Cracking the Diagnostic Codes in Dentistry to Achieve Better Health Outcomes

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Welcome		
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Learning Objectives

- Identify key diagnostic codes and corresponding applications used in dentistry.
- Explain the importance of diagnostic codes in improving the quality of care and patient trust within a dental practice.
- Apply diagnostic codes in various dental scenarios to enhance patient outcomes and improve billing accuracy.





Webinar

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Quality Improvement 101

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- 1. Define quality improvement.
- 2. Connect the role of diagnostic coding with monitoring and improving clinical quality.



I Will Cover . . .

- What is quality improvement?
- A little bit on systems
- Measurement for improvement



Definition of Quality Improvement

In health care = systematic efforts to enhance patient outcomes, experiences, and overall effectiveness of health care services.



A Timeline of Quality Improvement in differing fields

Manufacturing			
Agriculture			1920s
US Military	S	1940s —	
Civil Aviation			
Energy	1950s		
Japanese Automotive			
1970s Other Automotive			
Healthcare			
1980s Education			
2000s Dentistry			





Why Is QI Important?





Appreciation of a System

"System" = an interdependent group of items, people, or processes working together for a common purpose







"Every system is perfectly designed to get the results it gets."

- Dr. Paul Batalden

Reducing Variation

"If I had to reduce my message for management to just a few words, I'd say it all had to with reducing variation."

-W. Edwards Deming



W. Edwards Deming (1900-1993)

Creating a Culture of Quality

• Leadership and vision:

"A vision is not just a picture of what could be; it is an appeal to our better selves, a call to become something more." Rosabeth Moss Kanter

- Data is a powerful storyteller. Give it a voice, and let it speak frequently.
- Support good habits.





Three Faces of Performance Measurement

Aspect	Improvement	Accountability	Research
Aim	Improvement of care (efficiency & effectiveness)	Comparison, choice, performance management	New knowledge (efficacy)
Methods			
Test Observability	Tests are observable	No test, evaluate current performance	Test blinded or controlled
Bias	Accept consistent bias	Measure and adjust to reduce bias	Design to eliminate bias
Sample Size	"Just enough" data, small sequential samples	Obtain 100% of available, relevant data	"Just in case" data
Flexibility of Hypothesis	Flexible hypotheses, change as learning takes place	No hypothesis	Fixed hypothesis (null hypothesis)
Testing Strategy	Sequential tests	No tests	One large test
Determining if a change is an improvement	Run charts or Shewhart control charts (statistical process control)	No change focus (maybe compute a percent change or rank order)	Hypothesis, statistical tests (t-test, F-test, chi square, p-values)
Confidentiality of the data	Data used only by those involved with improvement	Data available for public consumption and review	Research subjects' identities protected

Reference: Solberg L, Mosser G, and McDonald S. The Three Faces of Performance Measurement: Improvement, Accountability and Research. *Journal on Quality Improvement* vol. 23, no. 3, (March 1997), 135-147.



Best Practices and Practical Tips





Sources & Helpful Resources

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NNOHA.org

IHI Open School (Partnered with Dental Quality Alliance for a QI CE Course)



The Lean Dentist

Establishing one-piece flow in patient treatment ^{by} Sami Bahri, DDS

Follow the Learner





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Diagnostic Coding



"Classifying Disease to Map the Way We Live and Die" (WHO)

- Maps the human condition from birth to death
- Captures factors influencing health, or external causes of mortality and morbidity
- The basis for almost every decision made in health care today
- Common vocabulary for recording, reporting, and monitoring health problems
- Standardization is the key that unlocks global health data analysis





International Classification of Diseases Over the Years

- 16th-Century England
 - The London Bills of Mortality
- 19th Century
 - Florence Nightingale Crimean War
 - Jacques Bertillon Bertillon Classification of Causes of Death
- 1949 WHO
 - International Statistical Classification of Diseases, Injuries and Causes of Death (ICD-6)
- 1957 ICD-7
- 1968 ICD-8
 - US Public Health Service ICDA-8
- 1979 ICD-9
- 2015 ICD-10



Global Classification System with Broad Applications

- Epidemiology
- Health
 management
- Clinical purposes





The Shift in Dentistry to Using ICD and CDT Codes

CDT Codes

- Procedure codes
- Describe treatment provided (what)
- Primary billing codes in dentistry
- Narrower with less detail
- Letter D and 4 digits (D1110)

ICD-10-CM Codes

- Diagnostic codes
- Describe diagnosis (why)
- Billing codes in medicine and some dental settings
- Broader with more detail
- Letter and 2 numbers for category followed by the Subcategory up to 3 numbers and a letter (K05.322)



