



DIAGNOSIS CODING TIP OF THE WEEK:

When coding Diabetes the 4th and 5th digits are very important. The 4th digit specifies if there are any manifestations/complications of the Diabetes and the 5th digit specifies whether or not the Diabetes is Type I or Type II and whether it is uncontrolled or not stated as uncontrolled. A common error is to use the 5th digit of (1) for a patient who is an insulin dependent Type II diabetic. The 5th digit of (1) indicates the patient is a Type I (juvenile type diabetic) who is insulin dependent.

The 5th digits are as follows:

- 0 type II or unspecified type, not stated as uncontrolled-even if patient is insulin dependent
- 1 type I (juvenile type), not stated as uncontrolled
- 2 type II or unspecified type, uncontrolled-even if patient is insulin dependent
- 3 type I (juvenile type), uncontrolled

The 4th digit is important as well and they are as follows:

- 0 diabetes without mention of complication
- 1 diabetes with ketoacidosis
- 2 diabetes with hyperosmolarity
- 3 diabetes with other coma
- 4 diabetes with renal manifestation-use additional code for manifestation
- 5 diabetes with ophthalmic manifestation-use additional code for manifestation
- 6 diabetes with neurological manifestation-use additional code for manifestation
- 7 diabetes with peripheral circulatory disorders-use additional code for manifestation
- 8 diabetes with other specified manifestation-use additional code for manifestation
- 9 diabetes with unspecified complication