

Dermatology Coding Alert

ICD-10: Spot the Right Acne Dx Code in 2015

ICD-10 will break out an expanded set of codes based on acne type.

Starting Oct. 1, 2015, your dermatologist will be faced with a few more options for coding acne. The ICD-10 codes improve upon ICD-9 by providing more codes based on the specific type of acne.

ICD-9: Currently, the two diagnosis codes for acne are:

- 706.0 □ Acne varioliformis
- 706.1 □ Other acne.

A note under 706.0 explains that it includes acne frontalis and acne necrotica, while a note with 706.1 includes acne conglobata, cystic acne, pustular acne, acne vulgaris, and NOS.

These codes do not include acne rosacea, which is covered by 695.3 (Rosacea). A note with that code explains that it includes erythematosa, rosacea, perioral dermatitis and rhinophyma.

ICD-10: The new diagnosis code system provides these codes for acne conditions:

- L70.0 □ Acne vulgaris
- L70.1 □ Acne conglobata
- L70.2 □ Acne varioliformis
- L70.3 □ Acne tropica
- L70.4 □ Infantile acne
- L70.5 □ Acné excoriée des jeunes filles
- L70.8 □ Other acne
- L70.9 □ Acne, unspecified.

The rosacea codes are similarly expanded to provide codes for these conditions now all covered by 695.3:

- L71.0 □ Perioral dermatitis
- L71.1 □ Rhinophyma
- L71.8 □ Other rosacea
- L71.9 □ Rosacea, unspecified.

In ICD-10, erythema will be described by codes in the L50-L54 (Uticaria and erythema) series.