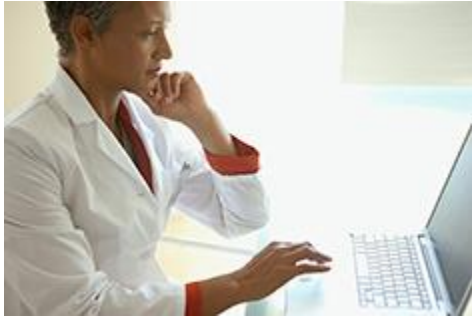# ICD-10

World Health Organization's International Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (ICD) is the most widely used diagnostic classification in health care. ICD is a coding system of diseases and signs, symptoms, abnormal findings, complaints, social circumstances and external causes of injury or diseases that is used internationally to classify morbidity and mortality data for vital health statistics tracking. In the U.S., the ICD coding system is also used to facilitate health insurance claim reimbursement. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services ("CMS") has mandated that all upgrades from ICD-9 to ICD-10 codes be complete by October 1st 2015.

Overview

This transition will significantly impact business operations and require a massive wave of system reviews, substantial updates to existing software, redesign of system interfaces and extensive training for physicians, clinicians, coders, and general staff. The migration impacts all areas of the health system including its hospitals, home health agencies, medical group practices and outpatient clinics.

Specifically, Scripps may experience the following impacts related to ICD-10 implementation:

- **Process Modification:** Business processes will require reengineering to accommodate code complexity and specify clinical documentation
- **Productivity Impacts:** Clinical and administrative staff will experience initial and ongoing productivity losses due to code selection complexity and expected reimbursement delays
- **Reimbursement:** ICD-10 is expected to produce initial reimbursement delays and discrepancies due to inconsistent code mapping and usage by both payors and providers
- **Staff Education Requirements:** Scripps personnel will require functional specific training in order to comply with ICD-10 coding and supporting processes
- **Technology:** ICD-10 preparation will require ongoing payor and third party testing as well as remediation of a number of Scripps systems, databases and standard reports

In order to address the ICD-10 impacts, Scripps has established an internal governance structure to address the implementation needs and considerations for each impacted stakeholder group. See ICD-10 Governance Structure for further detail.

For further high level impact information click here to review the ICD-10 Introductory Presentation