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The **2017 DRG Expert** has been a trusted and comprehensive reference to the DRG classification system for over 25 years. Organized by major diagnostic category (MDC), the convenient and innovative book layout follows the logical MS-DRG decision process. This is a must-have reference for those who need to verify DRG information and accurately assign MS-DRGs concurrently or retrospectively based on ICD-10-CM methodology, which goes into effect October 1, 2016.

### Key Features and Benefits

**Optum360 Edge Visual indicators notify you of special alerts.** Easily identify CC and MCC restrictions, special payment status, transfer DRG status, surgical/medical partitioning, and other requirements.

**Optum360 Edge Medicare CMS rate structure.** Updated to provide current relative weight (RW), geometric mean length-of-stay (GMLOS), and arithmetic mean length-of-stay (AMLOS) for each MS-DRG under IPPS.

**Optum360 Edge MS-DRG structure.** Every diagnosis and procedure code that defines each DRG is listed.

**Optum360 Edge LTC-DRG crosswalk and current rate structure.** Know what the RW and length-of-stay data are for each MS-DRG under the LTCH prospective payment system.

**Optum360 Edge MDC diagnosis list.** Complete list of mutually exclusive diagnoses defining each MDC.

**Optum360 Edge Transfer DRG symbol.** Indicates a DRG selected as a qualified discharge that may be paid at the per diem rate.

**Optum360 Edge Average national payment.** Listed for every MS-DRG as a quick benchmark comparison.

**Easily locate the correct DRG.** Use the numeric or alphabetic index to quickly identify a DRG based on its diagnosis or procedure code.

**Surgical hierarchy table.** Quickly find the DRG hierarchy for multiple procedure cases to help you assign the code that reflects the greatest resource utilization.

**Alphabetic and numeric indexes.** Search for DRGs by the numeric codes or by code titles for fast look-up.

**Icons indicate which CC subclass the DRG belongs to based upon the presence or absence of CCs or major CCs (MCCs).**

**Complete list of diagnoses considered CCs and MCCs.**

**List of those Principal Diagnoses that are their own CC and their own MCC.**

**Full titles for each MS-DRG.** Selection of the correct DRG begins with knowing its accurate and complete description.

**Inpatient Medicare MedPAR benchmarking data** designed to provide a high-level benchmark of discharges, length of stay, age, total charges, and total reimbursement on a DRG basis at a national level for hospitals.

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