

E & M Coding for Vascular Surgeons Agenda (Optional Workshop)

As of July 31 (subject to change)

Thursday, Sept 24, 2020

10:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Please note: There is a separate registration fee to attend this optional workshop.

10:00 am

E & M Coding: 2021 Changes to New and Established Patient Guidelines. Are you ready??

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- Why the change?
- 2021 CPT /AMA Guidelines
- Medicare Response
- Billing based on Medical Decision Making
- Billing based on Time
- Potential Reimbursement impact. Tracking trends
- Implementing Documentation Changes
- Action Plan

E & M Coding Overview

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- 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
- 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?

11:30 am

12:30 pm

Break

12:45 pm -2:00 pm

- 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

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- HPI- how much is enough and why it matters who documents it. 2020 changes you should be using now.
- 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?
- 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
- How will the new 2021 guidelines impact NPP 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

2:00 PM

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