Alleviating Pain Associated with Coding Neoplasm-Related Admissions: Part 1

On first review of the ICD-10-CM Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting, it can seem impossible to keep straight when neoplasm can be the principal diagnosis. There seem to be so many specific rules, so many ifs and whens.

In this article, we’ll explore some Chapter 2 guidelines that highlight when neoplasm meets the definition of principal diagnosis.

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