



how do ICD, CPT and DSM interact? (9.9.15) (Trouble viewing this email? [Click here](#))

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CPT, or Current Procedural Terminology, codes are put out by the American Medical Association (AMA), and describe the action taken from a visit or treatment provided, such as 90837: psychotherapy, 60 minutes, with patient and/or family member. **The critical relationship between an ICD code and a CPT code is that the diagnosis supports the medical necessity of the treatment.**

Both DSM and ICD codes are used for diagnosis, and they are actually the same codes: the DSM is simply a guide to picking the right ICD code. DSM-IV guided providers to the appropriate ICD-9 code(s), and DSM-5 directs you to both the applicable ICD-9 and ICD-10 codes. This is because DSM-5 was published in May 2013 and went into effect on 1/1/14, meaning that it straddles the upcoming ICD transition period in which the entire medical community will upgrade from ICD-9 to ICD-10 codes.

“The structure and coding for the mental and behavioral disorders classification of ICD-10 are different from those of ICD-9 and the DSM-IV. It is also important to note that certain diagnostic criteria will be revised and updated in DSM-5, in addition to the change of the actual diagnostic code set of ICD-10.”

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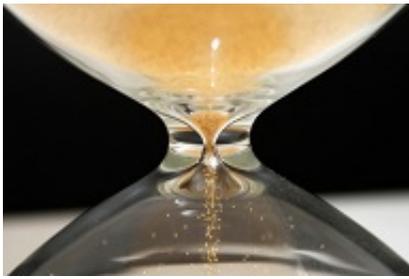


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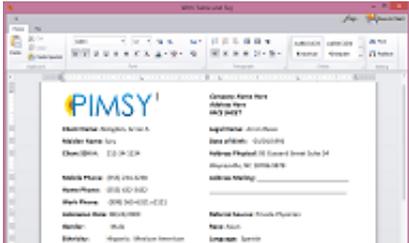


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