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System Requirements

Internet Connectivity 250 Kbps downstream access for the machine.

Browsers Internet Explorer 11 or above is preferred.

Monitor A 19" or larger SVGA monitor with screen resolution of 1920 *

1080 pixels.

Image Viewer Latest version of Java (JRE) and PDF viewer are required for PDF

Medical Record only

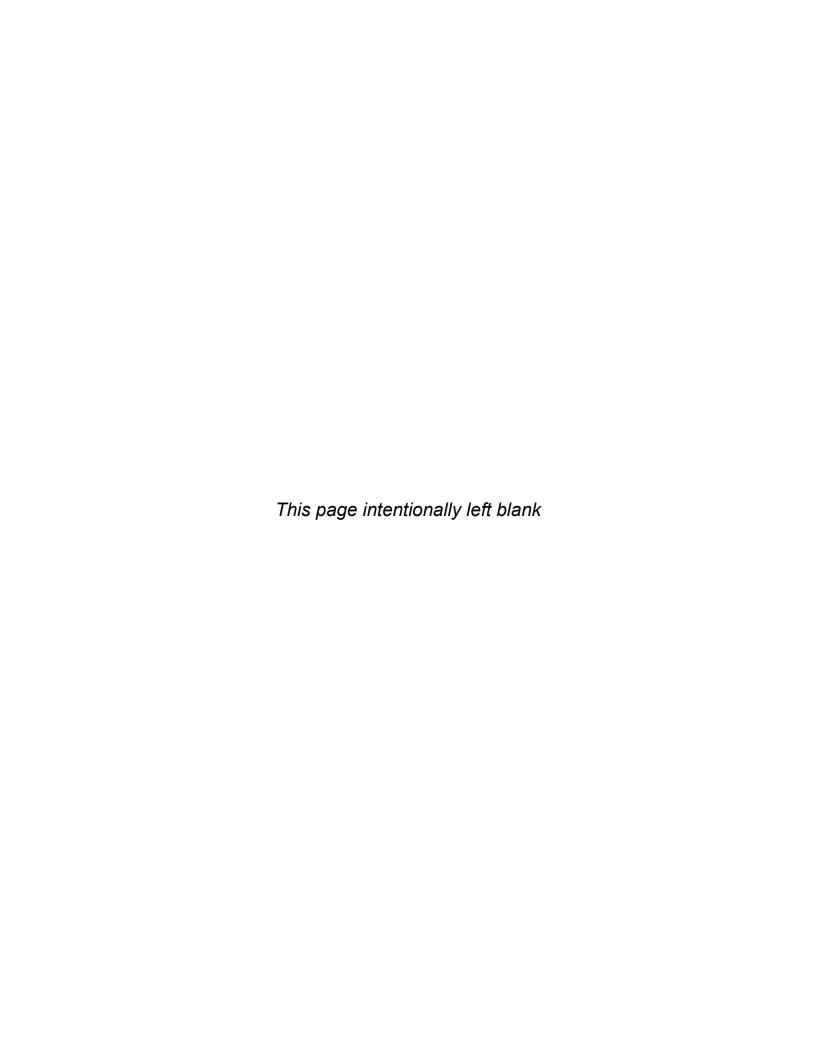
Remote Access Team Viewer for Technical Support.

Operating System Windows 7 Or Higher.

Processor Intel® Pentium® 4, 2 GHz or Higher.

RAM 2 GB or Higher Hard Drive Speed 7,200 RPM

Minimum Software Space 5 GB for workstation



What is Central Learning?

Central Learning is a Web-based medical coder assessment and learning application that utilizes redacted real-life medical records, answer keys and code rationales. The code rationale feature is an educational resource designed to provide details for the answer key code selection and directs the coder to specific sections of a medical record or Coding Clinic. In addition, managers have access to multiple reporting and data assessment tools. These tools automatically identify productivity and accuracy strengths and weaknesses which helps to mitigate an organization's revenue risk probability. Central Learning helps take a proactive approach to ICD-10 coder productivity and accuracy assessments.

Coder Workflow

The coder can utilize their normal coding tools to assist in the generation of codes to enter in Central Learning.

Accessing a Case for Coding in Central Learning

Coders begin the Central Learning process by accessing cases assigned to them for review in Central Learning.

1. Log in to Central Learning at https://www.centrallearning.com/

For detailed logon information or if you have logon issues, see Appendix A.

Note: Internet Explorer 11 or higher with popups enabled is recommended. For instructions on how to enable popups in IE11, see Appendix B.



