

GENERAL SURGERY

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**ICD-9 ■ CPT ■ HCPCS
Reimbursement & Coding
For General Surgery**



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SPECIAL SECTION FOR 2009 & 2010

**2010 ICD-9 plus known CPT changes impacting
Gastroenterology. What about GI & Bariatric DX codes in 2010.**

**Wednesday, November 4, 2009
Raleigh, North Carolina
Embassy Suites - Durham/Raleigh Airport
201 Harrison Oaks Blvd.
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**Friday, November 20, 2009
Charlotte, North Carolina
Doubletree Hotel - Airport
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(9 am - 4:00 pm)

**Special Section:
See What's New. Hot Topics in Surgery
for 2010 ICD-9. Check out Medicare proposals
on back page of this flyer!**

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Bring examples of your coding and reimbursement problems
for the workshop. We'll find the specific
solutions together!

(PLEASE BRING YOUR CURRENT ICD-9, CPT & HCPCS BOOKS)

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earn coding techniques that work!

- Review recent changes to lap hernia and E/M codes.
- Document and code for what you do. This critical area loses money daily AND can cost in audit penalties.
- Central venous lines - tunneled versus non-tunneled, insertion versus replacement. We will give you guidelines and tips.
- Bariatric procedures are becoming more common for morbid obesity. We'll review the latest guidelines for proper reporting.
- Mammosite insertion codes were revised. We will update you on all of the breast codes.
- EGD & Colonoscopy rules. Screening versus diagnostic. We will review the policies.
- When is it proper to use modifier -59?
- Visits & procedures during the postoperative procedure. How do we report them? What modifier do we use?

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trategies To Assist Correct Coding, Reimbursement & Compliance

- With increase in MACs and RACs, proper documentation is essential for billing, quality and risk prevention.
- PQRI- How it applies to general surgeons.
- As deductibles and copays for patients skyrocket, is your office equipped to monitor this and act on it?
- Advance Beneficiary Notice (ABN) forms were revised in late 2008. Learn when and how to use an ABN form for General Surgery procedures.
- Documentation is essential for counseling and coordination of care billing, based on time.
- Monitoring your Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs) and National Coverage Determinations (NCDs) for services you provide. It is essential for claims submission.

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dvanced Surgery Insurance Solutions Ease Paperwork

- There were many 2010 ICD-9 changes effective October 1, 2009. Which impacted general surgery practices? We will go over these changes. The last 3 years have been huge. We'll introduce 2010 as well.
- Medicare Voluntary Refund reports require prompt action on your part. We will explain.
- We will review indications on modifier -62 for co-surgeon and modifier 80 for assistant surgeon. It can mean a lot for reimbursement.
- Unlocking the key to the modifier maze concerning -58, -78 and -79. We will give you clarification on these modifiers.
- Linking your ICD-9 codes to the CPT codes will greatly reduce unnecessary claims denials and reduce payment turn around time for 2009 and known 2010.

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Note:

TAPES/CD ON THIS TOPIC: 2 or 3 audio cassette tapes or CD's, workbook & S/H costs (allow 3 to 4 weeks after we receive your order in house for shipment)

Learn How To

HANDLE SPECIAL SURGERY SITUATIONS

- ANALYZE YOUR CODING PATTERNS BY SPECIALTY IN THE SAME MANNER CARRIERS AUDIT YOUR PRACTICE.
- THERE WERE OVER 750 NEW, CHANGED & DELETED CPT CODES AND REVISIONS. MANY IMPACTED GENERAL SURGERY FOR 2009. AGAIN, SURGERY CHANGES ARE HUGE.
- WHY CONSULTATIONS ARE BACK ON THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL'S TARGET LIST. WE'LL DISCUSS THE CHANGES.
- MAKING SURE YOU ARE COMPLIANT WITH THE "INCIDENT TO" AND UPDATED SUPERVISION RULES.



Kathy Mueller

About your seminar leader:

Kathleen A. Mueller, R.N., C.P.C, C.C.S.-P., C.M.S.C.S., P.C.S. is a national independent consultant with over 30 years experience in healthcare. This includes ICU/CCU nursing, physician office administration, surgical claim scrubbing, insurance claims submission and adjudication, plus seminar instruction and on-site consulting work in hundreds of offices. Kathy is a nationally recognized speaker and author of many multi-specialty medical and surgical coding workbooks with a special emphasis on your specialty. She also writes a coding column for several specialty coding newsletters. Attendees have the opportunity of learning solutions to their insurance problems from "real world" experience, both in the knowledge of Ms. Mueller and the "on-site networking" within specialty specific training. Please join with your fellow medical specialty offices for this unique day of discovering solutions together.

Terry L. McVey, President

Beginning October 2009 there are hundreds of new, revised or deleted ICD-9 codes. We'll preview the 2010 changes. We'll have the latest for you on over 750 CPT 2009 changes.

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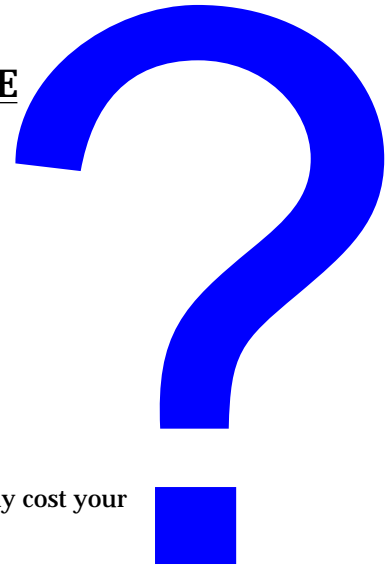
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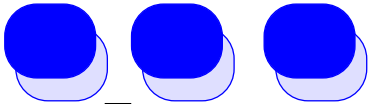
WE PROVIDE ANSWERS TO 2010 MEDICARE PROPOSALS



- Medicare's proposals to the 2010 Physician Fee Schedule include a large pay cut. CMS proposes elimination of Consultation payment for 2010.
- What EM service codes should be used instead of Consult codes?
- CMS is projecting a 21.5% rate reduction to the 2010 Physician Fee Schedule.
- We will cover the 2010 Diagnosis new, revised and deleted codes.
- New proposed Medicare rules could cost your Practice big \$\$\$.
- Get ready for Red Flag rules to prevent Identity Theft....Failure to comply may cost your Practice \$2500 per violation!
- CMS proposes payment reduction for physician owned high cost imaging.
- Special accreditation requirements for technical services may be in your near future.
- Do the Final Anti-Markup Guidelines impact your Practice?
- Beware of Templates and EMRs that encourage you to improperly code higher visit levels.
- Medical Necessity for Complexity of Decision Making is essential for proper EM levels of service.
- We will provide some Practical Tips to Prepare for ICD-10 transition, 2013.

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