



THE ROAD TO ICD-10

OBJECTIVES OF ICD-10-PCS

1. Completeness

A unique code for all substantially different procedures

2. Expandability

Easy incorporation of unique codes for new procedures

3. Uniform Structure

Consistent meaning of individual characters in the codes

4. Standardized Terminology

No multiple definitions for the same terms and each term assigned a specific meaning

Additional differences in the ICD-10-PCS inpatient procedural coding system are as follows:

Diagnostic information has been excluded from the procedure descriptions to enhance data collection. In ICD-9, they were often included.

The level of specificity has increased so that all procedures currently performed are captured in ICD-10-PCS.

All those who code, interact with codes or document the Medical Record must understand the additional information contained within the code and the documentation required to allow construction.