Who Am I?

Solve the following riddles related to post-intervention conditions (PIC). *(See page 2 for answers.)*

Questions

1. In order to find me, you must follow the PIC steps.

2. I am a data element that you apply to link a set of codes that describe a post-intervention condition.

3. I am a set of specialized codes; the PIC directives do not apply to me.

4. I am found at the end of most body system chapters; I identify the consequence of a specific procedure.

5. According to the PIC steps, to find me, you must search using the lead term "Complication, complications (from) (of)."

6. I am a code that's used primarily to classify a unique condition that exists only as a result of an intervention and is not classified elsewhere.

7. I am often used to further describe a condition, but I'm not always available.

8. I like to be on my own. A set of PIC codes can have only 1 of me.

9. I am a range of codes that is used for PIC coding when a device breaks during an intervention.

10. Sometimes I happen unintentionally during an intervention.

11. I am the mandatory number of codes used to describe a post-intervention condition.

12. I am not part of the PIC methodology, but you should think of me when there's a diagnosis type (2) recorded on the abstract.

13. I was left behind inside a patient by mistake during surgery. I hope they find me soon.

14. When a laceration occurs to a diseased organ that is being removed as part of the original surgery plan, don't assign me.

15. I am a block of codes and am often referred to as "general complications." I can happen after any intervention. Watch out for me!

16. I have 3 steps. You can count on me, but you can't step on me!

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Answers

1. Primary code

2. Diagnosis cluster

3. Obstetric codes (O00–O99)

4. Post-procedural code

5. Select intervention

6. Residual code

7. Additional code for specificity

8. External cause code

9. Y70–Y82

10. Misadventure

11. Two (2)

12. Prefixes 5 and 6

13. Foreign body

14. T81.2 *Accidental puncture and laceration during a procedure, NEC*

15. T codes (T80–T88)

16. PIC steps

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