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## Asante prepares for enhanced documentation of patient care

Coding specialists, providers and others throughout the Asante organization will be expected to get in on the act when ICD-10 (the 10<sup>th</sup> revision of the International Classification of Diseases) goes into effect as scheduled on Oct. 1. The federally-mandated upgrade – already in use by about 25 countries worldwide – uses a system of about 70,000 diagnosis codes, compared with about 15,000 under its predecessor, ICD-9.



The new ICD-10 standards will change how physicians and providers document patient care provided in hospitals, and the way it is coded for reimbursement. A much more specific degree of coding will improve the quality of documentation and the resulting patient care.

Asante's ICD-10 steering committee has been meeting periodically for the past few years, and is gearing up for this year's implementation date. The committee will coordinate training in how to use the new classification system, communication with those who are most affected by the change and implementation of the new code set across all Asante entities.

The committee will update [Asante's ICD-10 website](#) throughout the year, posting additional information as it becomes available during the implementation period and beyond. Asante is dedicated to helping clinical staff and providers successfully transition to the new classification system.

Asante's training for the coding and documentation upgrade will be customized to the needs of ICD-10 users and physician specialties. Training has already begun for coders, while instruction for others in key roles may begin as early as March. All other Asante employees should expect at least an online educational module covering ICD-10 basics when the bulk of training is offered this summer.

For information or questions, email Asante's ICD-10 steering committee at [ICD-10@asante.org](mailto:ICD-10@asante.org).

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