



DIAGNOSIS CODING TIP OF THE WEEK:

When coding Osteoarthritis (715) the 4th and 5th digits are important to determine the subcategory and subclassification of the disease. The 4th digit will specify if the OA is generalized (0), localized-primary (1), secondary (2) or unspecified (3), not generalized (8), or unspecified as to whether generalized or localized (9). The 5th digit will determine the body area (s) affected:

- 0= site unspecified
- 1= shoulder region
- 2= upper arm
- 3= forearm
- 4= hand
- 5= pelvic region and thigh
- 6= lower leg (knee)
- 7= ankle and foot
- 8= other specified sites
- 9= multiple sites