



## DIAGNOSIS CODING TIP OF THE WEEK:

Unspecified codes should be used when there is no specific code available or the specific diagnosis is not known at the time of the visit. For instance:

- If insomnia (780.52) is the diagnosis do not use unspecified sleep disorder (780.50) since insomnia has its own code.
- If a patient has a late effect of a CVA (438.\*\*\*) don't use 436 (CVA). Use the codes from the 438 series and if needed an additional code for the late effect.
- If a migraine (346.90) is documented don't use the code for a headache (784.0).
- If a patient has abdominal pain (789.0\*) the fifth digit will describe where the site of the pain is:
  - (0) Unspecified
  - (1) Right upper quadrant
  - (2) Left upper quadrant
  - (3) Right lower quadrant
  - (4) Left lower quadrant
  - (5) Periumbilic
  - (6) Epigastric
  - (7) Generalized
  - (9) Other specified site