## On the Line: Professional Practice Solutions (11/00)

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**Q:** My facility wants to adopt or modify an existing abbreviation list rather than develop its own. Where can I locate such a list?

**Q:** How long is an authorization to release information valid?

**Q:** Where can I find a medical record audit tool for physician practices?

**Q:** When a patient who was assaulted names her assailant, should the nurse or physician include the assailant's name in the medical record?

**Q:** Is it acceptable to use "canned" reports in transcription?

**Q:** Where can I find a benchmark for coding accuracy?

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