

MORNING CMO REPORT

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Pleural pH Measured by a Blood Gas Analyzer [Applies to Downtown Physicians](#)

Pleural pH
Informational

The Core Laboratory at Upstate University Downtown Campus will measure pleural pH by a blood gas analyzer starting on September 22, 2015. This replaces the current method of a handheld pH meter. This new method significantly improves the accuracy of the measurement.

The method provides a more accurate estimate of the pH, as it is performed under anaerobic conditions.

SPECIMEN: The pleural fluid should be drawn *anaerobically* in a heparinized syringe and transported on ice or room temperature, within one (1) hour.

Minimal volume: 2 mL

TAT: (Similar to blood bases) 30 minutes, Performed 24/7

Any questions or concerns should be directed to Katalin Banki, MD, Associate Professor of Pathology, at 464-6790.

Celebrate CDI Week September 14-18, 2015

[Applies to All Physicians](#)

CDI Week
Informational

Clinical Documentation Improvement Specialists are a resource for you!

What is a clinical Documentation Improvement Specialist (CDIS)?

CDIS at Upstate are RN's with experience in varied disciplines. They help translate and bridge the gap between CMS (Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services) technical coding terminology and the clinical language physicians use to describe the patient's condition. The most important trait of a CDI specialist is clinical knowledge since they decipher complex medical records and need to be able to recognize treatments and diagnoses that may not be clearly documented.

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CDI Goals:

- Accurately reflect the *Severity of Illness* with direct correlation to *Risk of Mortality* to improve physician and hospital profiles, increase case mix index and appreciate maximum *reimbursement* for resource utilization
- CDI specialists review patient medical records concurrently and assess whether all conditions and treatments are documented. When the documentation is ambiguous or conflicting, or too vague
- CDI specialists query physicians to provide clarification, further specificity or assignment of POA required for accurate coding.

ICD-10

Applies to All Physicians

ICD-10
Informational

Currently the CDI team is focusing on ICD-10 in preparation for the start date of Oct 1. For ICD-10 Tips, documentation tips or to contact us please visit our home page under the healthcare provider link:

<http://www.upstate.edu/ihospital/intra/cdi/index.php>

Watch the ICD-10 you tube video via the link provided for a streamlined overview of ICD 10.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8GldCLPZvMI&index=9&list=PLw4-yeXdND_pd1Jp_TZmjJb_Wm-ncFQtG

Dr. Glidden/CDI Staff will be presenting education for ICD-10 on the following dates and times:

9/09/15	0700	2231 WSK	Surgery ICD-10 Education
9/09/15	1100	Alumni Auditorium	Neurosurgery ICD-10 Education
9/10/15	1200	Dining Rm 1&2 Community	Medicine Hospitalists
9/22/15	1200	Jacobsen Hall Rm 810	Neurology

These are drop-in sessions, open to all medical staff/residents. Please consider making time to attend.

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Deficiencies

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As we move closer to ICD10 (Oct 1st) it is imperative that providers complete all notes and reports prior to go live. The changeover from ICD9 to ICD10 will initially slow the coders workflow, so we will need to ensure that we are up to date with all analysis and coding. Please help us make this a smooth transition by completing all work promptly.

CDS will be monitoring deficiency lists closely and will be contacting anyone with outstanding work to ensure that there is no back log for Oct. 1st.

Outstanding Physician Comments

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Comments
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Each week we receive written comments from our patients regarding the care we provide within the Hospital. Below are this week's comments from grateful patients receiving care on the units and clinics at Upstate:

Emergency Dept @ Community– I had Dr. Mangano and he was amazing, extremely thorough and explained everything.

Inpatient @ Community – Dr. Simon was wonderful as always and so where his nurses during surgery.

Dr. Lam provided compassionate, thorough outstanding care.

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