

## **Pain Management Coding Alert**

## **Reader Question: Remember Fracture History on Osteoporosis Dx**

**Question:** The PM specialist treated a patient with osteoporosis. The patient doesn't have a current pathological fracture, but notes indicate that she did have an osteoporosis fracture of her right foot three years ago that has since healed. What ICD-10 codes should I choose for this patient's condition?

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Answer: You'll need one diagnosis code for the patient's current osteoporosis and another for her fracture history.

**First Dx:** For a primary diagnosis, you'll append one of the following ICD-10 codes for the patient's current osteoporosis:

- M81.0 Age-related osteoporosis without current pathological fracture
- M81.6 Localized osteoporosis (Lequesne)
- M81.8 Other osteoporosis without current pathological fracture.

**Second Dx:** You'll also need Z87.310 (Personal history of (healed) osteoporosis fracture) as a secondary diagnosis. As the instructions below M81.0 instruct coders, you should use an additional code to identify "personal history of (healed) osteoporosis fracture, if applicable."