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DIAGNOSIS CODING TIP OF THE WEEK:

When coding a fracture only the initial provider who diagnoses the fracture can code it. All other visits related to the fracture are aftercare visits and the appropriate V code needs to be used depending on the location of the fracture. The V codes start with V54 and require two more digits, the fourth digit for traumatic or pathological fracture and the fifth digit for the actual location of the fracture.