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The terms in the Index and in the List are not exhaustive; they serve as indicators of the presence of a condition, or as indicators of its extent and time course. The Index is intended to include most of the diagnostic terms used in health services, but reference should always be made to the List for the assignment of codes, as well as to the guidelines provided in the Index notes. The notes given by the Index fits with the information given in the List.

Because of the wide range of terms, the Index inevitably includes many imprecise and ambiguous terms. These terms are still occasionally encountered in medical records and may be used as an indication of their assignment to a particular code. It is inappropriate for residual or ill-defined conditions to be assigned a code in this volume, therefore, should not be taken as a general rule of practice.

General arrangement of the Index

Major sections

The Alphabetical Index is divided into three sections, as follows:

Section 1 includes terms for diseases, pathological conditions, injuries, and other health problems, and terms for contact with health services. These terms should only be recorded by a physician. It includes all terms in the List, except for A16-L19 and Z00-Z99 except drugs and devices, and includes terms due to poisoning or other adverse effects of substances and devices.

Section 2 includes terms for external causes of injury. The terms included here are related to the external circumstances in which the

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Because of the complexity of the subject matter, the Index includes many imprecise and ambiguous terms. These terms are not intended to be diagnostic, but are included in the Index as an indication of their assignment to a particular section. They are not specific enough for residual or ill-defined conditions, and therefore are not included in this volume, therefore, should not be taken as diagnostic terms.

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Major sections

The Alphabetical Index is divided into three sections, as follows:

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Section 2 contains terms for external causes of injury. The terms included here are related to the circumstances in which the circumstances in which the