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In 2016, those sitting for the Certified Clinical Documentation Specialist (CCDS) exam face the biggest changes to the test yet. The updated exam has been expanded from 120 to 140 items and has a brand-new section on quality of care. In addition, it incorporates updates to the *Official ICD-10-CM Guidelines for Coding and Reporting* as well as critical *Coding Clinic* ICD-10 guidance related to documentation and querying.

To help candidates prepare for this updated exam, the best-selling *CCDS Exam Study Guide* has been refreshed. The third edition of the guide targets the test objectives and content outline prepared by the CCDS Certification Board, letting candidates focus their time on areas of CDI practice with which they are least familiar.

Also, this year the *CCDS Exam Study Guide* comes with an online practice exam, allowing prospective examinees to practice and get instant results just like the certification exam offers.

The *CCDS Exam Study Guide, Third Edition* will:

- Help candidates determine whether they are ready to take the CCDS exam
- Give qualified candidates the confidence they need to succeed
- Provide sample questions for self-assessment
- Deliver proven test-taking strategies and day of the test tips

The *CCDS Exam Study Guide* reviews:

- The inpatient prospective payment system (IPPS)
- ICD-10-CM *Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting* and selected entries from *AHA Coding Clinic for ICD-10-CM*
- Query processes and procedures
- Common clinical conditions and indicators for query opportunities
- CDI program metrics and data analytics
- RAC preparedness and CDI ethics
- The impact of reportable diagnoses on quality of care

Each chapter reviews CDI program principles and contains sample questions for self-testing.

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