The Shift in Dentistry to Using ICD and CDT Codes





Type 2 diabetes melitus (E11.9) Pregnant state, incidental (Z33.1) Tobacco use (Z72.0)



ICD-10 Codes for Oral Health

- Codes should be used to the greatest level of specificity and certainty known for an encounter
- ICD-10 codes related to oral health:
 - Chapter 11: Diseases of the Digestive System (K00-K95)
 - Chapter 13: Diseases of the Musculoskeletal System and Connective Tissue (M00-M99)
 - Chapter 21: Factors influencing health status and contact with health services (Z00-Z99)



K00-K14	Diseases of Oral Cavity, Salivary Glands and Jaws
K00	Disorders of tooth development and eruption
K01	Embedded and impacted teeth
K02	Dental caries
K03	Other diseases of hard tissues of teeth
K04	Diseases of the pulp and periapical tissues
K05	Gingivitis and periodontal diseases
K06	Other disorders of gingiva and edentulous alveolar ridge
K07	Dentofacial anomalies and malocclusions
K08	Other disorders of teeth and supporting structures
К09	Cysts of oral region
K10	Other diseases of the jaw
K11	Diseases of salivary glands
K12	Stomatitis and related lesions
K13	Other diseases of lip and oral mucosa

Oral Health Categories





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K05.3 <mark>12</mark>	Chronic periodontitis, localized, moderate	K02. <mark>52</mark>	Caries on pit and fissure penetrating into dentin
K05.313	Chronic periodontitis, localized, severe	K02.53	Caries on pit and fissure penetrating into pulp
K05.319	Chronic periodontitis, localized, unspecified	K02. <mark>61</mark>	Caries on smooth surface limited to enamel
K05.3 <mark>21</mark>	Chronic periodontitis, generalized, slight	K02. <mark>62</mark>	Caries on smooth surface penetrating into
K05.3 <mark>22</mark>	Chronic periodontitis, generalized, moderate		dentin
K05.3 <mark>23</mark>	Chronic periodontitis, generalized, severe	K02.63	Caries on smooth surface penetrating into pulp
K05.329	Chronic periodontitis, generalized,	K02.3	Caries, arrested
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Diagnostic Codes on Medical and Dental Claims

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ADA 2024 Dental Claim Form



Diagnostic Codes on Medical and Dental Claims

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Diagnostic Codes on Medical and Dental Claims

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CMS 1500 HCFA Claim Form



EDR Documentation

ICD code can be entered:

- as a condition
- automatically linked to CDT code
- as a separate entry





In integrated EHRs dental ICDs becomes part of the patient's problem list

If linked to a CDT code, conditions resolve when treatment is provided

icd10data.com



Source: The Dentrix Blog

Diagnostic Coding Applications to Improve Patient Outcomes



Disease Burden in the Patient Population

Caries in the patient population

Patient with any dental exam CDT code (D0150, D0120, D0145) and ICD code for caries (K02) Periodontal disease in the patient population

Patient with any dental exam CDT code (D0150, D0120) and ICD code for periodontal disease (K05) Periodontal disease in prenatal patients Patient with any dental exam CDT code (D0150, D0120) and ICD codes for periodontal disease (K05) and incidental pregnancy care (Z33.1)



Disease Burden in the Patient Population

Periodontal disease in patients with diabetes

Patient with any dental exam CDT code (D0150, D0120) and ICD codes for periodontal disease (K05) and diabetes (E11.9) Head and neck cancer rates in the patient population Patient with any dental exam CDT code (D0150, D0120) and ICD code for oral cancers (C codes) Edentulism rates in the patient population Patient with any dental exam CDT code (D0150, D0120) and

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Progression and Outcomes

Caries at recall

Patient with dental recall exam CDT code (D0120) and ICD code for caries (K02)

Periodontal status after scaling and root planning

ICD codes for periodontal disease (K05) before and after SRP (D4341, D4342)





Progression and Outcomes

Dental services utilization and

pregnancy outcomes

CDT codes (any D code) and ICD delivery codes

Dental services utilization and diabetes control

CDT codes (any D code) and ICD diabetes codes





Progression and Outcomes

Progression from gingivitis to periodontitis Patient with ICD gingivitis code (K05.0, K05.1) that has an ICD periodontitis code (K05.2, K05.3) at a later date

Defective restorations

Teeth with restorative CDT codes (D2XXX) that have ICD codes for defective restoration at a later date (K08)

Postoperative complications Patients with CDT codes for surgical procedures (D7XXX) followed by ICD codes for postoperative complications (M27.2, S04.3, L76.2, L02.01, K13.7, K08.3, K12.2)



