



ICD-10 Codes and Nomenclature for Classification of PAH

Sapana Panday: PILOT is here in Toronto at the Chest Annual Conference. I'm with Dr. Ronald J. Oudiz. I understand that there's some more information about ICD codes, and PH. Can you tell us a little bit about that?

Dr. Ronald Oudiz: Yes, thank you for asking this, it's a particularly important topic, especially for those who are practicing physicians that see and treat pulmonary hypertension patients. For almost 100 years, the ICD classification scheme has evolved, and really for the least 30 years we've been stuck with ICD-9. A couple of years ago ICD-10 was developed, but failing to recognize the new classification scheme that came out from the Venice world meeting in 2003, the nomenclature persisted on calling patients with group one pulmonary arterial hypertension as primary pulmonary hypertension, and everyone else as secondary.

What is new, and what is actually late breaking is that as of October 1st of 2017, the ICD-10 codes finally have adapted in a nice way, the new nomenclature, that allows for better classification of group one pulmonary arterial hypertension, as well as some of the other groups, like group two, three, four, and even group five.