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Radiology Code Update for 2020

A mini overhaul of the gastrointestinal system codes removed the confusing language of “with or without KUB” and now specifies that a scout film is included when performed. The codes in this section are now based on whether single or double contrast was used. [Learn More »](#)

Acupuncture for Chronic Low Back Pain Covered Under Medicare

Chronic low back pain (cLBP) is traditionally treated with both pharmacologic (opioids) and non-pharmacologic (therapy) medicine. Acupuncture has long been considered by some a safer, more effective alternative to conventional therapies. Last year, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) opened a national coverage analysis (NCA) on the benefits of acupuncture for managing cLBP. [Learn More »](#)

New Diagnosis Code Released for Vaping-Related Disorder

A new ICD-10-CM code for reporting vaping-related disorders has been created. This new code and updated guidance supersedes previous vaping coding guidance released in October 2019. ICD-10-CM code U07.0 Vaping-related disorder is effective April 1, 2020. [Learn More »](#)

New Patient E/M Denials: Mystery Solved

New patient evaluation and management (E/M) claims are being denied when the patient was previously seen by a specialty physician assistant or specialty nurse practitioner on staff. This is happening when another provider of a different specialty in the same multi-specialty group sees the patient for the first time and bills a new patient E/M service. [Learn More »](#)



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