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
      Dysphonia
      Hoarseness
      Hypernasality
      Hyponasality
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

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784.41 Aphonia
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    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

   Change in voice NOS