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### **Code at Midwest Orthopaedic Center**

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PEORIA, IL - "Uncovering a mystery." That is how Tisha (Trone) Diederich describes her job. Every day she carefully reviews paperwork to determine how it should be classified. Tisha is a medical coder at Midwest Orthopaedic Center who recently received her Certified Professional Coder (CPC) accreditation from the American Academy of Professional Coders (AAPC).

Mrs. Diederich has been working in the medical field for 16 years. She began attending classes for her certification six months ago with the help of Midwest Orthopaedic Center. To receive her certification, Mrs. Diederich went through the coding course and passed a stringent exam. Tisha is very proud of her accomplishment.

Dr. Michael Gibbons, president, said, "We feel it is key to assist our employees in enriching their career. Tisha is an exceptional employee who will be able to serve us better with this new knowledge." Midwest Orthopaedic Center assists many of its employees in returning to the classroom.

"The demand for medical coders is increasing nationally," said Tisha Diederich, CPC. 18 percent of all medical coding positions go unfilled, according to the U.S. Department of Labor while the demand for employees is on pace to rise 36 percent or more through the year 2010.

Mrs. Diederich has lived in the area Peoria for the past 17 years and is married with four children.

Midwest Orthopaedic Center offers more specialties than any other orthopaedic group and has a new building located at 6000 N. Allen Road. Midwest Orthopaedic Center is proud to serve the Peoria Community and all its fine hospitals.