

# Coding Talk...

## To Code or Not To Code

### Premature Rupture of Membranes

### Code O42.xxx

**Premature Rupture of  
Membranes with Time frame to  
onset of Labor and specified  
trimester**

**There are different codes to  
capture:**

- Premature rupture of membranes
- Preterm premature rupture of membranes
- Full term PROM
- Time frame to onset of labor following rupture
- Specified trimester

**This will affect Code assignment.**

**Please Document If:**

- PROM
- Preterm premature rupture of membranes  
OR
- Full-Term premature rupture of membranes

**Further Specify if Known:**

- Onset of labor within 24 hours of rupture
- Onset or labor more than 24 hours following rupture
- Unspecified as to length of time between rupture and onset of labor

**Further Specify:**

- First Trimester
- Second Trimester
- Third Trimester
- Or Unspecified Trimester



**I.e. Preterm premature rupture of membranes,  
onset of labor more than 24 hours following  
rupture, third trimester**