Figure 1: Central Learning Logon Screen

2. The **Worklist** tab displays by default and populates with the number of **Pending** Cases for each **Type** of case assigned:

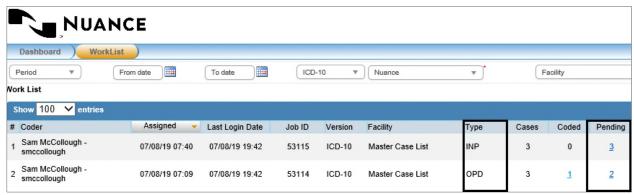


Figure 2: Worklist Showing Case Type and Pending Cases

- 3. If **Pending Cases** do not automatically populate in the **Worklist** tab, enter the following:
 - a. **Period** or **From** and **To** dates (or leave blank for all)

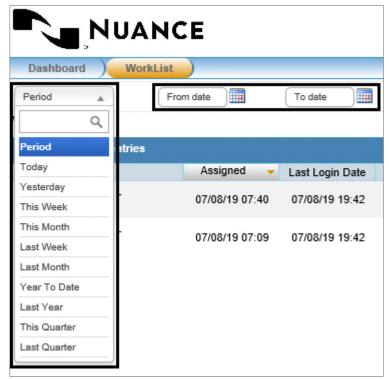


Figure 3: Work List Period drop-down menu and From date and To date fields

b. Select **Pat Type** (or leave blank for all)



Figure 4: Pat Type dropdown menu

c. Click Submit to populate the list of Cases

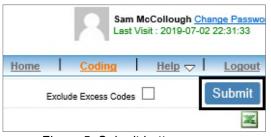


Figure 5: Submit button

- 4. The WorkList will display
- 5. Click the blue hyperlink in the **Pending** column for the **Type** of case to be worked

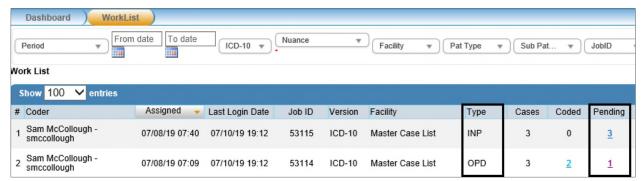


Figure 6: Populated WorkList

6. Select a Case ID from the list

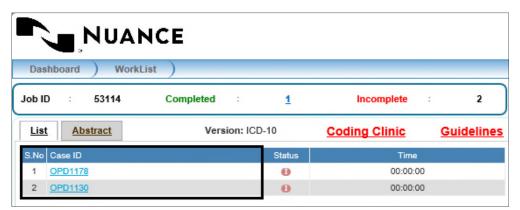


Figure 7: List of Incomplete Cases

7. The Case Time starts counting once a Case ID is selected

Note: Coding Clinic and the Central Learning **Guidelines** can be accessed on this screen. These Guidelines are specific to Central Learning and must be reviewed prior to working each type of record: Outpatient, Inpatient, Ambulatory Surgery and ER.

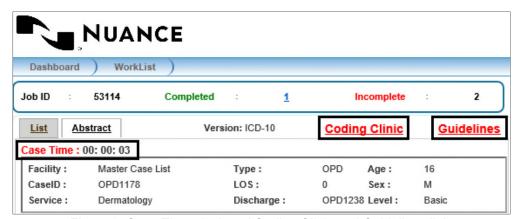


Figure 8: Case Time clock and Coding Clinic and Guidelines links

8. Redacted real-life medical records for this **Case** appear on the right side of the screen

Note: Code all cases using ICD-10-CM codes regardless of date of service or documentation.

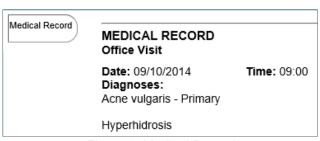


Figure 9: Medical Record

Looking up Codes for Outpatient Cases

Utilize the tools in Clintegrity, CCM or code books to look up codes to be entered into Cases in Central Learning.

To look up codes in CCM:

- 1. Access a test patient (e.g., zztest) in CCM
 - a. If no test patient is available in your database, you can use a real patient
 - b. DO NOT file the encounter to PCE
- 2. When reviewing documentation, you can look up codes in your usual fashion
 - a. Clintegrity (go in through your patient in CCM, do not use the standalone)
 - b. nCoder MD
 - c. E&M Calculator
 - d. Code Books

Looking up Codes for Inpatient Cases (no test patient required)

Utilize Clintegrity standalone to look up codes to be entered into Cases in Central Learning.

To look up codes in Clintegrity standalone:

- 1. Select Coding/Abstracting tab
- 2. Select Code Books button



Figure 10: Clintegrity Stand Alone

Begin coding and a DRG will populate and Clintegrity edits will be available.
 Note: Codes must be entered in Clintegrity to generate a DRG

Entering Codes into Central Learning Cases

Coders must enter codes into the Central Learning Cases.

