Enhanced Specificity in ICD-10-CM:
- Acute serous otitis media: (new axes of classification): now requires
  - Status: recurrent or not
  - Laterality: R, L, or bilateral

Injury Codes: hierarchical organization
- Injuries to Single Body Regions
  - Injuries to the head S00-S09
    - Superficial S00
      - Nose S00.3
    - Insect bite S00.36
      - Initial encounter S00.36A
- Key documentation component: nature of encounter
  - Initial, subsequent or sequela

Acute Injuries:
- If known, please document the following:
  - Nature of injury [example: fall from tree, initial encounter]
  - Place [example: public park as place of occurrence]
  - Activity [example: climbing, not elsewhere classified]
  - Status [example: leisure activity]

ICD-10 [INPATIENT] Procedural Coding Tips – Otolaryngology

Characters:
- Section – almost always medical/surgical
- Body system – should be self evident from your 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
  ▪ Note: a biopsy is coded as an excision

Body part – describe with anatomic specificity, laterality if applies
  ▪ Right or left lobe of the thyroid

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
  ▪ Example: cochlear prosthesis
    ▪ “Hearing device, bone conduction”
    ▪ “Hearing device, single channel”
    ▪ “Hearing device, multiple channel”
    ▪ “Hearing device, not further specified”

Qualifier – If “diagnostic” procedure, document.

Recommendation: Be sure to describe the procedures performed on individual body parts:
  ▪ Example: Uvulopalatopharyngoplasty
    ▪ Tonsillectomy
    ▪ Uvulectomy
    ▪ Removal portion of soft palate
    ▪ Repair soft palate

Terminology: Be cautious about using eponyms or global terminology
  ▪ Functional Endoscopic Sinus Surgery (FESS)
    ▪ Identify with anatomic specificity sinus(es) addressed
    ▪ Identify specifically the intent of the operation..
      ▪ Resection
      ▪ Excision
      ▪ Drainage