

Coding Update 2017: Conquering Your Coding Hurdles

Monday, October 23-Tuesday, October 24

Orange County Convention Center Room 230AB

Orlando, Florida

Description

Take the pain out of your practice and conquer your coding challenges by attending this timely and highly interactive course led by expert physician faculty who will provide comprehensive coding information you can immediately use to maximize your profits and minimize your losses. The Coding Update course will take you beyond the basics, covering the latest information on ICD-10, E&M coding and CPT4 coding of surgical, medical and radiologic procedures.

Coding and reimbursement is the lifeblood of every practice, and attendees will leave this course with the necessary knowledge and critical tips on how to navigate through the authorization and denial process, identify nuances that affect proper billing and cause rejected/delayed claims, utilize Medicare NCCI edits, and properly document to receive reimbursement.

Additionally, participants will have the opportunity to:

- ❖ Meet one-on-one with physician faculty who lead NASS' CPT, RUC and reimbursement efforts;
- ❖ Examine real life cases and perform operative note dissection in the hands-on coding sessions;
- ❖ Participate in an interactive panel discussion with leading experts in the spine coding industry.

NEW ADDITONS TO THE COURSE INCLUDE

What's on Your Mind? Interactive breakout sessions with faculty to ensure that no stone is left unturned and all questions are addressed by the end of the course!

Managing Denials and Appeals: During an interactive discussion on surgical denials and the appeals Process, join us as we examine a payer policy on lumbar fusion and learn how to avoid unwanted denials, peer reviews and the murky appeals process. Both payer and provider perspectives will be presented, and the audience will then have time to ask questions to the panel and discuss issues relevant to their practice.

Objectives

Upon completion of this session, participants should gain strategies to:

- Improve cash flow by reducing denials and resubmissions;
- Identify problems which cause rejected/delayed claims;
- Correlate correct coding with practice reimbursement ensuring that every procedure is reimbursed at its highest allowable level;
- Recognize the relationship between proper diagnostic (ICD10) and procedural coding (CPT4) and how to link them to avoid denials;
- Learn the elements required for complete and accurate documentation for E&M coding and medical and surgical procedure notes;
- Know the accurate use of modifiers and their impact on reimbursement;
- Effectively and accurately code interventional injection procedures and neurologic testing;
- Utilize payer reimbursement policies and guidelines to avoid claim denials and obtain proper authorization;
- Effectively incorporate teachings of this course into their practice.

Monday, October 23

- 7:00-7:30 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 7:30 a.m. Introduction
Donna M. Lahey, FA
- 7:35-8:15 a.m. What's On Your Mind?
Faculty Panel
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- 8:15-9:00 a.m. Politics and Policies
- What Can We Expect with the New Administration?
 - Government Mandates: MACRA: MIPS and APM's Replacing EHR/PQRS/Value-based Modifier
 - Penalties and Incentives for Government Mandates
 - RUC/CPT Process
 - SPINEPAC: Top Reimbursement Issues Addressed in 2017 - What Awaits Us in the Future
- 9:00-10:00 a.m. Tips and Pearls for Codes and Bundling: The Inner Works
- New Codes and CPT Changes
 - Bundling: Meaning and Applications
 - CCI Edits: Bundling and Unbundling
 - Types of Codes: Primary/Add-on/Mod 51 Exempt
 - Are All Codes Equal?
 - Anatomy of and within CPT
 - Code Vignettes
- 10:00-10:15 a.m. **BREAK**
- 10:15-11:15 a.m. Evaluation & Management
- 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Evaluation & Management Scenarios
- 12:15-1:15 p.m. **LUNCH**
- 1:15-2:15 p.m. Coding Challenges
- HCFA 1500 Navigation
 - The Authorization Process
 - Carrier Specific Policies: Distinguish Between Medicare and Carrier Specific Policies
 - Ancillary Service Coding
- 2:15-2:45 p.m. ICD-10 The First Year: Tips and Tidbits
- What to Expect in the Coming Years
 - Accurately Select Correct ICD-10 Codes
 - ICD-10 and CPT Code Correlation
- 2:45-3:00 p.m. **BREAK**
- 3:00-3:45 p.m. Injections Coding
- Nuances
 - Authorization Prerequisites
 - Denials
 - Reimbursement and Documentation for Payment; Carrier Specific Policies

- 3:45-4:30 p.m. Ask Those Burning Questions
Faculty Panel
- Questions, Answers, Discussion: An Interactive Panel Session with All Faculty
- 4:30 p.m. Adjourn to Reception: Get a chance to meet one on one with faculty from the course while enjoying cocktails and hors d' oeuvres

Tuesday, October 24

- 7:00-7:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
- 7:30-8:00 a.m. Guidelines Non-Operative Coding Scenarios
- Coding for Electrodiagnostic Procedures
 - Intraoperative Monitoring
- 8:00-9:00 a.m. Surgical Modifiers
- 9:00-10:00 a.m. 22000 Series Codes
- 10:00-10:15 a.m. **BREAK**
- 10:15-11:15 a.m. 63000 Series Codes
- 11:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Tips and Pearls for Coding and Payment
- OIG Work Plan: Identifying What Is On the Radar
 - Coding Tools for the Everyday Practice
 - Site of Service Coding Issues: What Can I Do Where?
 - The Importance of Documentation for Reimbursement: Key Spine Issues
 - Appeals and Denials/Templates
- 12:00-1:00 p.m. **LUNCH**
- 1:00-2:00 p.m. Coding Dissection
- Examine Operative Notes, Submitted By Your Peers, for Correct Coding and Documentation
- 2:00-2:15 p.m. **BREAK**
- 2:15-3:15 p.m. Managing Denials and Appeals
Faculty Panel
- An Interactive Discussion on Surgical Denials and the Appeals Process: With two sides to every coin, join us as we examine a Payer Policy on Lumbar Fusion and learn how to avoid unwanted denials, peer reviews and the murky appeals process. Both Payer and Provider perspectives will be presented and the audience will then have time to ask questions to the panel and discuss issues relevant to their practice.
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