GOLDEN QUICK GUIDE FOR ICD10

The complete and official ICD-10 Guidelines can be found as a hyperlink under the notes section of this coding reference as http://www.tagolden.com/ICD10Guidelines.pdf. However, this guideline is 117 pages long. The *GOLDEN QUICK GUIDE FOR ICD10* is a very short summary concerning some of the notes in the tabular list and my own notes.

In your medical documentation include enough information and facts to substantiate the diagnosis.

Excludes Notes
Excludes1: indicates that the codes following the Excludes1: and the code above the Excludes1: are mutually exclusive (diagnoses). The are never the same diagnosis and the codes are not interchangeable. They should never be used together. If the diagnosis to be coded is one that follows the Excludes1: then that is the correct ICD-10 code to use.

Example
M48.4 Fatigue fracture of vertebra
Stress fracture of vertebra
Excludes1: pathological fracture of vertebra due to neoplasm (M84.58)
　　　　　　(If the fracture is due to a neoplasm then M84.58 is the correct code.)
　　　　　　pathological fracture of vertebra due to osteoporosis (M80.-) see M80

Excludes2: indicates that the condition excluded is not part of the condition represented by the code, but a patient may have both conditions at the same time. When an Excludes2 note appears under a code, it is acceptable to use both the code and the excluded code together, when appropriate.

Etiology/manifestation convention ("code first", "use additional code" and "in diseases classified elsewhere" notes)
These instructional notes indicate the proper sequencing order of the codes, **etiology followed by manifestation**

"use additional code": The etiology if known should be coded first and followed with the manifestation code.

"code first": The etiology must be coded first and followed with the manifestation code.

"in diseases classified elsewhere.": Codes with this title are a component of the etiology/ manifestation convention. They must be used with both an etiology and underlying condition (manifestation) code. The etiology is coded first and the underlying condition (manifestation) follows.

"Unspecified": Some ICD-10 diagnostic entries may contain the word *unspecified*. These entries should be avoided because it indicates that something may be lacking because a more specific diagnosis was not made.

Z Codes
Z codes or encounter codes should be used when screening a patient for a condition and the

results are negative. Encounter codes are used for follow-up visits after medical or surgical treatment, and the treated condition is usually no longer clinically present. The Golden ICD-10 Coding Guides lists these codes as *encounters* on its alphabetical tabular lists.

Note: The Golden ICD-10 Coding Guides lists some codes in more than one manner or links a cross reference in order to facilitate quick access to the correct ICD-10 code.

Crosswalking
ICD-9 to ICD-10 crosswalking is not part of The Golden ICD-10 Coding Guides. Why spend time and effort on converting obsolete codes to the new system. That is too many steps. Just look at a diagnosis and learn its ICD-10 code.