Medical-Dental Integration

- Oral evaluation during pregnancy
- Utilization of services during pregnancy
- Oral evaluation in adults with diabetes
- Utilization of services in adults with diabetes
- Follow-up after ED visits for nontraumatic dental conditions

Dental Quality Alliance





Value-Based Care

- Outcomes/cost
- Evidence
- Risk
- Upstream
- Population





Implementation

- Select list of relevant and feasible ICD-10 codes
- EDR customization: <u>ICD10 list for oral health</u>
 - ICD-10 availability
 - Link ICD to CDT if available
- Once CDT completed, the ICD is resolved
- Build logic to alert missing ICD-10
- Use QI methodology to make ICD recording part of daily work
- Regular reporting





NNOHA Resources

- Simplified list of diagnostic codes
- Use as a cheat sheet for new dentists or students at a health center
- Use as a guide for the health center's IT team
- Developed by the NNOHA Quality Committee

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Diagnostic Codes – Evidence-Based Tool for Continuous Quality Improvement

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Asian Health Services

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- 1974 Founded as a one-room clinic with all-volunteer staff, mostly students from UC Berkeley. The center provided more than 1,500 medical visits in its first year.
- 2003 First state-of the-art dental clinic opens with electronic health record (2nd clinic in CA to do so).
- 2008 First health center to host an AEGD residency in California.
- 2010 Opened the first clinic in state that is co-located on campus of a junior college and a dental assisting program.
- 2014 Started school-based program (3 sites).
- 2016 Launched \$3 million capital campaign to create California's first dental clinic with integrated behavioral health services and 4 specialties.
- 2022 Launched first mobile dental program.
- 2023 Remote Preventive Dental Program
- 2024 Expanding to southern part of Alameda county, AAAHC accreditation.

eQuest 2025–2026 - AEGD Residency

What Are Diagnostic Codes?

- Computer-readable descriptors of patients' conditions used in patient's records
- Uniquely identify the diagnoses or conditions identified at examinations
- Allow dentists to describe the types and range of conditions (stratifications)
- Enhance communication between providers and insurance plans and with patients
- Allow tracking clinical outcomes and monitoring clinical practices
- System-wide use of the codes provides consistent and standardized information
- Implications in public health:
 - Provides helpful data in understanding the oral health of patient population, demonstrate improvements in oral health, track best practices, and identify and monitor the progress of high-need groups
 - Allow easier analysis of the evidence available on the oral health and oral health care of patient population, thereby enhancing the ability to continuously improve patient care
- Considered as one universal language!
- Reference: https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/12119089/





Available Coding Systems

- International Classification of Diseases ICD - most popular for insurance plans
 - ICD-10 Procedure Coding System (ICD-10-PCS): used in hospitals, developed and used by CMS
 - ICD-10 Clinical Modification (ICD-CM): used by providers in health care settings, codes for diagnoses, developed and maintained by CDC, National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS)
- HCPCS Codes: Medical, part of Current Procedural Terminology (CPT), Level I maintained by AMA, Level II established and maintained by CMS

SNOWMED/SNODENT (Systemized Nomenclature of Dentistry) - ADA owned

Examples:

- 1. Dental caries
- Identifier: 118065D
- 2. Sensitive Dentin
- Identifier: 135048D

***DDS codes (formerly known as EZ Codes) -

used in dental schools, very granular, more for educational environment - Dental Diagnostic Terminology for the Electronic Health Record developed by Elsbeth Kalenderian, DDS, MPH, Harvard and other collaborators





International Classification of Diseases-ICD-CM

- International Classification of Diseases and International Classification of Diseases - Clinical Modification (ICD-CM): code and classify diseases and health conditions that are recorded on health records and vital statistics
 - Used in health care for epidemiologic purposes to monitor incidence, prevalence, morbidity, and mortality statistics for disease conditions in an internationally standardized manner
 - To capture and retrieve clinical procedural information, for health management and reimbursement purposes, and to provide information that can help with resource allocation decisions
 - Federal mandate by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) for all entities covered by the Health Insurance Portability Accountability Act (HIPAA) in an effort to provide a greater level of diagnostic detail, thereby, ultimately leading to improved diagnostic quality and accuracy for reimbursements (2015)





The Time Is Now!

