Using online coding tools with books

**MYTH:** It’s still easier to use paper books.

**TRUTH:** Online coding provides the most up-to-date information and is always current. You have access to volumes of information at your fingertips. Online coding tools are just as portable as books — if you have your laptop or computer, you are ready to code.

**MYTH:** If you switch to an online coding tool, you have to give up your books.

**TRUTH:** Use both. You don’t have to switch cold turkey. Many coders use online coding tools and their print code books together.

**MYTH:** You can’t add notes or stickies.

**TRUTH:** You can customize online coding tools with notes and stickies — then share your customization across the organization. You can even customize by specialty.

**MYTH:** Using Google to look up codes produces reliable answers to my coding questions.

**TRUTH:** Although using Google is an easy way to find information on the web, we do not encourage it since the sourcing of the information may be irrelevant or invalid in some fashion. Our online coding tools incorporate the Optum360® CodeLogic™ search engine, which makes it easy to find the coding, billing or reimbursement information you need. The content in Optum360 online coding tools is always sourced back to an industry recognized source (e.g., code book, code set, association or other source) and the tools themselves are created and maintained by professionals well versed in coding and the requirements of medical coding, billing and reimbursement.

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