



## **DIAGNOSIS CODING TIP OF THE WEEK:**

When coding contact dermatitis (692.\*) the 4<sup>th</sup> digit specifies what the dermatitis is due to, such as detergents (0), oils and greases (1), solvents (2), drugs and medicines in contact with the skin (3), other chemical products (4), food in contact with the skin (5), plants [except food] (6), solar radiation (7) if using the 4<sup>th</sup> digit of seven you will need a 5<sup>th</sup> digit as well, such as unspecified due to sun (0), sunburn (1), due to solar radiation (2), actinic reticuloid and actinic granuloma (3), other chronic dermatitis due to solar radiation (4), disseminated superficial actinic porokeratosis (5), sunburn of second degree (6), sunburn of third degree (7), and other dermatitis due to solar radiation (9). If using 692.8 you will need a 5<sup>th</sup> digit to specify the cause such as, cosmetics (1), other radiation (2), metals (3), animal dander (4), other (9). Finally if there is no specific cause use 692.9.