- 1. Enter the generated codes into Central Learning
- 2. Enter all codes, modifiers, and DRG into the appropriate fields of the **Case** screen **Note:** Codes can be copy/pasted or manually entered into these fields
- 3. Use the green plus sign "+" to add additional code fields, and the minus sign "-" to delete codes
- 4. Enter comments in the Notes field for coder reference during documentation review

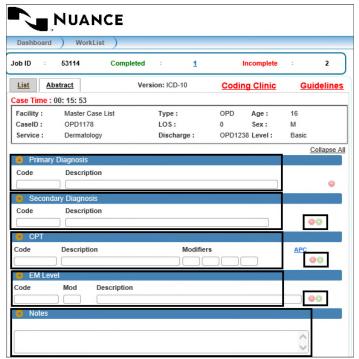


Figure 11: Outpatient Case Screen

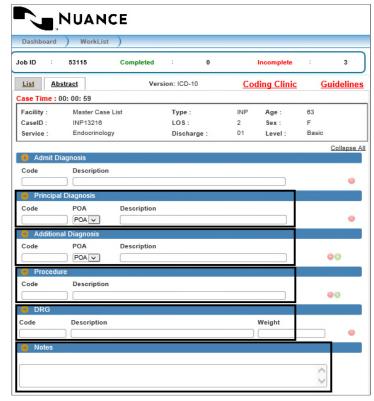


Figure 12: Inpatient Case Screen

5. Click the Submit Case button

Submit Case

Figure 13: Submit Case button

6. For inpatient cases, if you try to submit a case without entering a DRG in the DRG field, this error message will appear



Figure 14: Missing DRG error message

7. Click Continue to Submit to submit the Case and stop the Case Time clock



Figure 15: Continue to Submit button

8. Once the case is submitted, the Coder's Answers & Answer Key window will pop up

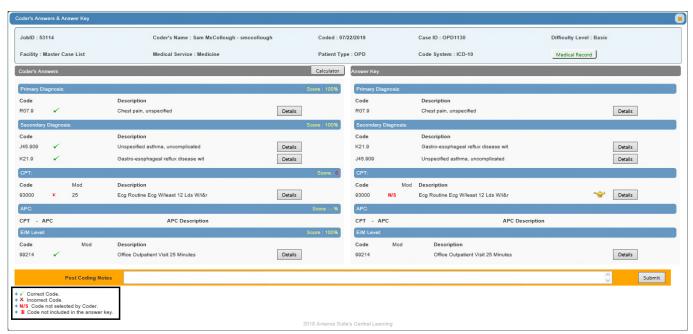


Figure 16: Coder's Answers and Answer Key screen

- 9. There is a legend at the bottom-left of the screen for the symbols used in this window and the below figure shows a more detailed version
- Correct Code Coder entered code that is part of the Answer Key
 Incorrect Code Coder entered 1st 3 characters as per the Answer Key, but incorrectly entered digits on the 4th character
 N/S Not Selected Code is present in the Answer Key but was not entered by the Coder
 Excess Code Coder entered additional codes that are not included in the Answer Key

Figure 17: Detailed Legend of symbols

10. In the **Coder's Answers** section, there are interactive tools

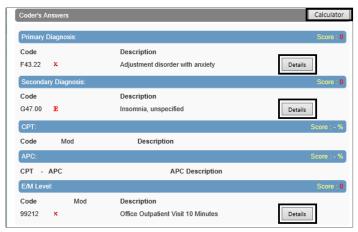


Figure 18: Coder's Answers screen

a. Click the Calculator button to view the calculation details

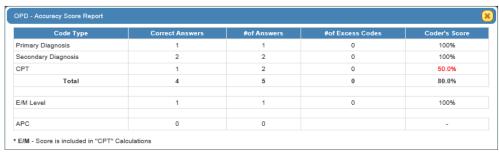


Figure 19: Calculator screen

 Hover over the Details buttons next to any code for information pertaining to that code



Figure 20: Code Details

11. In the **Answer Key** section, there are interactive tools including a **Details** button and a **Genie Bottle**

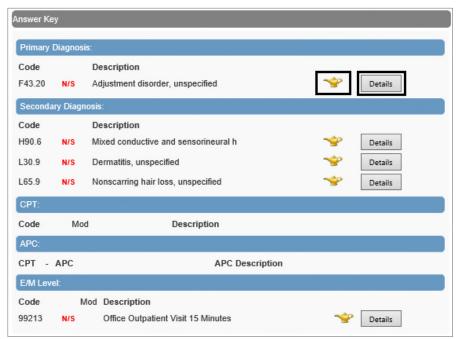


Figure 21: Answer Key screen

a. Hover over the **Details** button next to any code for information pertaining to that code

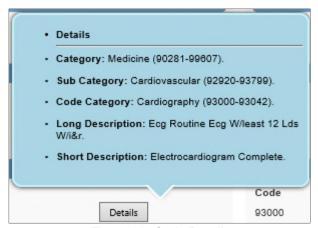


Figure 22: Code Details

 b. Click the Genie Bottle next to any code to see the Code Rationale pertaining to that code

