

Friday, September 20, 2019 **9:00 am - Noon**
E & M Coding for Vascular Surgeons Agenda (Optional Workshop)

Please note: There is an additional fee to attend this optional workshop.

- 8:00 am **Registration (Breakfast on your own)**
- 9:00 am **E & M Coding Overview**
Teri Romano, BSN, MBA, CPC
- Medicare, Private Payers and the Focus on E & M Audits: What Are They Looking for and What Makes a Vascular Surgeon an Audit Target?
 - Who Makes the Rules for E & M Coding? Medicare, Local Medicare Carriers and Private Payers. How They Differ (and Why!)
 - EHR and E & M Coding: How It Can Optimize Your E & M Revenues and Why your EHR is an audit risk
 - Medicare current and proposed changes in EM coding and reimbursement.
 - CPT/AMA Proposed changes to E &M coding
 - New E & M codes for Interprofessional telephone consultation
- 9:30 am
- The Process of Choosing an E & M Code: What to Think about Before You Check Off that E & M Code for Billing!
 - What Determines an E & M Category
 - Consults: The Rules Still Apply for Some Private Payers!
 - New vs. Established Patients. What if Your Partner or Physician Assistant Saw the Patient 2 Years Ago?
 - Medicare vs. CPT Category Guidelines
 - Category Scenarios. Which One Would You Select?
- 10:30 am **Break**
- 10:45 am -noon
- E&M Modifiers
 - Modifier 25: When Can You Report Both a Procedure (Like a Debridement) and an E & M Code?
 - Modifier 24: Learn Why Use/Overuse of This Modifier Can Make You an Audit Target
 - Modifier 57: What To Do about Denials When Using This Modifier
 - The Three Key Components of an E & M Level – Matching your Documentation to the Right Level
 - HPI- how much is enough and why it matters who documents it.
 - ROS Documentation: What's enough?
 - Using the 1995 exam or the 1997? What's the Best Bet for Vascular Surgeons? What Exam Elements "Count" and How Many Do I Need for a Level 4 Visit? Can you mix and match?
 - What are the Minimal Requirements for a Level 4? A Level 5?
 - What Part of My Assessment and Plan Translates into Medical Decision Making and What Distinguishes Low from High Decision Making? How Does Medical Necessity Relate to Decision Making?

*Program subject to change

- Billing Based on Time. When Can This Be Used and What Needs to Be Documented?
- Case scenarios: Determining an accurate E/M level

Non-Physician Practitioner Billing: Medicare Rule

- Incident to vs. Direct Billing
- Payment and Policy Essentials
- Shared Billing: Are You in Compliance
- What about private payers? Will they pay for PA or NP services?
- Medicare potential changes to NPP Billing

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