Tip of the Week
“Ischemic Vascular Disease: Percent of Patients who use Aspirin or other Antithrombotic”

**Background**
In order to improve the Clinical Care for an At-Risk Population, patients aged 18 and older who were discharged alive for an acute MI, CABG or PCI in the 12 months prior to the date of service, or who had an active diagnosis of ischemic vascular disease during the current year and who are documented to be on aspirin or another antithrombotic drug. This measure must be documented on at least annually for eligible patients.

**How Do I Do This?**
Document this information in the medical record and CareScreen in the Quality Registry under “IVD – Use of Antithrombotic”

**How Do I Get Credit?**
Document in your medical record AND Bill using G8598 (aspirin or another antithrombotic used)

**Note:** If the patient is NOT given aspirin or another antithrombotic, you may code: G8599 (aspirin or antithrombotic not used, reason not given) G9277 (Documentation that the patient is on daily aspirin or anti-platelet or has documentation of a valid contraindication or exception to aspirin/anti-platelet; contraindications/exceptions include anti-coagulant use, allergy to aspirin or anti-platelets) G9436 (Aspirin not prescribed for documented reasons (e.g., allergy, medical intolerance, history of bleed))