

ICD-10 Coding Tip

Ebola

In an effort to aid Health Information Management Coding and Medical Billing Professionals with ICD-10, the following training tip is provided with an educational intent.

- Ebola hemorrhagic fever (Ebola HF) is one of numerous Viral Hemorrhagic Fevers
- It is severe, often fatal in humans with a mortality rate estimated at 60-90%
- There are several ways of transmission: direct contact with blood or secretions of an infected person OR exposure to contaminated objects, e.g., needles
- Symptoms are delayed and appear anywhere from 2-21 days after exposure
- During outbreaks of Ebola HF, the disease can spread quickly within health care settings

- Monitoring and tracking the deadly virus is paramount to containment of the virus

How do we track Ebola cases? In ICD-9-CM, the answer is not very easily. According to the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, the ICD-9-CM code for Ebola is:

078.89, Other specified disease due to viruses

In ICD-10, Ebola is classified to:

A98.4, Ebola virus disease



Coding Clinic is the official resource and authority for ICD-10 coding rules and conventions.

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