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DIAGNOSIS CODING TIP OF THE WEEK:

When coding to the highest specificity the sequencing of codes is very important. For example Late Effects of a CVA (438) should be the first diagnosis followed by the late effect code. This would only be relevant for late effects that are not listed in a combination code. The code for other paralytic syndrome (438.5*) is one of the codes that should be followed by a code for the type of paralytic syndrome such as locked in state (344.81). The other example would be the diabetic codes with manifestations, these would be listed first then the second code would be the manifestation.