



DIAGNOSIS CODING TIP OF THE WEEK:

When coding to the highest specificity the 5th digit is very important. When a patient has pain or arthritis there are specific 5th digits that refer to different body areas. The code range for these specific sub-classifications is 715-719. Here are the 5th digits and the body areas:

- 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