ICD-10 will affect all aspects of your practice.

**Physicians**
- **Documentation:** The need for specificity dramatically increases by requiring laterality, stages of healing, weeks in pregnancy, episodes of care, and much more.
- **Code Training:** Codes increase from 17,000 to 140,000. Physicians must be trained.

**Clinical Area**
- **Patient Coverage:** Health plan policies, coverage limitations, and new ABN1 forms are likely.
- **Superbills:** Revisions required and paper superbills may be impossible.
- **ABNs:** Health plans will revise all policies linked to LCD2s or NCD3s, etc., ABN forms must be reformatted and patients will require education.

**Managers**
- **New Policies and Procedures:** Any policy or procedure associated with a diagnosis code, disease management, tracking, or PQRI4 must be revised.
- **Vendor and Payer Contracts:** All contracts must be evaluated and updated.
- **Budgets:** Changes to software, training, new contracts, new paperwork will have to be paid for.
- **Training Plan:** Everyone in the practice will need training on the changes.

**Nurses**
- **Forms:** Every order must be revised or recreated.
- **Documentation:** Must use increased specificity.
- **Prior Authorizations:** Policies may change, requiring training and updates.

**Front Desk**
- **HIPAA:** Privacy policies must be revised and patients will need to sign the new forms.
- **Systems:** Updates to systems are likely required and may impact patient encounters.

**Coding**
- **Code Set:** Codes will increase from 17,000 to 140,000. As a result, code books and styles will completely change.
- **Clinical Knowledge:** More detailed knowledge of anatomy and medical terminology will be required with increased specificity and more codes.
- **Concurrent Use:** Coders may need to use ICD-9-CM and ICD-10-CM concurrently for a period of time until all claims are resolved.

**Billing**
- **Policies and Procedures:** All payer reimbursement policies may be revised.
- **Training:** Billing department must be trained on new policies and procedures and the ICD-10-CM code set.

**Lab**
- **Documentation:** Must use increased specificity.
- **Reporting:** Health plans will have new requirements for the ordering and reporting of services.

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