

# TOPIC: 3M Coding and CDI



**What we do today:** South Shore Hospital utilizes a 3M encoder tool for coding and an in-house developed database for Clinical Documentation Improvement (CDI). There is very little integration between these tools and the Meditech system.

**What will change with Epic:** We are implementing the 3M 360 suite of applications – an integrated coding, CDI, quality reporting solution. 3M will also introduce Computer Assisted Coding (CAC), which searches the Epic record and proactively presents coding information. In addition, SSHS is integrating special payer edits for billers and coders.

**Why the change is necessary:** These new solutions will allow access by all coding staff across the health system, greatly improving our coding accuracy, and improving the efficiency and data available to the hospital CDI nurses. Most importantly, these tools will reduce denials and ensure proper reimbursement.

**Where to find more information:** For more information on the 3M tools, contact the Health Information Management (HIM) department.