

# coding notes...



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## ★ New Guideline ★

**Use of normal delivery code 650 if there has been an Antepartum condition.**

This ruling has been changed in accordance with the AHA Coding Clinic revised guideline:

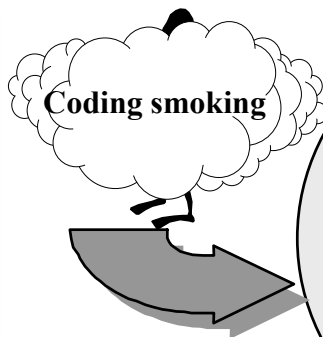
Code 650 may be used if the patient had a complication at some point during her pregnancy but the complication is not present at the time of the admission for delivery. (AHA CC 4Q 1995 p28)

This supersedes previous guideline as stated on p117 Orange Training Manual:

### •Delivery in a completely normal Case

- No complication that occurred at any time during that pregnancy is mentioned even though it may have been resolved prior to delivery.

*Please delete this phrase and code according to the above mentioned revised ruling on discharges from 1.1.98*



### ✍ Coding Clarification

Please code current smoker (305.1) or history of smoking (V15.82) where possible and when the discharge summary and clinical notes refer to the smoking. This information is important and regularly used.

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#### Dislocated Hip replacements:

After extensive discussion and research both with coders here in Ireland and overseas the following guidelines should clarify the situation. A dislocated hip replacement would be coded to 996.4 (Mechanical complication of internal orthopedic device, implant, and graft). The reduction, if done as a closed procedure, would be coded as 79.75 (Closed reduction of dislocated hip) since the prosthesis has taken the place of the original joint. The only way one would code a revision is if the surgeon had to replace a portion of the prosthesis in order to correct the dislocation. The length of stay can be a good indicator here as true revisions of hip replacements will lead to a stay of over a week. Consult with the physician if in doubt about assigning the 81.53 code.

### ✍ Coding clarification

#### M.R.S.A.

Methycillin Resistance  
Staphylococcus Aureus

When this infection is present code as

041.11 & V09.0

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#### Post Op Complications E-codes:

For Post-Operative complications please use E878-E879 to identify type of procedure causing reaction.