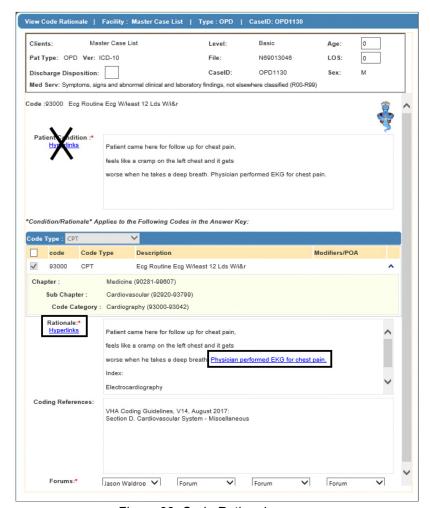


Figure 23: Code Rationale screen

- 12. Code Rationale contains three sections
 - a. Patient Condition
 - b. Rationale
 - c. Coding Clinic
 - d. Click the blue hyperlinks in the **Code Rationale** screen to display a list of **Tags** (the Patient Condition hyperlink is disabled)



Figure 24: Coding Rationale Hyperlink Tags

e. Click on a **Tag** to be directed to the specific documentation in the medical record that supports the tagged item

Relevant Orders ECG 12 Lead (Completed) Esophageal reflux

Figure 25: Supporting Documentation

13. Click the Medical Record button to access the medical records for this Case



Figure 26: Medical Record button

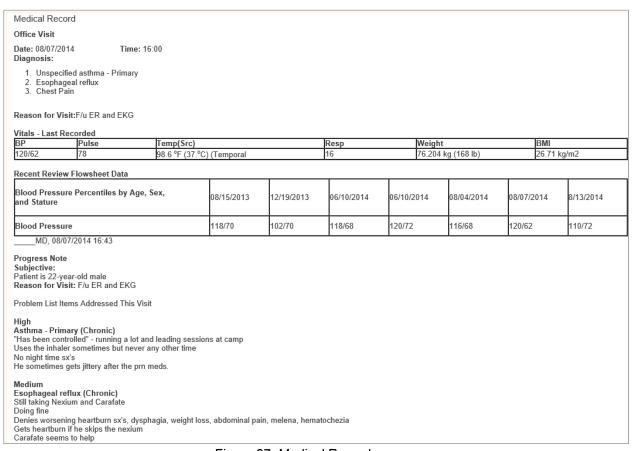


Figure 27: Medical Record screen

- 14. Enter notes in the **Post Coding Notes** field to communicate questions or concerns regarding this Case
- 15. Click the **Submit** button to save the note



Figure 28: Post Coding Notes field and Submit button

Dashboard

The Central Learning Dashboard provides Coders with metrics to evaluate their own coding accuracy and education opportunity. Within the dashboard, there are several filters and tabs that display Accuracy and Productivity data in multiple formats. The data itself comes from the submission of codes from the coder after they have completed coding a case. The data is stored, calculated and displayed to the user through various types of reporting tools based on the dashboard filters and tabs the user is currently viewing.

Coders can utilize the **Dashboard** to review Key Performance Indicators (KPI), Skill Gaps (includes accuracy metrics), and charted Summary data.

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Figure 29: Central Learning Logon Screen

Select the **Dashboard** tab:

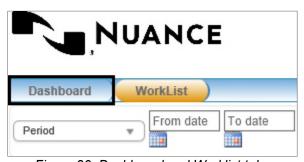


Figure 30: Dashboard and Worklist tabs

KPI Dashboard

- 1. The KPI Dashboard will display by default and will show metrics for the following
 - a. CPT Accuracy
 - b. PDX Accuracy
 - c. SDX Accuracy
 - d. Procedure Accuracy
 - e. Opportunity
- 2. Select a time period from the drop-down list or enter a date range using the calendars

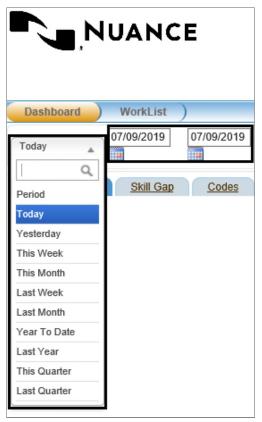


Figure 31: Report Period drop-down menu and From date and To date fields

3. Click the Submit button

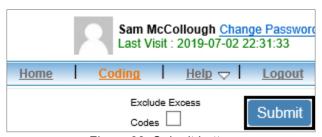


Figure 32: Submit button

4. The KPI Dashboard report will be displayed.

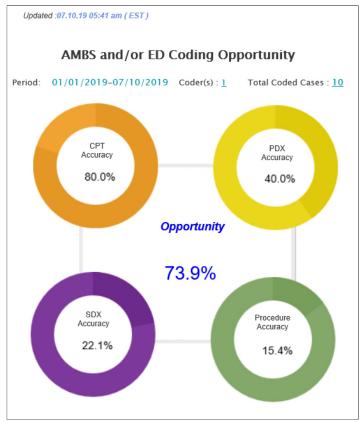


Figure 33: KPI Dashboard report

- 5. Click on any of the Accuracy infographics or the Opportunity link for detailed information
- 6. The Cases Coded window will display, showing detailed accuracy data for each encounter coded during the selected time frame

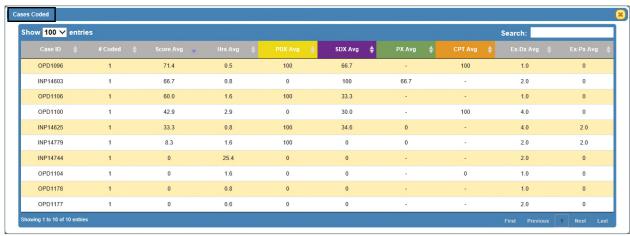


Figure 34: Cases Coded popup window

Additional Dashboard Tabs

The dashboard tabs take the data shown in the graph and organizes the data into different report views based on the specific type of criteria the user is looking for.

