ICD-10 Diagnosis Documentation Tips – General Surgery

**Infections:**
- State first location and type
- Indicate organism if known

**Acute Pancreatitis:**
- Idiopathic, biliary, alcohol-induced, drug-induced, other, unspecified

**Cholecystitis:** Specify location, acuity, and w/ or w/o obstruction
- Calculus of gallbladder, with
  - Acute, chronic or acute on chronic cholecystitis or w/o any
- Calculus of bile duct, with
  - Cholangitis, cholecystitis (acute, chronic or acute on chronic) or without either
- Calculus of gallbladder and bile duct, with
  - Cholecystitis (acute, chronic or acute on chronic) or w/o
- All above: Document also whether obstruction or no obstruction

**Malignant Neoplasm of Esophagus**
- New classification:
  - Upper third, middle third, lower third, *overlapping sites*, or unspecified

**Diabetes Mellitus:**
- No longer controlled, uncontrolled
- New classification:
  - Specify type: Type 1, Type 2, drug or chemical induced, or due to underlying condition
  - Link any manifestations or complications in your documentation
ICD-10 [INPATIENT] Procedural Coding Tips – General Surgery

Characters:
- Section – almost always medical/surgical, don’t need to state
- Body system – should be self-evident from the description
- Root operation – describes the intent of the procedure
  - Resection – removal of all of a body part
  - Excision – removal of a portion of a body part
- Body part – describe with anatomic specificity, laterality if applies
- Approach – open, percutaneous, percutaneous endoscopic, via natural orifice, via natural orifice endoscopic, via natural orifice endoscopic with percutaneous endoscopic assistance
- Device
  - Describe as specifically as possible any device left in the patient
- Qualifier – If diagnostic procedure, state as such

Eponyms: Don’t use them – may not be codeable in ICD-10
- Describe the procedures performed on individual body parts:
  - Example: Whipple Procedure (multiple codeable procedures)
    - Excision head of pancreas
    - Excision distal portion of stomach
    - Excision first and second parts of duodenum
    - Resection (complete removal) common bile duct
    - Resection gallbladder
- Colostomy
  - Definition bypass: altering the route of passage of the contents of a tubular body part
  - Indicate the “from” – descending colon
  - Indicate the “to” - cutaneous