- Diagnosis codes are part of efforts in health care to use data to make the system become more cost-effective.
- "They're coming," says Dr. Smiley, past chairman of the ADA Council on Dental Benefit Programs (Grand Rapids, MI). "It behooves dentists and dental office billing staffers to become familiar with them."
- The ADA now includes both dental- and medical-related ICD-10 codes in its Code on Dental Procedures and Nomenclature (CDT Code) book. Dental schools have included the use of ICD-10 codes in their curricula to prepare graduating dentists for their use in practice.
- CDT manual Section 3: contains a subset of some 750 ICD codes that are likely to be most relevant to the patient conditions in dentistry.
- Using data to drive clinical decisions at the clinician's level.





Prepare for the Change

Diagnostic coding requirements are becoming more mainstream, and they could affect your practice in near future.

- October 1, 2015: Prior to the introduction of ICD-10-CM, dentists only reported a diagnosis code when submitting a medical claim; for outpatient treatment, only need CDT codes.
- Growing trend toward requiring dentists to report diagnoses codes on dental claims
- Reference: <u>https://magazine.dentrix.com/how-does-icd-10-cm-affect-you/</u>





Financial Advancements

Justified increased frequency of medically necessary services

Oral-systemic connection. Identifying the presence of chronic medical illnesses can help justify increasing the frequency of dental health services.

Expansion of dental benefits coverage

Medicare: definitive evidence of the oral-systemic connection could help in adding much-needed dental benefits to Medicare Part B

Reduced authorization requirements

- Ease the administrative burden on dentists and their staff, as ICD-10 codes will be used to report the medical necessity indication for selected services that previously required authorization and dental record review.
- ICD-10 diagnosis codes could be submitted on an ADA Dental Claim Form to justify medical necessity without the need for additional review of x-rays, treatment plans, etc., leads to less staff time than submitting these additional documents.

https://www.drbicuspid.com/dental-practice/office-management/insurance/article/15377014/thewoluo and-use-of-diagnosis-codes-in-the-dental-practice





Financial Advancements (cont.)

- They could reduce the need to file an appeal: payers ask for information about why a service was needed.
- They could protect you by documenting patients' status. Coding "could potentially provide private practitioners with beneficial information about the overall health status of patients in their practice."
- They could garner some patients an enhanced level of benefits. For patients with specific medical diagnoses, some dental plans provide added benefits.
- They're no longer the future. Dr. Smiley (ADA): "A dental office is going to be able to better serve the future needs of its patients (and get paid doing it) if it knows how to appropriately apply diagnosis coding with their claims submissions. The time to learn is now!"
- If you do sedation services, outpatient or in hospital, you are required to use ICD-10 codes for reimbursement by medical and dental insurance
- "Make sure the doctor's notes support the diagnosis code you choose."
- Reference: https://www.ada.org/-/media/project/ada-organization/ada/ada-org/files/resources/research/dqa/dqa-conference/jurkovich_quality_measurement_through_coding.pdf?rev=b3d32ac89fb84707b6d18f03ee6ed5
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Impact on Quality Improvement

- Outcomes for specific diagnosis, not necessarily procedures, can be documented.
- A tool to help better understand best care for individuals and populations.
- Quality improvement: Improved recordkeeping, documentation, and information exchange.
 - Improved treatment efficiency.
 - Improved patient outcomes and compliance.
 - Decision support and improved risk assessment tools.
 - Ability to understand medical-dental integration and where to apply it to improve care.
 - Ability to broaden our learnings well beyond individual (dental) schools and current CE approaches, including the use of AI
- Performance Monitoring: allows practices to evaluate and monitor providers' services and resource utilization, analyze health care costs, monitor outcomes, and measure performance.
- Improved Quality in Clinical Documentation: The ICD-10 coding system is very dependent on clinical documentation, thus improves the quality of clinical documentation
- https://www.flatworldsolutions.com/healthcare/articles/icd-10-implementation-benefits.php





Challenges

- Dentistry is not familiar with diagnostic codes.
- Current reimbursements are based on CDT (Current Dental Terminology) and not diagnostic code.
- Limited education, limited evidence, limited decision support, thus less value seen by clinicians.
- Training in the use of diagnostic coding is limited.
- Lack of familiarity.
- Limited codes for dentistry, thus limited specificity (only about 750-900, compared to about 72,000 medical codes).
- Limited documentation for risk assessment or for providing rationale for diagnostic and preventive care.
- Limited ability to relate oral and overall health when compared with other terminologies.
- Possibly limited capabilities when there are multiple dental/medical morbidities and contributing factors.





