MEDICAL CODING SPECIALIZATION Checklist

SELF-ASSESSMENT & EXPLORATION

- [ ] Identify your favorite types of cases or procedures to code.
- [ ] Ask your QA reviewer or team lead about areas where you excel.
- [ ] Research high-demand or high-paying specialties (ED, IR, ortho, cardiology, surgical, ProFee).

EDUCATION & SKILL BUILDING

- [ ] Take a focused CEU or specialty coding course.
- [ ] Start building a personal reference library (coding guidelines, payer rules, anatomy references).

GOAL SETTING & PROGRESS TRACKING

- [ ] Set short-term goals (e.g., accuracy benchmarks in a specialty for 3 months).
- [ ] Reassess every 6–12 months and adjust your focus if needed.

NETWORKING & CAREER DEVELOPMENT

- [ ] Network with coders in your desired specialty.
- [ ] Update your resume to reflect your developing specialty focus.
- [ ] Consider certification if applicable (e.g., specialty credentials from AHIMA or AAPC).

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