

# Talking About PHI

## Documentation Tips – Episode 9

Indications you may need to improve your CDI:

1. If your patient documentation starts looking too similar, your templates may need to be expanded to allow for additional information.
2. Review your template regularly to ensure they include enough questions to better describe your patient population.
3. Keep an eye on your coding levels stats. If you are leaning too much in one direction, you may need to update your template.
4. Review the E&M section in the CPT workbook to get some basic CDI info.

Common Question from providers - "*What exactly should I document?*"

- What would you say if passing off care in the hallway?
- Why does the patient (still) need to be seen/treated?
- What exactly are you doing to/for the patient?
- The patient's progress, response to and changes in treatment, and revision of diagnosis.
- Each encounter should stand alone



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