

# Anemia Associated with Malignancy

In an effort to aid Health Information Management Coding Professionals for ICD-10, the following coding tip is provided with an educational intent.

Sequencing rules are different in ICD-10 than in ICD-9 for anemia associated with malignancy. ICD-10 requires the malignancy, rather than the anemia, to be sequenced first.

### ICD-9-CM Official Coding Guidelines

#### **Anemia associated with malignancy**

When admission/encounter is for management of an anemia associated with the malignancy, and the treatment is only for anemia, **the appropriate anemia code (such as code 285.22, Anemia in neoplastic disease) is designated as the principal diagnosis** and is followed by the appropriate code(s) for the malignancy.

### ICD-10-CM Official Coding Guidelines

#### **Anemia associated with malignancy**

When admission/encounter is for management of an anemia associated with malignancy, and the treatment is only for anemia, **the appropriate code for the malignancy is sequenced as the principal or first-listed diagnosis** followed by the appropriate code for the anemia (such as code D63.0, Anemia in neoplastic disease).