

## E & M Coding for Vascular Surgeons Agenda

**Saturday, October 1, 2022**

7:00am – 8:00am      **Registration (Breakfast on Your Own)**

8:00am – 10:30am    **E & M Coding**  
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- Outpatient EM Coding: Circa 2021 and beyond. Highlights and Resolving problems in Outpatient EM interpretation.
  - Using Time in the Outpatient Setting
- Using time in a Facility Setting
- First look at the New 2023 Facility EM Guidelines! **NEW!**
- Revisions to Categories of EM: Outpatient and Facility. Changes in Facility definitions/ categories. **NEW!**
  - Revision of Outpatient and Inpatient Consultation Code
  - Revision of inpatient and observation codes
  - Deletion of observation codes 99217-99220
  - Revision of prolonged service codes
  - Establishment of New Prolonged Service code
- **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 in a facility setting. **New!**
  - *Exercises: Determining Number of Problems 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?
- Applying Element #2 in a facility setting. **New!**
- *Exercises: 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 in a facility setting. Changes in determine Risk in a facility setting, **NEW!**
  - *Exercises: Determining Level of Risk in Vascular Surgery*

10:30am – 10:45am Break

10:45am – 12:00pm

**EM Modifier Under Attack by Payors**

- Will payors stop paying for and EM and procedure on the same day? Will the reduce payments? What's in the works for this code combination and how will it impact vascular surgeons. **New!**

**Medicare Modifiers FS and FT**

- Medicare modifiers FT and FS: do they impact vascular surgeons? **New!**

**Qualified Health Care Provider (NP/PA) Billing**

- Incident vs. Direct Billing
- Medicare guidelines for NP/PA in the outpatient setting and the inpatient setting. How will this change in 2023? And in 2024?
- Medicare FS modifier for shared services
- What About Private Payors? Will They Pay for PA or NP Services? and will a modifier be needed.

12:00 pm

**Adjourn / Boxed Lunch Provided**