

## TOP 10 TIPS FOR ETHICAL DIAGNOSTIC CODING



1. Stay away from USA ICD-10 - don't Google
2. Don't use cheat sheets
3. Code to the highest level of specificity
4. Think with your Trump-hat on. The index is written in American English, the Tabular is British English
5. Never use an anatomical site to look up a code – use a lead Term: The broadest descriptive word of what is wrong with the patient, or what happened to the patient
6. Gender and Age errors will cause rejections
7. S and T always need a VWX or Y code / Dagger † then Asterisk codes\*
8. Don't unbundle codes for the sake of additional reimbursement
9. Do not code for PMB – Code what you treat [True reflection of patient record] can be seen as Fraud
10. Make sure you have the correct diagnoses