or do not affect management/treatment during that encounter.

True          False

16. A code is invalid if it has not been reported to the full number of characters available, including the seventh character, if applicable.

True          False

17. The types of encounters available for the seventh character for certain ICD-10 codes include:

- a. new, established, former
- b. initial, subsequent, sequela
- c. acute, chronic, maintenance
- d. on time, late, no show

18. If there is a condition that affects multiple sites, the proper way to code it is:

- a. Seek out a “multiple sites” code, and use it, if available
- b. Code each site separately
- c. Use the unspecified code

19. CMS has required that external cause codes should be assigned to every case that has an acute injury.

True          False

20. GEMs refers to mapping files that crosswalk ICD-9 to ICD-10

True          False

21. All of the following are good methods for finding the correct ICD-10 code, except:

- a. GEMs
- b. A list you got from your buddy from school
- c. Alphabetic index
- d. Common codes lists from your association or other reputable source

22. You diagnose a patient with the ICD-9 code 723.3, Cervicobrachial syndrome.

a. The code map says that the ICD-10 code could be:

b. The alphabetic index says that the ICD-10 code could be:

c. The tabular list confirms that the code is:

d. Would documentation need to change?

23. Patient presents with pain, weakness, numbness, and tingling in both legs. The correct code(s) is/are:

- a) M54.41, M54.42
- b) M54.31, M54.32
- c) M54.33
- d) M54.5

24. a. In ICD-9, the code used for fibromyalgia is 729.1, myalgia and myositis, unspecified, fibromyositis NOS. Using the alphabetic index, look up the ICD-10 codes for myalgia, myositis, and fibromyositis. List them here:

b. Using GEMs, identify which codes might replace 729.1 in ICD-10.

c. Describe how you might need to change your documentation for the ICD-10 codes.

25. An 81 year old patient presents with spinal stenosis in the lumbar region. What is the appropriate ICD-10 code?

26. A 32 year old female presents with low back pain at L4/L5. The pain worsens with extension and with exercise. The patient complains of tight hamstrings and some numbness in to the right leg. An x-ray reveals a grade II spondylolisthesis at L4. On September 30, 2015, the diagnoses are 724.3 and 738.4. On October 1, 2015, it is:

27. a. Use the commonly used ICD-10-CM codes for Chiropractic section to find idiopathic thoracic scoliosis. List the code here:

b. Now look it up in the alphabetic index. List the code here:

c. Now look up 737.30 in the code map section

d. Now go to the tabular list. What do you need to know to choose a code that is not unspecified?

e. A 13 year old is diagnosed with adolescent scoliosis. Cobb's angle is 14 degrees at T10-L2. What is the ICD-10 code?

28. Suzie Derkins reports to the office today after falling at home out of her bed. She appears to suffer from thoracolumbar radiculopathy as a result. She states that she was previously diagnosed with neuralgia.

a. The coder selects M54.15 and M79.2. This is wrong. Why?

b. Use the index to find the appropriate External Cause codes for this scenario. (hint: one describes the place of the accident and the other explains the cause of the injury)

29.

- a. Find the ICD-10 code for Rheumatoid arthritis:
  
- b. Rheumatoid arthritis codes require site, laterality, complications, and

30. Find the ICD-10 Code for pain in the neck:

31. Why can't you use M75.111 for a traumatic rotator cuff tear?

32. Create the proper documentation for S43.211D

33. a. Create the proper documentation for M41.124.

b. Is this code appropriate for congenital scoliosis?

34. After an MRI, Mr. Hobbes is diagnosed with L4/5 disc herniation with right-sided sciatica. How many codes are necessary? One or two?

35. Calvin complains of numbness in his right hand as well as neck pain. An x-ray reveals spondylosis all throughout the cervical spine.

Answers:

1. 21 (ICD-9 only has 17 chapters-plus two supplementary chapters)
2. a
3. a, b, and c
4. True
5. False (it is 2015, as far as we know)
6. True (and the next update is October 1, 2016)
7. False (there are up to seven characters)
8. True
9. False (Some codes are complete with only three characters)
- 10.C (category)
- 11.H (They are everywhere. You can't ignore notes from fifty pages back in the tabular.)
- 12.C (not elsewhere classified)
- 13.False.
- 14.True
- 15.False
- 16.True
- 17.B
- 18.C (unless it is not an option, then B is the correct answer)
- 19.False (there is no national requirement at this time. They are voluntary)
- 20.True
- 21.B (trust no one)
22.
  - a. M53.1
  - b. M53.1
  - c. M53.1
  - d. No, but you need to pay attention to the Excludes2 notes.
23. B – just use the tabular list. (note that C is not a real code, but it might be “bilateral sciatica” one day)
24.
  - a. M79.1, M60, M79.7 (note that M60 is not a complete code)
  - b. GEMs code map: M60.9 Myositis, M79.1 Myalgia, and M79.7 Fibromyalgia (note that M60.9 is unspecified, and fibromyositis has been replaced with fibromyalgia)

- c. Do this yourself
- 25.M48.06 Spinal Stenosis, lumbar region (you may need to look up the word “spinal” instead of “stenosis” in the alphabetic index. Don’t be afraid to look up all the words in a note to see what the options are.)
- 26.M54.41 Lumbago with sciatica, right side and M43.16 Spondy, lumbar. Alpha index says only M54.3 and M43.1, and code map says M54.30 and M43.10, which are both unspecified and do not point to the combination code. Use the tabular list to confirm.
- 27.
  - a. M41.24 in common list
  - b. M41 in index
  - c. M41.20 in code map
  - d. Type of scoliosis and location
  - e. M41.125
- 28.
  - a. Excludes1 applies to M54.15 and M79.2.
  - b. Y92.013 Index look up “place”, then search tabular list manually until you find “single family non-institutional (private) house” W06.xxA Index look up “fall from”, then “bed”. Note placeholders.
- 29.
  - a. M06.9 (in this case, unspecified is all you can do)
  - b. With or without RA factor
- 30.Neck pain M54.2
- 31.Because the instructional notes for M75.1 say excludes1 S46.01\_
- 32.Ant. Subluxation of right sterno-clavicular joint, subsequent encounter
- 33.
  - a. Adolescent idiopathic scoliosis, thoracic region
  - b. No, excludes1, should be Q67.5
- 34.M51.16 includes the disc and the sciatica. See excludes1 at M54.3 M51.2 might be okay if they only have back pain.
- 35.M47.22 Other spondylosis with radiculopathy, cervical region M54.2 Cervicalgia is probably included