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Voice, Resonance, and Stuttering Disorders ICD-9-CM Recommendations

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Proposal for Changes to ICD-9-CM

- ▶ Chapter 16: Symptoms, Signs, and Ill-Defined Conditions (780-799)
 - ▶ (784) Symptoms involving head and neck
 - ▶ ***784.4 Voice Disturbance***

Current Listing in ICD-9-CM

784.4 Voice disturbances

704.40 Voice disturbance, unspecified

784.41 Aphonia, loss of voice

784.49 Other

Change in voice Hypernasality

Dysphonia Hyponasality

Hoarseness

Voice Disturbance vs. Resonance Disorder

Voice Disturbance

- ▶ Disorder of phonation
 - ▶ Known as “Dysphonia”
- ▶ Symptom of laryngeal disorder
 - ▶ Affects structure and/or function of *larynx*
- ▶ Examples: nodules, polyps, GERD, laryngeal cancer, vocal cord paralysis

Resonance Disorder

- ▶ Disorder of resonance and nasal air flow
- ▶ Symptom of velopharyngeal dysfunction
 - ▶ Affects structure and/or function of *oral cavity, nasal airway, and/or the velopharyngeal port*
- ▶ Examples: cleft palate, submucous cleft, hypertrophied adenoids

Resonance Disorders

- ▶ Hyponasality – diminished nasality
- ▶ Hypernasality – excessive nasality

Why Revise the Code?

- ▶ Dysphonia is a disorder of phonation
- ▶ Dysphonia is *distinct* and *separate* from a disorder of resonance and nasal air flow
- ▶ Evaluation techniques and management strategies are different for disorders of phonation versus resonance

Benefits of the New Codes

- ▶ Clarifies and specifies the disorder
- ▶ Provides a more definitive diagnosis
- ▶ Improves communication between disciplines
- ▶ Facilitates efficient treatment planning

Proposed Changes to 784.4

- 784.4 Voice and resonance disorders
 - 784.40 Voice disorder, unspecified
 - 784.41 Aphonia
 - 784.42 Dysphonia
 - Hoarseness
 - 784.43 Hypernasality
 - 784.44 Hyponasality
 - 784.49 Other voice and resonance disorders

By the Way...

Current ICD-10-CM (July 2007)

R49 Voice disturbances

Excludes1: psychogenic voice disturbance (F44.4)

R49.0 Dysphonia

Hoarseness

R49.1 Aphonia

Loss of voice

R49.2 Hypernasality and Hyponasality

R49.21 Hypernasality

R49.22 Hyponasality

R49.8 Other voice disturbances

R49.9 Unspecified voice disturbances

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