

# HOW THE NOA IS WORKING TO IMPROVE...

## CLINICAL CODING



### BACKGROUND

Clinical coding issues raised by *Getting It Right First Time* (GIRFT) resulted in the creation of a clinical coding project which looks at coding at a national level across all specialties. This work is producing best practice documentation and coding standards and the NOA is taking an active part in shaping the orthopaedics work undertaken by the project.

### WHO'S INVOLVED

The GIRFT clinical coding project team, NOA clinical coding team and NOA members across the country.



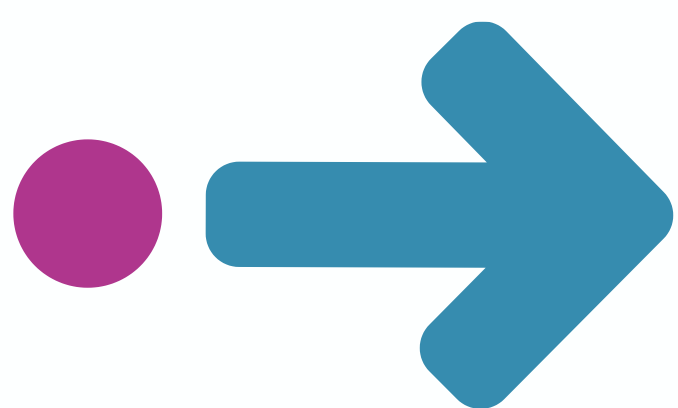
### WHAT WE'VE DONE



After an initial clinical coding workshop, an NOA *Short Guide to Clinical Coding for Clinicians* was published and distributed to all NOA member Trusts. The guide has been designed for clinicians to provide them with an insight into clinical coding best practice. It explains the basics and common pitfalls of coding in orthopaedics. We have also held CPD accredited clinical coding workshops and continue to work with the GIRFT team.

### HIGHLIGHTS IN NUMBERS

- **18** Attendees at CPD accredited training
- **1** Clinical coding guide created
- **3** National projects being influenced
- **1** Clinical coding training pack (for non-clinical coders) created



### WHAT'S NEXT

The NOA's work on coding continues, building on the workshops and guidelines already produced and supporting members when requested.

### WHAT MEMBERS THINK

" Thank you for sending me the clinical coding guide, it is a timely and useful piece of work. The majority of recommendations can be accommodated with minor changes to our operation note templates."

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