



## **ICD-10 Diagnosis Documentation Tips – Dermatology**

### **Elements of Code Expansion in ICD-10:**

- ❖ Pathophysiologic specificity
  - Example: ICD-9 code for carbuncle and furuncle of trunk now subdivided into abscess, carbuncle, furuncle, cellulitis, acute lymphangitis, etc.
  - Example: ICD-9 code for impetigo, now subdivided into bullous, non-bullous, Bockhart's, other, impetiginization of other dermatoses, etc.
  - Example: ICD-9 code for acute dermatitis due to solar radiation, now subdivided into drug phototoxic, drug photoallergenic, photocontact dermatitis (berloque dermatitis), solar urticaria
- ❖ Anatomic specificity
  - Rather than just "trunk," now specificity for abdominal wall, back, chest wall, groin, perineum, umbilicus

### **Pressure Ulcers:**

- ❖ Document anatomic location, laterality & stage – all included in one code

### **Malignant Melanoma of Skin:**

- ❖ In addition to more anatomic specificity, be sure to include whether malignant melanoma or melanoma in situ & **LATERALITY**

### **Diabetes Mellitus:**

- ❖ No longer controlled, uncontrolled
- ❖ New classification:
  - Specify type: Type 1, Type 2, drug or chemical induced, or due to underlying condition
  - Link any manifestations or complications in the documentation