There are 6 tabs in addition to the **KPI Dashboard** tab:

- Skill Gap Default user view showing a graph with overall coding data
- Codes Data is displayed by Code Categories
- Coders Data is displayed for the logged-in Coder showing the individual's accuracy and productivity
- Facilities Data is displayed by the Facility type showing statistics for the facility
- Cases Data is displayed by Cases as a group statistic
- Summary Data is displayed using bar graphs on the coder's productivity and accuracy

Skill Gap Tab

- 1. Click on Skill Gap link
- 2. Click INP to display Inpatient accuracy
- 3. Click **AMBS** to display Ambulatory Surgery accuracy
- 4. Click **ER** to display Emergency Department accuracy
- 5. Click **OPD** to display Outpatient Clinic accuracy
- 6. Click **Diagnosis** to display Diagnosis category accuracy
- 7. Click **Procedure** to display Procedure category accuracy
- 8. Click CPT to display CPT category accuracy

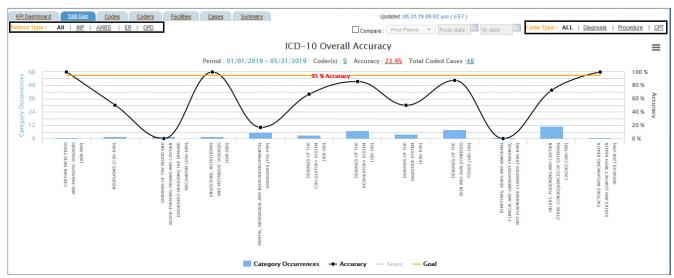


Figure 35: Skill Gap

Note: Hover over any of the Category Occurrences, Coder, Accuracy or Total Coded Cases for detailed information

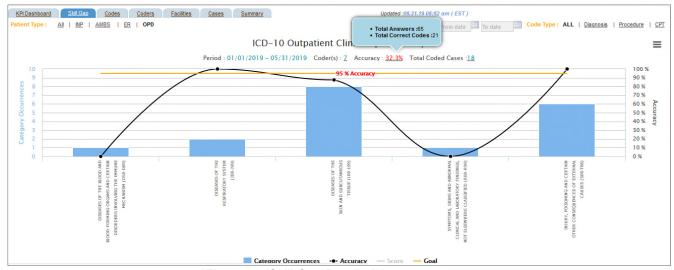


Figure 36: Skill Gap Detailed Accuracy

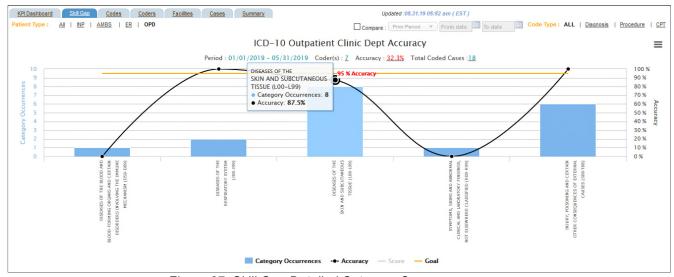


Figure 37: Skill Gap Detailed Category Occurrence

There are four sections at the bottom of the graph where more specific data can be viewed

- 1. Click a Category link
 - a. Applicable sub-category will display



Figure 38: Skill Gap Detailed Case Data

2. Click a Sub-Category

a. Applicable code category will display



Figure 39: Skill Gap Sub-Category

3. Click a Code Category

a. Applicable code(s) will display

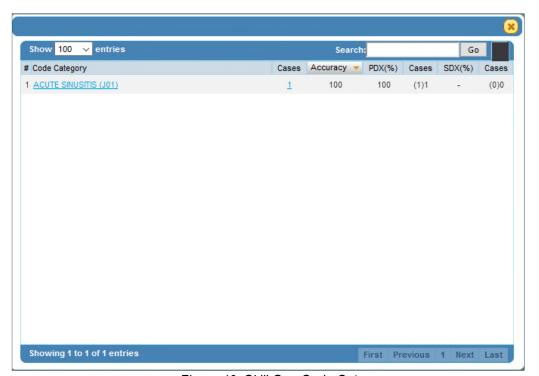


Figure 40: Skill Gap Code Category

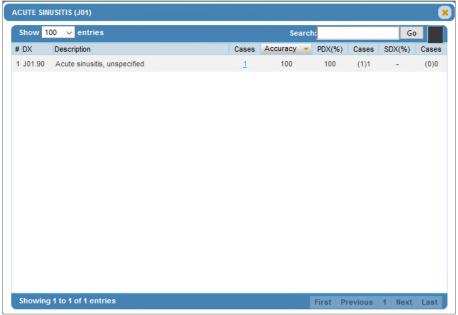


Figure 41: Skill Gap Code

- 1. Click Category bar graph icon to see category data
- Click Sub-Category bar graph icon to see sub-category data
- 3. Click Code Category bar graph icon to see code category data
- 4. Click Code bar graph icon to see code data



