Course Agenda

(Subject to Change)

7:00am – 8:00am  
Registration / Breakfast

8:00am – 10:30am  
E/M Coding  
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- **E/M Guidelines: 2023 Update**
  - Time vs MDM: What Works Best for Vascular Surgeon
  - Using Time: Opportunities and Limitations
- **Revisions to Categories of E/M**
  - A Road Map to Choosing a Category
- **Element #1: Number and Complexity of Problems Addressed**
  - Problems, Illnesses & Injuries: How Are They Defined?
  - Acute vs Chronic
  - How is the Complexity of the Problem Determined?
  - Counting the Number of Problems. What Constitutes a Separate Problem?
  - Applying Element #1
  - *Examples: Determining Problem Element in Vascular Surgery*
- **Element #2: Data to Be Reviewed and Analyzed**
  - Defining Data: Category 1
    - What is an External Note?
    - What is a Unique Data Test?
    - What is a Unique Source?
    - Who Qualifies as an Independent Historian and How is this Role Documented?
    - Defining Data: Category 2
      - Documenting Independent Interpretation
    - Defining Data: Category 3
      - What Constitutes a Discussion of Management or Tests?
      - Who Qualifies as an External or Other Source?
    - *Examples: Identifying Unique Tests and Notes in Vascular Surgery*
• **Element #3: Risk of Complications and/or Morbidity or Mortality of Patient Management**
  - Defining Level of Risk: What Does CPT Say?
  - Documenting Level of Risk: Do the Current Risk Table Examples Still Apply?
  - How Do Test and Treatment Decisions Impact Co-morbidity and Risk?
  - Applying Element #3
  - *Exercises: Determining Level of Risk in Vascular Surgery*

10:30am – 10:45am   Break

10:45am – 12:00pm   **E/M Modifiers**
  - Modifier 25 Update: Will payors stop paying for E/M and procedure on the same day? Will they reduce payments? What's in the works for this code combination and how will it impact vascular surgeons?
  - Modifier 25 and 57

**Medicare Modifiers FS and FT**

**Qualified Health Care Provider (NP/PA) Billing**
  - Incident vs. Direct Billing
  - Medicare Guidelines for NP/PA in the Outpatient Setting and the Inpatient Setting
  - Medicare FS Modifier for Shared Services
  - What About Private Payers? Will They Pay for PA or NP Services and Will a Modifier Be Needed?

12:00 pm   Adjourn / Boxed Lunch Provided