

Practice Management Bootcamp

Course Description

The course will present a clinically-based approach to documentation and coding of physician services provided in the emergency department that will identify how to properly report and capture appropriate RVUs and reimbursement for professional services. The major component of emergency physician reimbursement is the Evaluation and Management service. The course will address the specific elements of the history, physical exam and ED course/medical decision-making upon which the payers base their valuation of service reimbursement. Topics include documentation of clinically appropriate HPI, ROS, Family, Medical and Social histories, exam elements and management options, tests and studies considered, ordered and evaluated, differential diagnoses, treatment decisions and disposition considerations.

Critical care and observation care are common services provided in the emergency department that have their own documentation requirements, focused on medical necessity and clear support of the patient's clinical condition that requires critical or observation care. The course will detail these considerations and their implications for RVU generation. Procedures, such as wound care, fracture care, minor extremity trauma management, sedation, and a variety of other procedural services will also be discussed in detail as to their documentation requirements for accurate reporting to third party payers. Attention will be given throughout to meeting good documentation practices that meet risk management standards.

Credit Designation Statement

The American Academy of Emergency Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 7.25 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*[™]. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of this presentation, each participant should be able to:

1. Learn the keys to reimbursement: knowing how to communicate the value of ED care, identify what you're worth and to document it.
2. Learn E&M coding and documentation - the 5 keys for high acuity patients.
3. Recognize HPI, ROS, PFSH and Exams– documentation principles that lead to sensible coding policy
4. Medical Decision Making is the heart of the value equation; we learn to focus on documenting what really counts, like the difference between 99283s and 99284s.
5. Apply case examples to make the principles practical.
6. Emergency medicine should own this code. Learn to define it properly, it's simpler than you know, and how to measure its value in order to capture all the revenue.
7. Time is of the essence. Learn what counts. (Hint- it's not just bedside time).
8. Apply what qualifies through chart examples of atrial fibs, asthma, overdoses, weak and dizzy, even nosebleeds.

9. Learn that Obs is a status not just a unit, it pays 40-100% more to know the difference and you do it commonly on 5-8% of all ED patients.
10. Do well while you do good with observation services that benefit everybody, including the payer.
11. Learn the 'TAO' of obs, the key to medical necessity, the 5 key documentation points that prove the value of obs and the 10 codes that define it.
12. Which codes apply, what we can and can't bill for and what needs to be done to prove the emergency physician's value.
13. Why payment is not about the size of the wound – how to document and be paid for repairs of higher complexity. They may be more common than you know.
14. Get specific coding and documentation advice for ultrasound, foreign body removal, debridement, I&Ds, conscious sedation, central lines, CPR, defibrillation, and other coding controversies.

Course Schedule

Tuesday, February 7, 2012

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| 8:00am | Reimbursement Update and Emergency Physicians' reimbursement Almanac. Evaluation and management – where the money is lost and found |
| 12:00pm | Lunch (on your own) |
| 12:45pm | Critical Care Coding and Documentation Issues Observation Care Coding and Documentation Issues |
| 2:30pm | Break |
| 2:45pm | Essentials of Fracture, Dislocation and Splinting Care in the ED Wound Care Other Procedures Chart review – specific charts are reviewed for the application of correct coding policies. |
| 4:15pm | Program evaluation and adjournment |

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