Do you use ICD-9 codes in your research, for data analysis, or for billing purposes?  
Do you store ICD-9 codes in a database or spreadsheet as part of your research?  
For your research, will you need to know about ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS codes?

The National Implementation of HIPAA 5010 and the ICD-10 code set is underway.  How will this change impact Partners, the healthcare industry and you?

What's happening with ICD-9?

The US Department of Health and Human Services released a rule on January 16, 2009 that mandates the adoption of a new edition of the International Classification of Diseases (ICD) code set. This means that all covered entities, including health care providers, must convert from ICD-9 to ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS codes by October 1, 2013.

What is ICD-10 and how does it relate to ICD-9?

- Mandated to replace ICD-9-CM diagnosis & procedure codes currently used
- ICD-10 is necessary because there are no more ICD-9 codes available in the current structure
- Diagnosis Codes
  - ICD-9 = 3-5 digits in length; ICD-10 = 3-7 alphanumeric characters
  - ICD-9 = 14,025 unique codes; ICD-10 = 68,069 unique codes
- Procedure Codes
  - ICD-9 = 3-4 digit in length; ICD-10 = 7 alphanumeric characters
  - ICD-9 = 11,000 unique codes; ICD-10 = 72,589 unique codes

What is Partners’ response to these changes?

- Extensive business processes and systems need to be re-tooled to accommodate these changes.
- Partners and its entities have projects in place to implement these mission-critical changes.
- Centrally managed systems (e.g., BICS, Patcom, RPDR, etc.) will be remediated by IT staff.
- This is a complex, multi-year project unlike any other recent regulatory implementation.
- Transition from ICD-9 to ICD-10 is October 1, 2013.
- Communication and training materials are being prepared by interdisciplinary teams. These training materials are being designed for three (basic, moderate, advanced) levels of knowledge about ICD-10
- Departmental research systems and databases that are not supported by Partners IS need to be identified and reported by departmental study staff.

What you need to do now!

To prepare for this change, we need to determine the impact, resources and training needs across the entire Partners organization, including research.

Do you use ICD-9 codes in your research, data collection, analysis or billing?  If yes, please complete the attached form and return to craine@partners.org.

Do you need more information about the project, or do you need to be trained on how to use or convert to ICD-10 codes?  If yes, please complete the attached form and return to craine@partners.org.

We need you to report your research application and your training needs NOW for inclusion in the inventory.  Return completed forms to: craine@partners.org by April 1, 2011.

Questions?  Email Chris Raine, Project Manager for Research Computing, at craine@partners.org.

Outside resources:

- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid - www.cms.hhs.gov/ICD10
- Centers for Disease Control - www.cdc.gov/nchs/icd.htm