Coding Tip of the Month: Archived

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While chemotherapy patients do require some monitoring, not all chemotherapy plans fall under the classification as a drug requiring intensive monitoring. Drugs requiring intensive monitoring should have a high risk of morbidity. Monitoring can be done by lab test, physiologic test, or imaging but must be done for assessment of adverse effects, not for therapeutic efficacy.

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While a chemotherapy requiring intensive monitoring for toxicity may result in a high level of risk for comorbidity for the treatment management, the office visit may not result in a level 5 office visit. Office visits are based on the lowest level of two out of the three MDW sections when based on medical decision making.