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: 2024 Update**
  - Time vs MDM: What Works Best for Vascular Surgeons
  - Using Time: Opportunities and Limitations

- **Element #1: Number and Complexity of Problems Addressed**
  - Defining the Problem: The Basics
  - Acute vs Chronic, Stable vs Exacerbating
  - Documenting the Problem(s), Why it’s the Most Important Component
  - Is Severity More Important than the Number of Problems?

- **Element #2: Data to Be Reviewed and Analyzed**
  - Documenting Data: The Basics
  - 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?

- **Element #3: Risk of Complications and/or Morbidity or Mortality of Patient Management**
  - Defining Risk: It’s Your Plan!
  - Documenting Level of Risk
    - Does Medicare’s Table of Risk Still Apply?
    - Does Urgency or Severity of a Problem Impact Risk?
• Applying MDM in a Practice Setting
  o Going from Level 3 to Level 4: Key Considerations.
  o Going from Level 4 to Level 5: What Determines a High Problem and High Risk in Vascular Surgery.
  o When Does Data Order or Review Make a Difference. What is a Common Forgotten Documentation for Vascular Surgeons?

10:30am – 10:45am Break

10:45am – 12:00pm Payer Audit Risk with E/M. Circa 2024.
• How Do Payors React to Increasing Volume of Level 4, Level 5?

Highlights of E/M Category Changes
• Revisions to Categories of E/M: impact on Billing
• A Road Map to Choosing a Category

E/M Modifiers
• Defining and Applying Modifier 25 and 57

Medicare Modifiers FS and FT: Use in Vascular Surgery

Advanced Practice Provider/Qualified Health Care Provider (NP/PA) Billing
• Incident vs. Direct Billing vs Shared Services
• Medicare Guidelines for NP/PA in the Outpatient and 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