Figure 42: Skill Gap Code

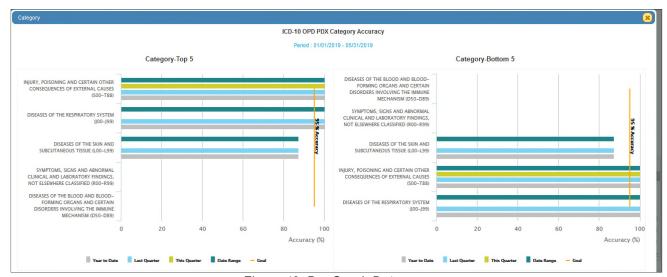


Figure 43: Bar Graph Data

Codes Tab

The user can see all the codes that were used within the specific time frame selected. There are 3 tables; Category, Sub-Category, and Code Category which are then further classified into (DX, PX and CPT). DX, PX, and CPT will only be listed if the code was recorded in the Answer Key.

- 1. Click on Codes link
 - a. Detailed DX, PX and CPT data is displayed

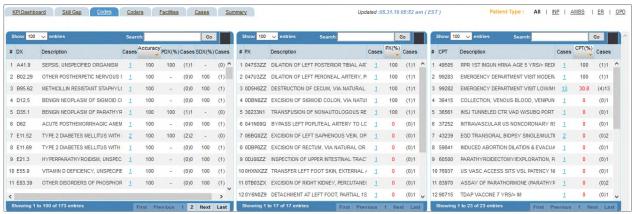


Figure 44: Codes

2. Click on Category link

a. Applicable sub-category data will display



Figure 45: Codes - Category

3. Click on **Sub-Category** link

a. Applicable Code Category will display

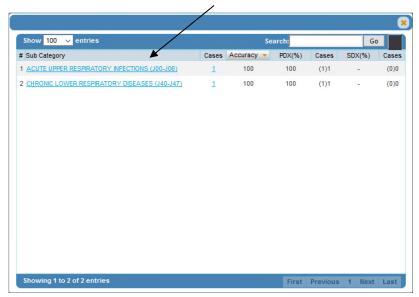


Figure 46: Codes - Sub-Category

4. Click on **Code Category** link

a. Applicable code(s) will display

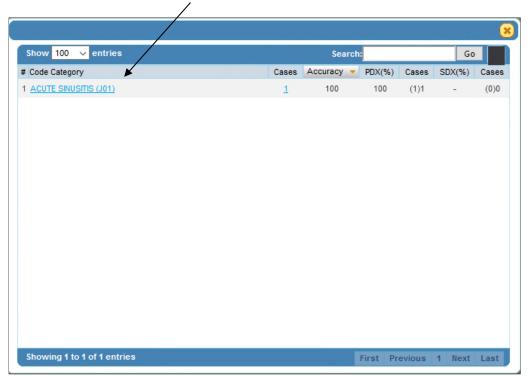


Figure 47: Code Category

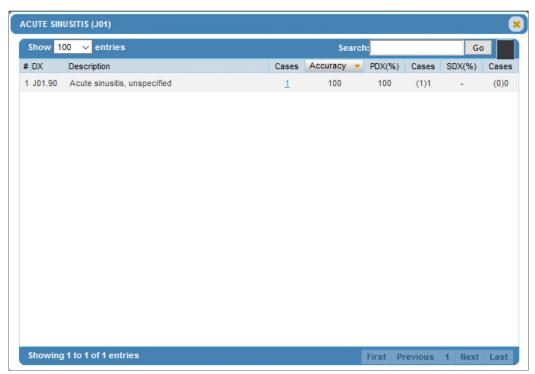


Figure 48: Codes - Code

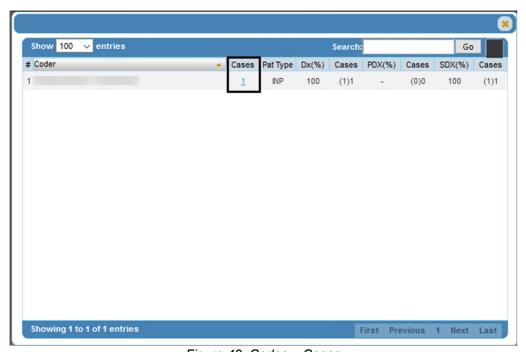


Figure 49: Codes – Cases

- 5. Select Cases from the Code Screen to access Coded Cases List
 - a. Applicable case(s) will display

