

## Figure 1

### Quotes on Transitioning to ICD-10-CM/PCS

“My number one concern is *the increased specificity of the codes* especially with respect to laterality (right/left) and sequelae/specific details of conditions like stroke will have a major impact on my field of medicine because the level of detail physicians now will need to document is significantly increased.”

“Articles on ICD-10 are fear-based. I try not to go there and do what I am doing.”

“My observation is ICD-10 is scary for most people.”

“We have regular departmental meetings for ICD-10 in the hospital.”

“For primary care physicians, injury areas like sprains and strains are the same. Fractures will be very different, change in mental codes is not that bad, and OB codes are different. In general, it will be different across medical subspecialties.”

“My knee-jerk reaction is that I don’t want these people [HIM] in my life! But that is foolish and it would be helpful to have a training session at least; what changes are all about; upgrade what we are already doing and transitioning us to ICD-10.”

“We try to compare 9 and 10 to begin the conversion; we looked at most commonly used codes across the region; 1,000 physicians, with 8–9 thousand visits per day and pulled our data and looked at it and when you look at the most commonly used codes, only 6 percent of the codes are not mapped to ICD-10. For orthopedics, 15 percent did not map to ICD-10 and the reason they did not map was because of laterality.”

“Most of the stuff will not affect us directly because we don’t do our own coding. They don’t direct us in how to code. I learned to code at residency. Coding doesn’t affect us as physicians directly.”

“It helps us since most of our patients are complex and we have not been able in the past to put the complexity into it. For OB [obstetrics] codes it will help us because when we deal with high-risk OB, which is my area, we can include more than four diagnoses and for our high-risk OB this will be very helpful.”

“I think ICD-10 coding is a good thing. Originally, I was upset because it will more than double the amount of coding but for benefits I am for them.”