Dental Conditions/Status

- ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code K08.531, K08.539
 - Fractured dental restorative material with loss of material
 - Fractured dental restorative material

ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code Z98.810

- Dental sealant status
- History of dental sealant

ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code K02.9

- Dental caries, unspecified
- Caries of infancy associated with bottle feeding; Dental caries; Dental caries due to radiation; Dental caries of infancy from bottle feeding; Radiation induced dental caries
- <u>Z98.811</u> Dental restoration status; applicable to
 - Dental crown status
 - Dental fillings status

ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code M26.20

- Unspecified anomaly of dental arch relationship
- Anomaly of dental arch; Dental arch anomaly

ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code Z98.811

- Dental restoration status
- Dental crown status; Dental fillings status

ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code M27.69

- Other endosseous dental implant failure
- Endosseous failure of dental implant; Dental implant failure NOS





ICD-10 CM Clinical Decisions

K02 Dental Caries

- K02.5 Dental caries on pit and fissure surface (chewing surface of tooth)
 - K02.51 Dental caries on pit and fissure surface limited to enamel - justification for fluoride/sealants (CAMBRA)
 - K02.52 Dental caries on pit and fissure surface penetrated into dentin - fillings
 - \geq K02.53 Dental caries on pit and fissure surface penetrated into pulp- root canal, direct pulp cap
- K02.6 Dental caries on smooth surface (Includes caries of dentine dental cavities, early childhood caries, pre-eruptive caries, recurrent caries, dentino-enamel junction, enamel, to the pulp), general tooth decay
 - K02.61 Dental caries on smooth surface limited to enamel - fluoride varnish
 - K02.62 Dental caries on smooth surface penetrating \geq into dentin - restoration
 - K02.63 Dental caries on smooth surface penetrating into pulp - direct pulp cap, root canal

Other Caries

- K02.3 Arrested dental caries monitor
- K02.7 Dental root caries SDF if not extraction

White Spot:

- white spot on chewing surface K02.51 Sealants
- pit and fissure surface K02.51 Sealants
- smooth surface K02.61 Fluoride varnish





Periodontal-Clinical Decisions

K06 Periodontal disease, unspecified, other disorders of gingiva and edentulous alveolar ridge

- K06.0 Gingival recession
- K06.01 Gingival recession, localized
- K06.010 Localized gingival recession, unspecified
- K06.011 Localized gingival recession, minimal
- KØ6.012 Localized gingival recession, moderate grafting
- K06.013 Localized gingival recession, severe grafting
- K06.02 Gingival recession, generalized
- K06.020 Generalized gingival recession, unspecified
- K06.021 Generalized gingival recession, minimal

K05.3 - Periodontal disease, localized

- K05.312 localized, moderate sub-gingival curettage and root planning (SRP)
- K05.313 localized, severe extraction
- K05.319 localized, unspecified severity- <u>different</u> treatment modalities, chemical-assisted treatment?

K05.32 Chronic periodontitis, generalized

- K05.321 generalized, slight
- K05.322 generalized, moderate
- K05.323 generalized, severe
- K05.329 generalized, unspecified severity
- <u>K05.4</u> periodontosis (not used much anymore replaced with periodontal disease, applies for young patients)
- K05.5 other periodontal diseases





Quality Improvement

Audits

Section 2 of the Medically Necessary Dental Care Act of 2011 states that dental services are "medically necessary"

Insurance requirements

HIPPA compliance





Value-Based Payment System

- Insurance plans are rolling out paying plan for better health care outcomes (P4P, already happening with medical).
- Value-based model: incentive for better health status of your patient population.
- ICD-10 codes impact insurance payments.
 - Quality improvement aims to reduce the risk of adverse events, including medical errors, injuries, and infections.
 - Implementing quality improvement initiatives, health care organizations can create a secure environment for patients and ensure that they receive the highest quality of care





Medical-Dental Integration

- 2024 ICD-10-CM Diagnosis
 Code M35.00 Sjögren
 syndrome, unspecified
- 2024 ICD-10-CM Diagnosis
 Code M35.0C Sjögren
 syndrome with dental
 involvement

2024 ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code

- E11.63 Type 2 diabetes mellitus with oral complications
- E11.630 Type 2 diabetes mellitus with periodontal disease
- E11.638 Type 2 diabetes mellitus with other oral complications
- O26.89 (90) Pregnancy-related conditions, unspecified, unspecified trimester





EDR Set	t-Up	Edit or Delete Procedure X Operator: HLE Encounter #:
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In Summary, Diagnostic Codes Can

- Help to identify clinical validation denials and coding disputes and why they occur.
- Provide supporting evidence of the condition.
- Resolve conflicting provider opinions that are not addressed.
- Assist with case reviews of your top 5 10 denial categories and analyze these claims for patterns with certain diagnoses.
- Query providers when diagnostic statements are not clearly supported with clinical evidence.
- Develop provider education opportunities for stronger evidence of the billed diagnoses.







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