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## ICD10 Watch by CARL NATALE

### Is the AMA going to kill ICD-10?

Posted on Wed, Nov 16, 2011 - 07:34 am

Now that the AMA has decided "to work vigorously to stop implementation of ICD-10," you're probably wondering if you can skip those ICD-10 planning meetings and training sessions.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) could be described as adamant when it comes to the Oct. 1, 2013, deadline. So who's going to win?

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[ICD10Watch Poll: Now that the AMA has promised to fight ICD-10 implementation, will they succeed?]

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As a former clinician and  
Posted by JoeN on Wed, Nov 16, 2011 - 03:05 pm.

As a former clinician and current informatics consultant, I was dismayed to see the response of the AMA to ICD-10. I believe that this is an irresponsible position that distorts the truth. ICD-10 will not limit the implementation of EMRs, it will enhance interoperability and assure much better communication of the patients condition for a variety of important purposes. It will support the integration of clinical and financial systems to streamline work efficiencies. The impact to physicians is primarily about documenting what they should be documenting today to support good patient care and coordination of care across key participants. It's time we stepped up to the plate and recognize that there are many stakeholders in healthcare who depend on information. As clinicians we cannot continue to operate in a vacuum. Good care does mean good documentation of what we did and why.

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**Now that the AMA has promised to fight ICD-10 implementation, will they succeed?**

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- No, but ICD-10 will be delayed
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