6. Select Answer Key icon to display Coder's Answers



Figure 50: Codes - Coded Cases List

Select Genie Bottle icon to display code rationale

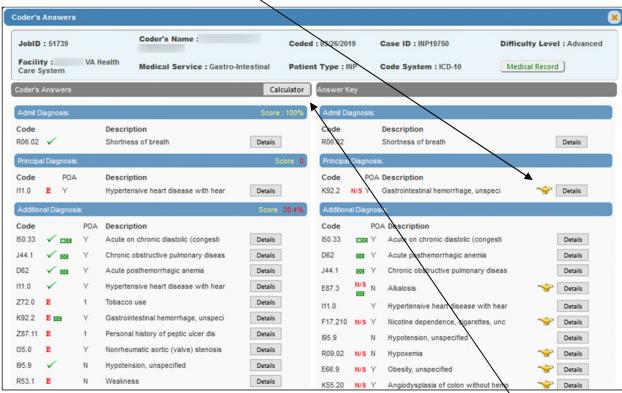


Figure 51: Codes – Coder's Answers

 Select the Calculator button to view the Total Score and Code Type calculation details

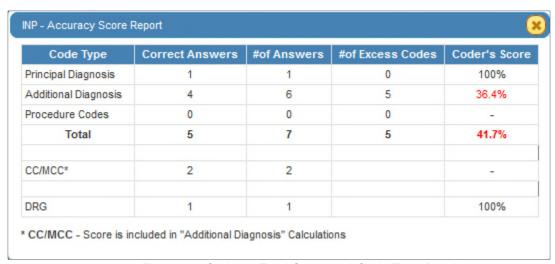


Figure 52: Codes - Total Score and Code Type Details

Follow the same process to view and drill-down into **Sub-Category** and **Code Category** tables.

Coders Tab

The coders tab shows the productivity and accuracy performance for the currently logged-in coder.

- 1. Select Coder's Performance Profile icon from a Top or Bottom Coder
 - a. Coder's Performance Profile will display



Figure 53: Codes – Coder's Performance Profile

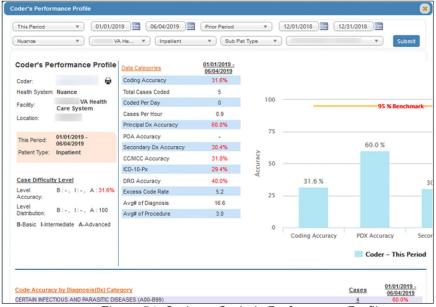


Figure 54: Codes - Coder's Performance Profile

- b. Select a Period or Date Range
- c. Select a Facility (If Necessary)
- d. Select Submit

Facilities Tab

The Facilities Tab displays data that is organized by patient types and facility. This tab allows those with access (such as VISN/VHA leadership, etc.) to compare, analyze and review data among each facility for strengths and weaknesses in order to make improvements to National VHA Coding Guidelines and develop and secure additional training for VHA Coding Staff with a goal to improve the accuracy and consistency in code assignment across all VHA facilities.

- 1. Select a number under the Cases column
 - a. Click on the header to sort by ascending or descending order
 - b. Use the Search bar to filter results for one specific facility
 - Export the data using the Excel icon for additional filtering/sorting and manual customization



Figure 55: Facilities - Cases

2. Select a number under the Cases column

- d. Click on the header to sort by ascending or descending order
- e. Use the Search bar to filter results for one specific facility
- f. Export the data using the **Excel** icon for additional filtering/sorting and manual customization



Figure 56: Facilities - Cases

Cases Tab

Displays all the coded cases' data in detail. A user may sort data Ascending or Descending by clicking on the column header. A user may click on Cases or Avg Score, this will display the **Cases Score & Excess Count** table. If the user clicks on Avg Excess Dx or Avg Excess Px, the detailed data displayed will be only the Excess codes.

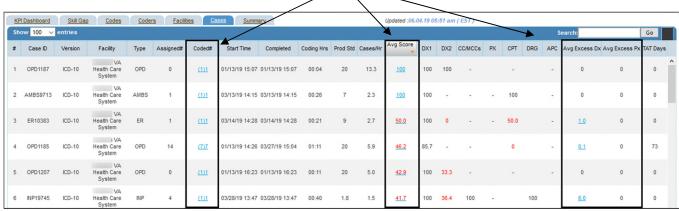


Figure 57: Cases - Data Options

- 1. Click on Coded# or Avg Score to access Cases Score & Excess Count
 - a. Click on Gold Answer Key icon to display Coder's Answers

b. Click on Blue Medical Record icon to display Medical Record

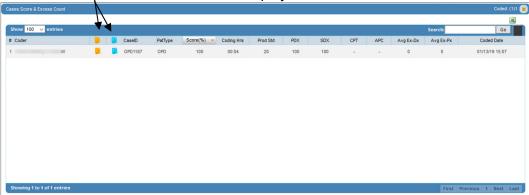


Figure 58: Cases - Cases Score & Excess Count

- 2. Click on Avg Excess Dx or Px to display avg excess count
 - a. Click on Gold Answer Key icon to display Coder's Answers
 - b. Click on Blue Medical Record icon to display Medical Record

