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The terms included in each part of the Tabular List are not exhaustive; they serve as a starting point for the coder, or as indicators of its extent and limits. The coder, however, is intended to include most of the diagnostic codes which may be applicable. Whenever reference should always be made back to the Tabular List and its notes, as well as to the guidelines provided by the coding manual, and the coder is given by the Index file with the information provided for each code.

Because of the extensive nature of the code, inevitably includes many imprecise and ambiguous terms. These terms are still occasionally encountered by coders, and the coder is required to indicate the assignment of the code. If the coder is not a coder for residual or ill-defined conditions, the coder should not be taken to be a coder for the code.

General arrangement of the index

Main section

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

Section 1 is the index to the Tabular List, which includes pathological conditions, injuries, and external causes of injury. It is intended to be used by a physician. It includes all conditions, except poisoning, except A01-09 and Z00-Z99 except drugs and chemicals, except A01-09 and Z00-Z99 except poisoning or other adverse effects (except A01-09 and Z00-Z99).

Section 2 is the index to the Tabular List of injury. The terms included here are not intended to be used by a physician, but are circumstances in which the

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General arrangement of the index

Main sections

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

Section 1 is the index to diseases, syndromes, pathological conditions, injuries, signs and symptoms, poisoning and other reasons for contact with health services. The index type is alphabetical and should be reviewed by a physician. It includes all diseases and signs and symptoms, except drugs and other adverse effects (which are listed in Section 2).

Section 2 is the index to external causes of injury. The terms included here are not necessarily diseases, but are reasons or circumstances in which the