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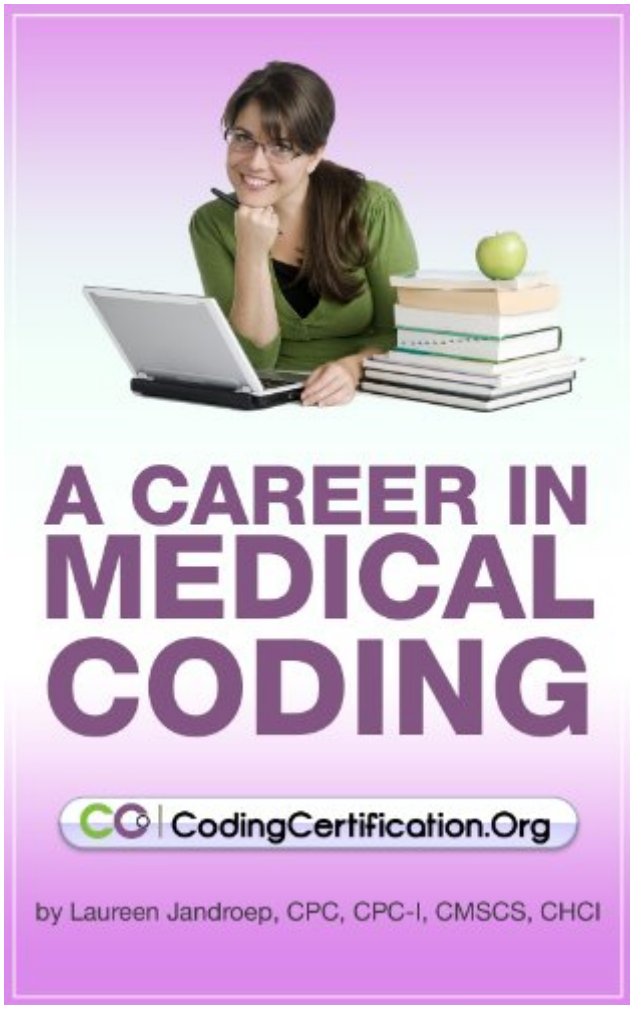

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Synopsis

Do you know what it takes to get a job in medical coding? "A Career in Medical Coding" is written for people who want to know the ins and outs of what it takes to have and maintain a career in medical coding. It provides you with an inside view into what medical coders do on a daily basis. It also introduces you to medical coding career options, gives you networking and job search tips and much more. This is an invaluable guide for anyone who is considering a medical coding career or who has just started looking for a job in medical coding. It gives you a competitive edge in a career that is in high demand.

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Customer Reviews

In 2006, I got a degree in Medical Transcription. I loved it and couldn’t wait to find a job. But it never panned out. Just a few short months after graduating, voice recognition software arrived on a the scene basically elimating the need for transcriptionists. I also found it frustrating that it is next to impossible to get an entry-level transcription job. The few jobs out there require 3-5 years

experience. How the heck are you supposed to get experience if no one will hire you and give you the opportunity to prove yourself? But I love the medical field and have wanted to pursue another avenue in the medical field. I just can't imagine myself in a career like nursing, medical assistant, dental assitant or a CNA. It's just not for me. I had a job once in a hospital in insurance verification and absolutely loved it. Lately, I've been thinking more seriously about going back to school. I have been thinking about getting into coding for several years now. But a program director from a nearby technical college told me that coding is heading in the same direction as Medical Transcription. The last thing I want is to obtain another degree that will soon be rendered obsolete. So I have hesitated about pursuing my interest in medical coding.I recently did a search in the Kindle store and stumbled across this book. I was very impressed by the sample chapters, and decided it was worth the $3.99. I'm so glad I did. This book is written in a conversational, easy to read format. It's is not full or jargon or hard to understand lingo. It is very thorough. It enables the reader to hear from people who are actually in the field. It talks about the importance of certification, the future of coding, job prospects, and how to get educated.

I just finished reading Laureen's newly published e-book A Career in Medical Coding and found it very informative.What I really liked most were the many interviews with actual coders in almost every chapter. This book is good for those who wonder if coding is for them as well as for those who have already chosen coding as a career option but may not have much experience in it yet. That is where I find myself. I know I've already "chosen" it but what is the best route for getting educated ? What direction am I hoping to go with it? Do I want to pursue a degree? Certification? Both? Which one first????Right off the bat I loved chapter 2. A Day in the Life of a Coder. This chapter includes interview with several coders who share the type of coding they do and what a "typical" day for them may be like. What is the environment in which they work? Are there slow periods or "cycles" to the work? Etc.There is an excellent chapter: Is a Career in Medical Coding Right for You? She presents 9 or 10 skill sets that play a huge roll in being a successful coder (someone who not only can code but actually enjoys and enhances the profession of coding). I'll quote a very small portion here that helped me recognize why I'm loving it so much: "Detail oriented people, those who love learning something new and perfectionists are well suited to become coders. If you love to read and solve puzzles, this could be an ideal job for you.....Are you an independent decision-making, detail-oriented type who doesn't require a lot of interaction with people? If you answered yes, medical coding may be a good fit for you."Each chapter had input from those who have been in the coding profession for several years and have witnessed its many transformations.

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