Dermatology Coding Alert

ICD-10: Don't Get Zapped When Radiation-Related Disorders Codes Change

In 2015, look for debut of the L57.- codes.

In a previous issue of Dermatology Coding Alert, we looked at how ICD-10 would change diagnosis coding for sunburn and other solar radiation-related skin conditions. This time, we'll examine how your coding will change effective Oct. 1, 2015, for skin disorders caused by other sources of radiation.

ICD-10 contains a category of diagnoses relating to "Skin changes due to chronic exposure to nonionizing radiation," which will map to ICD-9 codes that are now scattered among different sections. The new ICD-10 category, L57.-, consists of:

*ICD-9 code 701.8 maps to two ICD-10 codes in the L57.- category, but it will also map to other ICD-10 codes in other categories:

- L11.8 – Other specified acantholytic disorders
- L11.9 – Acantholytic disorder, unspecified
- L66.4 – Folliculitis ulerythematos reticulata
- L85.8 – Other specified epidermal thickening
- L87.1 – Reactive perforating collagenosis
- L87.8 – Other transepidermal elimination disorders
- L90.3 – Atrophoderma of Pasini and Pierini
- L90.4 – Acrodermatitis chronica atrophicans
- L90.8 – Other atrophic disorders of skin
- L91.8 – Other hypertrophic disorders of the skin
- L92.2 – Granuloma faciale [eosinophilic granuloma of skin]
- L94.8 – Other specified localized connective tissue disorders
- L98.5 – Mucinosis of the skin
- L98.6 – Other infiltrative disorders of the skin and subcutaneous tissue
- L99 – Other disorders of skin and subcutaneous tissue in diseases classified elsewhere.

**ICD-9 code 709.09 will also map to the codes in the ICD-10 "Other disorders of pigmentation" series (L81.-).

Learn more: For more information on the ICD-10 conversion, as well as specific ICD-9 to ICD-10 code bridges, visit www.supercoder.com.