



Driving improvement in the quality of NHS data and clinical coding

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**Clinical coding
and pricing**

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Questions for today

- Why is clinical coding important for pricing?
- How accurate is clinical coding for pricing?
- How should Monitor audit clinical coding in future?

Why is clinical coding important for pricing?

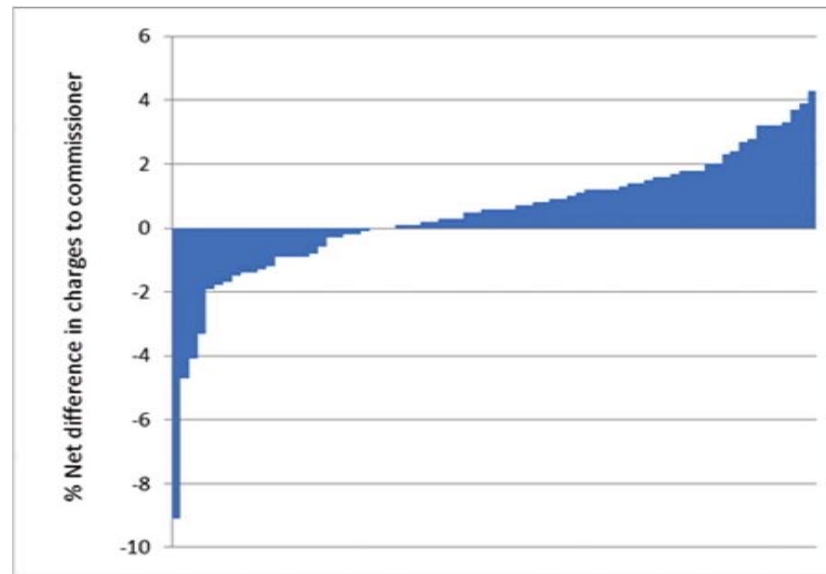


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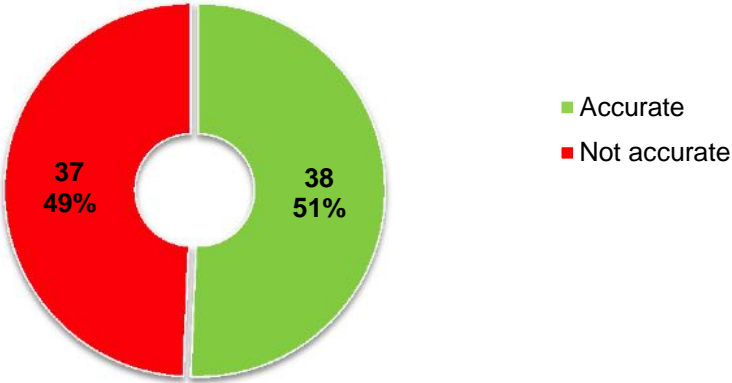
How accurate is clinical coding for pricing? (1/2)

- 15,000 episodes audited
- Incorrect spell price in 6.2% of episodes



How accurate is clinical coding for pricing? (2/2)

Accuracy of reference cost submissions



How should Monitor audit clinical coding in future?

Past

- 200 episodes recoded at every trust
- Sampling makes results difficult to compare

Future

- More detailed risk assessment
- Focused audits of high risk episodes
- Statistically significant results





Questions?