

Clinical Documentation Improvement (CDI)

Physician profiling is common today. Hospitals that generate physician report cards, Healthgrades, Leapfrog Group, The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, The Joint Commission and various Quality Improvement Organizations are all involved in this process.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services have established rules regarding what wording is acceptable for reimbursement and coding, which impacts risk of mortality and severity of illness.

Healthcare professionals convey information about patients to one another documentation and the more specific and accurate the medical record, the better the clinical decisions that will be made by the next provider of care.

Better documentation improves length of stay, E&M compliance, reimbursement for hospitals and physicians and solidifies medical necessity.

Clark Memorial Hospital has a dedicated team of Clinical Documentation Improvement (CDI) specialists to assist with this process.