

# CORE CDI

## Medical Necessity

Germane to CDI

It's Not Just a Case  
Management Initiative!

# Medical Necessity- Integral to Medicine

- ▶ Medical Necessity
  - ▶ Fundamental to Medicine
  - ▶ Integral to Revenue Cycle
  - ▶ Basis for healthcare transformation
    - ▶ Right care
    - ▶ Right time
    - ▶ Right reason
    - ▶ Right place
    - ▶ Right clinical judgment, medical decision making and thought processes
    - ▶ Right plan of care
    - ▶ Right documentation

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# CDIS' Role in *Medical Necessity*

- ▶ Understand and apply conceptual and practical principles of medical necessity in daily chart reviews supported by standards of documentation
- ▶ Recognize elements of insufficient and poor clinical documentation including patterns and potential contributing factors detracting from establishment of medical necessity
- ▶ Be able to formulate an effective strategy to address poor and insufficient documentation with physicians

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# CDIS' Role in *Medical Necessity*

- ▶ Understand concepts and principles of Evaluation and Management assignment and the role driven by medical necessity
- ▶ Be committed to maintaining relevancy and up-to-date knowledge in standards and principles of documentation that best communicates fully informed coordinated care
- ▶ Respect, acknowledge and assimilate into the practice of CDI a holistic approach to chart review embracing describing, showing, telling the patient story with clear and accurate reflection of the patient's clinical conditions

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# CDI's Role in Medical Necessity

- ▶ Become more actively involved in the denials and appeals process by serving as a liaison between the department and the physicians
- ▶ Become fluent and be able to effectively confidently discuss medical necessity denials with attending physicians with a focus on sharing actionable documentation knowledge points to alleviate and minimize denials in the future
- ▶ Serve as a subject matter expert in transforming denials and appeals to denials avoidance through promotion of best practice standards and principles of documentation that capture and reflect physician's clinical judgment, medical decision-making and thought processes

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