

Agenda – 2015 CPT Coding and Reimbursement Update For Neurosurgeons

Our goal is to present an information-packed session where attendees can comfortably ask as many questions as needed. Times below do not account for discussions and questions that often arise and therefore these estimates maybe off in some classes.

- **Global Surgical Package (30 minutes)**
 - Definition: CPT vs Medicare
 - AANS Global Service Information
 - Use of the Operating Microscope
 - Placement of a Ventricular Catheter
 - Stereotactic Navigation
 - Cranioplasty and/or Duraplasty

- **Surgery Code Modifiers (30 minutes)**
 - Same Day Modifiers: 22, 50, 51, 59, Medicare's New –X{EPSU} Modifiers, 52, 53
 - Global Period Modifiers: 58, 78, 79, 76, 77
 - Surgeon Role Modifiers: 62, 80, 82, AS

- **Spine Surgery Coding (2.5 hours)**
 - Principles of Spine Surgery Coding
 - Instrumentation Codes: Posterior, Anterior, Intervertebral
 - Bone Graft Codes / Bone Marrow Aspiration
 - Anterior Cervical Decompression and Fusion
 - Anterior Lumbar Interbody Fusion
 - Corpectomy Codes
 - Total Disc Arthroplasty – New Codes in 2015
 - Laminectomy and Discectomy Procedure Codes
 - Posterior Arthrodesis Codes including Lumbar Interbody Arthrodesis (PLIF/TLIF)
 - Posterior Spine Procedures: New Technology including New SI Joint Code in 2015
 - Exploration of Fusion and Hardware Removal/Reinsertion Codes
 - Spine Fracture Coding Tips
 - Front-Back Spine Surgery Coding Tips
 - Stereotactic Radiosurgery (Spinal)
 - Vertebroplasty, Vertebral Augmentation, Sacroplasty – New Codes in 2015
 - Spinal Pumps
 - Spinal Neurostimulator

- Myelography Procedures

- **Cranial & Non-Spine Surgery Coding (1 hour)**
 - Craniotomy Coding Basics
 - Craniotomy for Tumor Removal
 - Stereotactic Radiosurgery (Cranial)
 - Skull Base Surgery Coding Tips
 - Craniotomy for Aneurysm Codes
 - Decompressive Craniotomy Codes
 - Intracranial Hematoma / Abscess
 - Neuroendoscopy
 - Ventriculoperitoneal Shunt
 - Vagus Nerve Stimulator (VNS)
 - Deep Brain Stimulator (DBS)

- **Evaluation & Management Coding (1.5 hours)**
 - E&M Overview
 - Choosing an E&M Code: Category and Level
 - History, Exam & Medical Decision Making
 - Choosing a Code Based on Time
 - Critical Care Codes
 - E&M Code Modifiers

- **Resources**
 - CMS Non-Physician Practitioner Billing Guidelines
 - KZA's List of Recommended Resources

This program meets AAPC guidelines for 6.0 continuing education units.