

# Still Preparing for ICD-10

“Opposition is a natural part of life. Just as we develop our physical muscles through overcoming opposition—such as lifting weights—we develop our character muscles by overcoming challenges and adversity.”  
--Stephen R. Covey

This quote can apply to injuries as well as ICD-10:

Now that the ICD-10 set of diagnostic codes is delayed until October 1, 2015, we have a little more time to prepare. Hamilton's Clinical Documentation Team is here to help you validate your patient's SOI and ROM through your documentation in the medical record. Your words really do matter! Think in ink!

Here are a few tips to help you prepare for injuries, poisoning, and certain other consequences of external causes (S00-T88).

## ICD-9 to ICD-10 Comparison:

### ICD-9-CM

Codes organized by type of injury, then by site

### ICD-10-CM

Codes organized by site, then by type of injury

Coding of Traumatic fractures:

Fractures of specified sites are coded individually by site and the level of detail furnished by medical record content.

**Documentation Focus on Fractures:**  
In ICD-10, use the acronym, S.T.A.L.E.

**Severity of injury (examples):**

- With or w/o LOC
- With or w/o hemorrhage
- Traumatic vs. non-traumatic
- With or w/o spinal cord damage
- With or w/o open wound into cavity

**Type of Fracture (Open/closed, displaced vs. non-displaced, union or malunion)**

**Anatomical location of injury (Includes specific location on the particular bone)**

**Laterality (right, left, bilateral)**

**Encounter status**

**In ICD-9-CM (808.0), the code consists of:**

Fracture Acetabulum, Closed:

- Bone fractured
- Open or closed

**In ICD-10-CM (S32.412A), the code consists of:**

Displaced fracture anterior wall of left acetabulum, initial  
Episode of care closed fracture  
Specific location and place on bone  
Right or left  
Severity  
Episode of care and healing (routine, delayed, malunion).

A fracture not indicated as **open** or **closed** should be coded to closed.

A fracture not indicated whether **displaced** or **not displaced** should be coded to displaced.

A different set of seventh character extension codes are used with most fractures as applicable:

- A—initial encounter for closed fracture
- B—initial encounter for open fracture
- D—subsequent encounter for fracture w/ routine healing
- G—subsequent encounter for fracture w/ delayed healing
- K—subsequent encounter for fracture w/ nonunion
- P—subsequent encounter for fracture w/ malunion
- S—sequela

The appropriate seventh character for initial encounter should also be assigned for a patient who delayed seeking treatment for the fracture or nonunion [if it is the initial encounter of care].

## Intracranial Injury S06

**Traumatic brain injury**—Clarify if there is an open wound of the head (S01.-) or skull fracture (S02.--).

Please make sure you include type and location of injury:

- Concussion
- Traumatic cerebral edema
- Traumatic brain injury
- Contusion and laceration (differentiated as cerebrum or cerebellum or brainstem)
- Differentiated as right, left or unspecified when applicable
- Traumatic hemorrhage (differentiated as cerebrum, epidural, subdural, subarachnoid)
- Contusion, laceration and hemorrhage

and if there was any loss of consciousness and if so how long.

The appropriate seventh character is to be added to each code from category S06

- A—Initial encounter
- D—Subsequent encounter
- S—Sequela

**What's New in ICD-10-CM for Poisoning, adverse Effects of and underdosing of drugs, medicaments, and biological substances (T36-T50)**

This can include:

- Adverse effect of correct substances properly administered
- Poisoning by overdose of substance
- Poisoning by wrong substance given or taken in error
- Underdosing by (inadvertently) (deliberately) taking less substance than prescribed or instructed

Clarify the nature of the adverse effect such as:

- Adverse effect NOS (T88.7)
- Aspirin gastritis (K29.-)
- Blood disorders (D56-D76)
- Contact dermatitis (L23-25)
- Nephropathy (N14.0-N14.2)

For overdosing and underdosing describe completely all drugs, medicinal or biological substances.

Clarify if the event was: accidental, intentional self-harm, assault, undetermined, adverse effect (correctly prescribed and properly administered) or underdosing.

This is a [brief overview](#) of Injury, poisoning, and certain other consequences of external causes.

**Please visit [cms.gov/ICD10](http://cms.gov/ICD10) for the latest news and resources to help you prepare. Or contact Fran Andrews at 706.272.6000, extension 1541 or at [fandrews@hhcs.org](mailto:fandrews@hhcs.org). Or you may contact Julie Bell at 706.272.6000, extension 1523 or at [jbelle@hhcs.org](mailto:jbelle@hhcs.org).**

Resources: ICD-10-CM The Complete Official Draft Code Set.