



# Code-Check

*Working with your coders to deliver the best organisational value*

**Clinical coding forms the basis of inpatient activity revenue through Activity Based Funding, so how do you:**

- » Ensure that coding accurately reflects the clinical complexity of your patients?
- » Enhance documentation to improve data quality for coding as well as clinical continuity of care?
- » Run an audit program that identifies opportunities for coding improvements?
- » Identify the impact of an AR-DRG version change?
- » Reach your ABF targets without increasing activity?

**The Health Roundtable has developed Code-Check to help!**

Code-Check helps you run a focused audit of your hospital's clinical coding to ensure that your health service receives the appropriate revenue for the clinical work performed.



- Allows hospitals to review the effect of moving to a higher acuity DRG and to explore how the clinical complexity model affects the outcome of DRG and fund (NWAU, WIES, or QWAU) assignment
- Selects 50 Minimum Effort episodes – these are quick wins where there is a high potential that a review of the documentation and coding will allow for a bump in the DRG acuity
- Selects 50 Maximum Return episodes – these are the cases where the fund returns (NWAU, WIES, or QWAU) will be most positively affected by moving to a higher acuity DRG
- Identifies a range of other potential documentation and/or coding improvement opportunities via a series of queries run against your hospital inpatient dataset.

Potential fund returns highlighted

Row Labels	Episode Count	Average of ECCS	Sum of NWAU Difference
Maximum return	50	2.05	301.70
Minimum effort	50	3.25	55.26
Unspecified stroke leading to lower acuity	1	3.50	1.97
Patients missing dialysis procedure codes	6	9.33	
Deaths in low mortality DRGs	1	6.50	
Diabetes patients missing diabetes codes	45	2.73	
Grand Total	153	2.97	358.93

Moving to target DRG	
NWAU Return	6.374
Required Number of Additional Diagnoses	<b>1</b>

Number of additional diagnoses required

DRG Details	
Target AR-DRG 8	G02A - MJR SMALL&LARGE BOWEL PR, MAJC
Current AR-DRG 8	G02B - MJR SMALL&LARGE BOWEL PR, INTC

Existing and Target DRG highlighted

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