

ICD-10 Update

From software to support, we've got you covered.

We've been planning and preparing for years in anticipation of ICD-10, by providing fully compliant software since 2010. Customers love our [ICD-10 Resource Center and routine webinars](#), which guide them through the necessary steps of preparedness. And once they're LIVE, we will help ensure our customers are coding accurately through new integration with Intelligent Medical Objects (IMO®), which provides clinicians with seamless mapping of patient problems to standard nomenclature, including ICD-10 codes.

The most recent additions to our resources include a [downloadable file](#) and related instructions for uploading ICD-10 diagnosis and procedure codes. "It's now easier for our customers to load the ICD-10 codes into TEST for training and practice prior to the 2014 implementation date," says Lynne Graeber, client services manager and MEDITECH's point person for ICD-10 customer outreach efforts.

Our ICD-10 Resource Center also provides easy access to answers you may be looking for, including: "is our current software compliant?" or "what changes have been made to accommodate the new codes and their added specificity?" To answer the first of those questions, we've provided the following table:

MEDITECH	
Platform / Release / Priority Pack	
MAGIC 5.64	PP6
Client/Server 5.64	PP21
Client/Server 5.65	PP5
6.0 or 6.05	

Software Changes

Over the past several years, our programmers have worked on incorporating changes into the software that accommodate the longer codes that make up the ICD-10 code set. Additional modifications allow for dual coding and improved coding efficiency. We continue to monitor the progress of changes required by other vendors (e.g. encoders)--including 3M, Quadramed, and Hanys--which are commonly used in concert with MEDITECH's Abstracting.

A Seamless Transition with IMO

Collaboration between Intelligent Medical Objects (IMO®) and MEDITECH provides mapping of diagnostic terminologies to medical concepts. Clinicians can enter a diagnosis for a patient

using the same descriptive language they would use in conversation with the patient or a colleague, and the EHR retrieves the appropriate ICD-10 code. There is no need to recall ICD-10 codes when documenting.

The benefits to the clinician are readily apparent, and these benefits extend to the coders completing patient visit records. For the coder, much of the back-and-forth communication currently required to clarify incomplete or confusing documentation is eliminated by MEDITECH's integration with IMO. Questions regarding the more granular aspects of diagnosis codes (e.g. laterality) are triggered and answered during documentation. The result is a more efficient system that results in more accurate coding and a shorter revenue cycle.

Key Benefits of using IMO with MEDITECH:
Use of familiar medical terms reduces search time
Assignment of precise diagnostic codes improves charge capture
Accurate data is captured at the point of care

Searching for codes via text is more efficient with the addition of IMO integration and the problem list enhancements in release 5.66. Additionally, ICD-10 codes for diagnoses entered in Abstracting auto-populate the "Past Problems" tab, making them easy to reference during subsequent patient visits.

Moving Ahead

Each month, MEDITECH offers ICD-10 education sessions via Webex. Upcoming sessions will include changes made in our 5.66 release to expand the existing dual coding functionality. In addition, MEDITECH and IMO are providing joint webinars. During these sessions, customers will learn:

- why standard nomenclature is so important
- how this nomenclature is embedded into your EHR
- the benefits of integrating IMO's robust problem list database within our problem list routines
- an overview of the extraction/mapping process and how to prepare.

Upcoming Joint MEDITECH-IMO Webinars
MAGIC:
Thursday, March 14, 2013 at 2pm (EST)
Thursday, April 18, 2013 at 2pm (EST)

Client/Server:
Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at 1pm (EST)
Tuesday, April 16, 2013 at 1pm (EST)
6.0:
Wednesday, March 13, 2013 at 2pm (EST)
Wednesday, April 17, 2013 at 2pm (EST)
<i>Additional dates will be scheduled for 2013.</i>