

# the Coding Talk...

To Code or Not To Code



## Diabetes Mellitus Type 1, Type 2, or Secondary DM

Document the presence of any complications & associated manifestations from Diabetes

For example:

### RENAL

- Nephropathy
- Nephritis
- Nephrosis
- Chronic Kidney Disease (Specify the Stage)

### NEUROLOGICAL

- Peripheral, Cranial and/or Autonomic Neuropathy (e.g.: Gastroparesis, Neuropathic Ulcer)

### PERIPHERAL VASCULAR DISEASE

- Circulatory Complications
- Angiopathy
- PVD with Ulcer
- Gangrene

### EYE DISEASE

- Retinopathy
- Blindness
- Cataract
- Glaucoma

*Any Manifestation must be documented as a cause and effect relationship*

### EXAMPLE:

Diabetic neuropathy

**NOT**

Diabetes and neuropathy

It is important to use “WITH” when documenting a complication of a chronic condition like DM.

Under-documenting DM communicates a less serious DM case which reflects an inaccurate picture of the patient’s health status.