

Color-Coded OR Procedures Alert Nurses to ICD-9 Vol 3 Status Without Leaving DRG Page

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Clinical documentation integrity (CDI) nurses now have an easier way to spot hospital allowances while staying on a Diagnostic Related Grouper (DRG) details' page. "Nurses think in DRGs," says Jen Godreau, CPC, CPMA, CPEDC, director of development and operations for SuperCoder.com, owned by The Coding Institute. With DRG Coder, a nurse can search by DRG. Along with the official descriptor and Major Diagnostic Category (MDC) crosswalk, the nurse can see the related DRGs. These tell the nurse if a higher or lower paying DRG might be more appropriate based on the patient's condition, for instance, the patient has a major comorbid condition (MCC).

Nurses can also see the associated ICD-9 volume 1 and ICD-9 volume 3 or procedure code. SuperCoder shows whether a procedure is allowed to be performed in the operating room right on the DRG code details page. Then, the nurse can click on the ICD-9 volume 3 code and go right to that code's details where the OR (Valid operating room procedure) or Non-OR (Non-valid operating room procedure) symbol is again shown. By pulling symbols into color-coded messages, the nurse gets optimal info at each level for maximum efficiency, explains Godreau.

The screenshot displays the 'DRG CODE 580 DETAILS' page. At the top, there is a search bar and a 'Save Layout Settings' button. The main content is organized into several sections:

- MS-DRG Range:** 570-607 Diseases and disorders of the skin, subcutaneous tissue and breast.
- Official Long Descriptor:** Other skin, subcut tiss & breast proc w cc.
- Related DRGs:** A list of related DRGs, including 579 Other Skin, Subcut Tiss & Breast Proc W Mcc and 581 Other Skin, Subcut Tiss & Breast Proc W/o Cc/mcc.
- Related Articles:** A section for related articles.
- Crosswalks & Fee Schedule:** A section with tabs for 'ICD-9-CM VOLUME 1 CROSSREF', 'ICD-9-CM VOLUME 3 CROSSREF', and 'FEE SCHEDULE'. The 'ICD-9-CM VOLUME 3 CROSSREF' tab is active.
- Descriptor's color indicators:** A legend showing 'Valid OR Procedure' in green and 'Non-OR Procedure' in red.
- ICD-9-CM Volume 3 Procedures:** A list of procedures with their status indicators:
 - 84.3 Revision of amputation stump (Valid OR Procedure)
 - 84.91 Amputation, not otherwise specified (Valid OR Procedure)
 - 86.06 Insertion of totally implantable infusion pump (Valid OR Procedure)
 - 86.07 Insertion of totally implantable vascular access device [VAD] (Non-OR Procedure)
 - 86.09 Other incision of skin and subcutaneous tissue (Non-OR Procedure)
 - 86.21 Excision of pilonidal cyst or sinus (Valid OR Procedure)

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