Coding & Reimbursement Workshop

2021 meeting details coming soon. Please check back for updated information.

The 2020 program was converted to a virtual event in consideration of restrictions on live gatherings that were in effect due to COVID-19. The 2020 Coding and Reimbursement Virtual Workshop took place via live webinar September 25 and 26. The E&M Workshop took place September 24. The courses were not recorded.

More information on these past courses is below. Registration is currently closed and will re-open for the 2021 course next year.

Virtual Coding & Reimbursement Workshop

Vascular surgeons and their support staff need to maintain knowledge and competence for appropriate billing and coding procedures. The Coding & Reimbursement for Vascular Surgeons course is an intensive program designed to provide a comprehensive review of current coding and reimbursement information, including critical updates.

Important changes for the coming year include:

- Medicare payment modifications
- New guidelines for Evaluation and Management Coding
• Changes in the Physician Fee Schedule

**Agenda**
Download a PDF of the Virtual Coding Workshop Main Course Agenda

**Learning Objectives**
At the end of the session, participants will be able to:

• Discuss the CPT and Medicare changes
• Demonstrate the application of modifiers for streamlined reimbursement
• Define the Global Surgical Package and how it impacts billing and reimbursement
• Understand the principle of component-coding
• Discuss the correct coding for key endovascular and open vascular procedures

**Who Should Attend?**
These courses are designed for vascular surgeons and their office staff including practice managers, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, nurses, surgery schedulers, coders, and others who seek to improve and expand their knowledge of accurate coding and reimbursement for vascular surgery.

**Accreditation**
The Society for Vascular Surgery® is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

**Designation of Credit**
The Society for Vascular Surgery® designates this live activity for a maximum of 11.75 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

**AAPC Credit**
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**REGISTRATION IS NOW CLOSED**

**Virtual E&M Coding for Vascular Surgeons**
(Optional Workshop)

Thursday, September 24: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Central Time
Evaluation and Management (EM) codes continue to be misunderstood and misused by physicians. Medicare and private payers have responded by targeting EM services for audit. This workshop will focus on coding and documentation rules for choosing a correct EM category and level of service, specifically for the vascular surgeon. Differences between Medicare and private payers will be reviewed.

This information is critical. We discuss how to select a category of EM, new, established, consult, or inpatient code, and how to select a level of service. Still a significant area of audits for payors, both Medicare and CPT have proposed major changes to the way EM codes are reported and paid. Not understanding these changes will impact your reimbursement negatively in the upcoming years.

**Agenda**
Download a PDF of the Virtual E&M Optional Workshop Agenda

**Learning Objectives**
At the end of the session, participants will be able to:

- Describe the coding and documentation rules for key EM categories
- Identify the difference between Medicare and private payers as related to E & M coding
- Understand the documentation requirements for the history, exam and medical decision making components for an EM service
- Discuss the correct use of EM modifiers in vascular surgery

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Virtual 2020 Coding & Reimbursement Workshop – Program Faculty

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Teri Romano, BSN, MBA, CPC, CMDP, of Karen Zupko & Associates is a speaker and consultant in coding and reimbursement and participates as a faculty member in coding and reimbursement workshops sponsored by national medical specialty societies including the Society of Vascular Surgery, the American Association of Neurosurgeons, the American College of Surgeons and the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. She also provides customized coding and reimbursement courses directly to physicians and their staffs as well as E & M and operative note audits to assist practices with their compliance activities.

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Robert M. Zwolak, MD, PhD, is a vascular surgeon and professor of surgery at Dartmouth Medical School and Chief of Surgery at Manchester VA Medical Center. He maintains a busy clinical practice in open and interventional vascular surgery. He has extensive vascular surgery coding expertise, having served on the SVS Health Policy Committee for over 15 years. He is a member of the American College of Surgeons General Surgery Coding and Reimbursement Committee, and he served two terms on the American Medical Association/Specialty Society Relative Value Update Committee (RUC). He is a past president of the Society for Vascular Surgery.

Program Faculty -- Virtual E & M Coding for Vascular Surgeons (Optional Workshop)

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