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

There are certain combination codes which encompass two diagnoses and do not need any other diagnosis codes. For example when coding COPD with asthma (493.20) you do not need to code COPD (496) since the combination code includes both. Another example would be diabetes with a manifestation such as (250.40) diabetes with a renal manifestation, you would not need to code diabetes (250.00) but you would need to code the manifestation. Last example is late effects of a CVA (438.\*\*\*) just code the late effect, it is not necessary to also code (436) CVA.