

Table 3

Results of the Evaluation at the Level of the Discharge Letter by the Medical Record Coder About How the Pediatricians Filled Out the Medical Registration Heading of the Discharge Letter

	Feb. - May '95			June '97
	Feb. - March '95 # (prop. ² .)	Apr - May '95 # (prop.)	Whole period # (prop.)	# (prop.)
Number of discharge letters	150	126	276	30
-Headings with incorrect/missing diagnoses/codes	75 (.50)	68 (.54)	143 (.52)	27 (.90) ¹
•letters without diagnostic information in heading	0 (.00)	0 (.00)	0 (.00)	5 (.17) ¹
•letters with incorrect code or category	21 (.14)	10 (.08)	31 (.11)	0 (.00) ¹
•letters with missing code	65 (.43)	59 (.47)	124 (.45)	27(.90) ¹
✓ missing, though code in booklet	18 (.12)	12 (.09)	30 (.11)	13 (.43) ¹
✓ missing, code not in booklet	47 (.31)	47 (.37)	94 (.34)	14 (.47)
▶ code should be in booklet	12 (.08)	12 (.10)	24 (.09)	1 (.03)
▶ intentionally not in booklet	36 (.24)	37 (.29)	73 (.26)	13 (.43)
Letters sent back to senior pediatrician with feedback	53 (.35)	22 (.17) ¹	75 (.27)	0 (.00) ¹

¹ statistically significant at a 1 percent level

² proportion