



# THE ROAD TO ICD-10

## HOW ICD-10-PCS IMPACTS YOU

One of the new challenges ICD-10-PCS presents is that there are no long lists of inpatient code titles. Instead, a code is constructed character by character based on the Medical Record and Operations Report documentation.

Think of an ICD-10-PCS code as a fingerprint. Each one is unique and tells a story of the inpatient procedure performed. Each character builds on that story.

It is important to know that no matter your healthcare role, the use of codes is pervasive and you need to understand the basics of ICD-10-PCS, how it is used to build codes, how to interpret them, and possibly how to help others use them correctly.

Code analysis leads to an understanding of procedures and the ability to decipher ICD-10-PCS codes for the purposes of mapping, reimbursement, and clinical research.

## Overview of ICD-10-PCS

**ICD-10-PCS replaces ICD-9-CM Volume 3**

### ***ICD-10-PCS...***

- **Is used to represent inpatient procedures**
- **Does not take the place of CPT or Chargemaster driven codes**
  - **Allows for more accurate codes to reflect changes in medicine**

***New procedure codes are always being added, and while the current system is limited in its ability to grow, ICD-10-PCS allows for the expansion.***

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