

# ICD-10 October 1, 2015 Compliance Date

## ICD-10 Introduction

- ICD-10-CM/PCS stands for the International Classification of Diseases, 10th Edition, Clinical Modification /Procedure Coding System, which consists of two parts:
  1. ICD-10-CM for diagnosis coding
  2. ICD-10-PCS for inpatient procedure coding
- ICD-10-CM is for use in all U.S. healthcare settings. Diagnosis coding under ICD-10-CM uses 3 to 7 digits instead of the 3 to 5 digits used with ICD-9-CM, but the format of the code sets is similar.
- ICD-10-PCS is for use in U.S. inpatient hospital settings only. ICD-10 PCS uses 7 alphanumeric digits instead of the 3 or 4 numeric digits used under ICD-9-CM procedure coding.

## Why ICD-10 Matters

ICD-9-CM Diagnosis Codes	ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Codes
No Laterality	Laterality Right or Left account for > 40% of codes
3-5 digits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First digit is alpha (E or V) or numeric</li> <li>• Digits 2-5 are numeric</li> <li>• Decimal is placed after the third character</li> </ul>	7 digits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Digit 1 is alpha; Digit 2 is numeric</li> <li>• Digits 3-7 are alpha or numeric</li> <li>• Decimal is placed after the third character</li> </ul>
No placeholder characters	"X" placeholders
Generic codes (that cover both right and left)	Specific codes to cover right and left
Limited Severity Parameters	Extensive Severity Parameters
Limited Combination Codes	Extensive Combination Codes to better capture
1 type of Excludes Notes	2 types of Excludes Notes

## ICD-10 Facts

1. ICD-10 has 69,000 codes. More than four-times the 17,000 codes in ICD-9. The additional codes will enable practices to be more specific on claims forms in reporting the care provided to patients.
2. ICD-10 will affect diagnosis and inpatient procedure coding for everyone covered by Health Insurance Portability Accountability Act (HIPAA), not just those who submit Medicare or Medicaid claims.
3. The medical terminology has been modernized and is consistent throughout the code set.
4. There are codes that have a combination of diagnoses and symptoms, which improves the specificity of the reporting allowing for more information to be reported to completely describe a condition.



# Your ICD-10 Transition Prescription

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Q:** What is ICD-10?

#### **A:** ICD-10-CM

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#### **ICD-10-PCS**

Is for use in U.S. inpatient hospital settings only. ICD-10 PCS uses 7 alphanumeric digits instead of the 3 or 4 numeric digits used under ICD-9-CM procedure coding. Coding under ICD-10-PCS is much more specific and substantially different from ICD-9-CM procedure coding.

### **Q:** Why do we have to change to this new code?

**A:** A directive from CMS requiring healthcare providers, payers, clearinghouses, and billing services to comply with the transition to ICD-10 by 1 Oct 2015.

### **Q:** Why is ICD-9 being replaced?

**A:** The ICD-9 code set is over 30 years old and has become outdated. Due to advances in medical technology and knowledge, it is no longer considered functional for today's treatment, reporting and processes.

The ICD-10 code set is applicable with the advances in medicine and uses current medical terminology. The code format is expanded, which means that it has the ability to include greater detail within the code. The greater detail means that the code can provide more specific information about the diagnosis. The ICD-10 code set is also more flexible for expansion and including new technologies and diagnoses.

### **Q:** What is the value to healthcare providers and clinics to start providing ICD-10 codes six months ahead of the implementation date?

**A:** Physicians, clinics and hospitals and other providers will be inundated in October with requests to provide the valid ICD-10 codes by other institutions in the health care industry. If DJO has ICD-10 codes on file we will not have to contact the providers after the implementation date.

### **Q:** What do I need to do now to prepare for the conversion to ICD-10?

**A:** Content to come

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