

How is ICD-10 Different?

Technology and healthcare knowledge have advanced significantly since 1979, when ICD-9 was first published. Capturing the complete story of services rendered requires an updated system with the structure to support such advances. Increased specificity and granularity in ICD-10 offers the support necessary to reflect the whole clinical story that includes the advances in healthcare, without changing the way clinical care is provided.

Major changes in ICD-10 include:

- Increased Specificity
- Axis of classification
- Laterality
- Specificity of Trimester for Obstetrical Coding
- Drug and Alcohol Code Expansion
- Complication and Combination Codes
- 7-digit Extension Codes

The upgraded system allows patient care and treatment to remain the same but properly reflects the advancement of the industry and allows for expansion with future advances.

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