



Morbidity coding in Brazil

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Morbidity Coding in Brazil



- Performed for all medical assistance (inpatients and ambulatory) routinely for Health Public System
- In hospitals they are double coded - in the financial sector and in the statistics one
- Data are collected mainly for reimbursement (sometime there are two completely different audience in the training courses)
- Monthly CD ROM are distributed on data for inpatient and outpatient assistance (and high complexity procedure)
- There are about 11- 13 million discharges a year





- Most Coders are trained at work
- Some big hospital - School Hospitals from the States of the South and Southeast regions have trained coders
- Those know the rules. Others use the information on the discharge form.
- Brazil has a classification for procedures -always aimed to reimbursement. There are a new one supported by the Medical Council but not completely implemented yet.



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- The discharge sheet is not the same for all hospitals
- Morbidity Division in the Ministry of Health is separate from the mortality
- We train coders but we do not have a close relation with the Morbidity division
- We have only face to face training ..yet
- There is no career for coders in Brazil so the morbidity coders change a lot (=rotativity?)