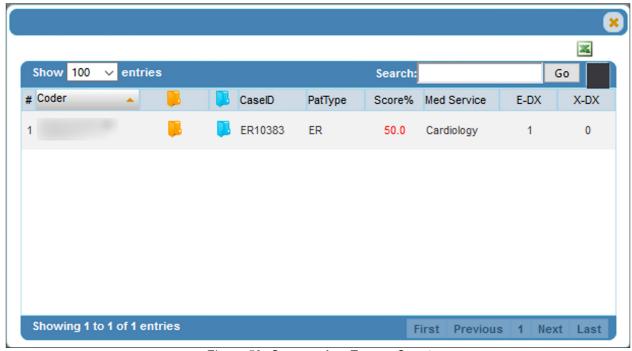
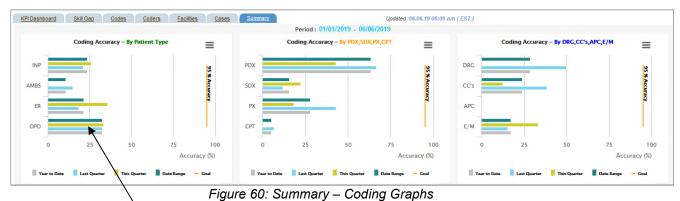


Figure 59: Cases - Avg Excess Count

Summary Tab

Displays data via multiple graphs. Each graph features a **hover over feature**, which can be used by placing the cursor arrow over the top of a colored bar. This data will give the user high-level details pertaining to only that data element. Data elements are **Patient Type**, **PDX**, **SDX**, **PX**, **CPT**, **DRG**, **CC**, **APC** and **E&M**.



colored har section to display Coding Accuracy, Complex

1. Click on a colored bar section to display Coding Accuracy, Complexity, Productivity or Expertise table for that data element



Figure 61: Summary – Coding Accuracy

- a. Click a number under Cases to display Coder's Coded Cases List
- b. Click on Gold Answer Key icon to display Coder's Answers
- c. Click on Blue Medical Record icon to display Medical Record
- d. Click on Avg Ex-Dx/Px to display avg excess count

Appendix A

- 1. To log in to Central Learning, or for a forgotten password, follow these steps
 - a. An email with instructions and credentials will be sent



Figure 62: Central Learning logon information email

2. Enter credentials into the Username and Password fields and click Sign in

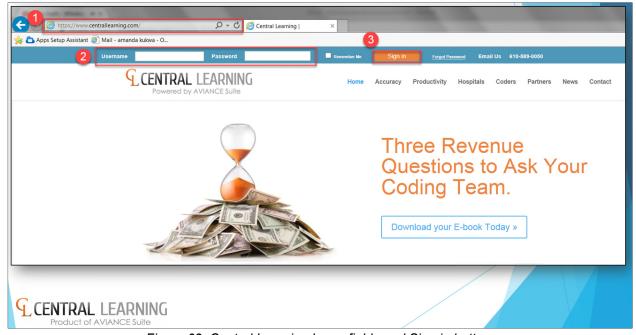


Figure 63: Central Learning logon fields and Sign in button

3. For a forgotten password, click on Forgot Password and enter your email address

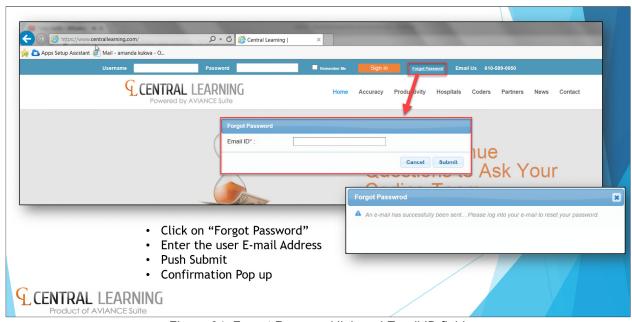


Figure 64: Forgot Password link and Email ID field

4. An email with password reset instructions, a temporary password, and a link will be sent to the email address entered in Step 3

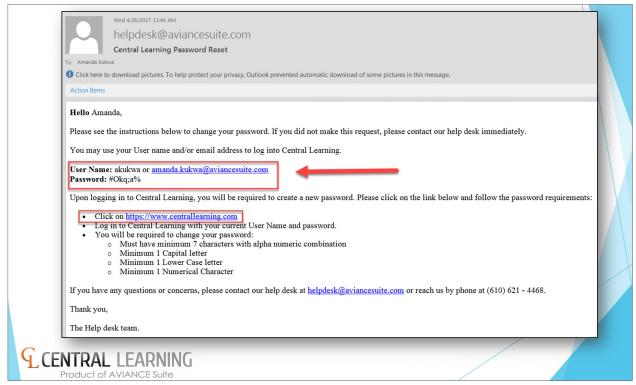


Figure 65: Password reset instructions email