

# **Compliance Newsletter**

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Personal Respiratory Safety with EVMS Environmental Health and Safety

#### **Compliance Hotline**

#### Type:

http://157.21.29.163/Compliance/and click on Hotline.

EVMS Medical Group Compliance concerns may also be sent to the EVMS Medical Group Compliance Office via phone, mail or e-mail.

# Reporting Communicable Diseases to the Health Department and Accounting of Disclosures

Virginia law requires providers to report health conditions to include certain infectious diseases to the local health department. An example of the Virginia Department of Health form may be found at the following link:

#### VDH Reportable Disease Form

While we are required to submit this form to VDH if a reportable disease is diagnosed, the form does NOT need to be scanned into the EHR. A record of the patient's diagnosis should already be available in the chart so there is no need to scan. With that said, a report to VDH is required to be entered on a patient's Accounting of Disclosure log. Entries on the Accounting of Disclosure Log may be added within the Note feature of the EHR by selecting "Note", "Unstructured" using note type "Disclosure Log". For detailed directions please contact the Compliance Office or the Help Desk for assistance.

# ICD-10 Updates

Last month's Compliance Lunch Discussion topic included the 2019 ICD-10 code updates. This year's release includes 279 new codes, 143 revised codes and 51 deleted codes. If you were not able to attend the session you should take time to review the changes that apply to your practice. Chapters with the most changes are as follows:

- Chapter 2: Neoplasms all 45 new codes in this chapter are related to the upper/lower eyelids right or left eye.
- Chapter 7: Diseases of the Eye and Adnexa now specify upper or lower lids.

#### **Contact Us**

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#### **Link to Policies & Forms:**

http://www.evms.edu/patient\_care/compliance\_program/

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Send an email to browerl@evms.edu to request to be added to the EVMS Medical Group Compliance "Listserv". Once you are subscribed, you will receive newsletters, information and training opportunity announcements directly.

- Chapter 11: Diseases of the Digestive System 15 new codes some demonstrating a breakout of generalized versus localized peritonitis in association with acute appendicitis – additionally five deleted codes and one revised.
- Chapter 14: Diseases of the Genitourinary System 17 new codes related to urethral strictures to further specify anatomy, underlying cause and patient gender plus two deleted codes and one revised.
- Chapter 15: Pregnancy, Childbirth and the Puerperium 18 new codes covering triplets, quadruplets and other specified multiple gestations.
- Chapter 16: Certain Conditions Originating in the Perinatal Period – 25 new codes dealing with newborn complications related to maternal drug use, metabolic disorders in the newborn and newborns affected by the Zika Virus – 5 deleted codes to be replaced with more specific new codes.
- Chapter 19: Injury, Poisoning, and Certain Other
  Consequences of External Causes 54 new codes, 3 deleted and 87 revised.

New code books were received the first week of October and should now be available in your practices. Since these codes went into effect on October 1<sup>st</sup> please make sure you are aware of applicable changes and have made updates to favorites lists, etc.

## e-PHI Security Tip

When sending an email it is important to verify the list of recipients if PHI is contained in the message or as an attachment. Recipients outside of the EVMS network should not receive unencrypted transmissions of PHI which could constitute a breach of patient information.

### Lunch Discussion Session November

**Topic:** EVMS Respiratory Protection Program

**Who Should Attend**: Those interested in hearing the what, why, and how of personal respiratory safety and equipment from EVMS Environmental Health and Safety.

#### **Date and Location:**

Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 12-1:00 pm in HH 758

Please RSVP to Laura Brower at browerl@evms.edu or 451-6202 and feel free to bring your lunch!