

E/M Coding for Vascular Surgeons Workshop
October 16, 2023
OLC Education & Conference Center
Rosemont, IL

Course Agenda

(Subject to Change)

7:00am – 8:00am

Registration / Continental 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 / Lunch**