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Documentation and Coding for Physician Practices



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This conference will address the documentation guidelines for evaluation and management (E&M) services and the components involved in E&M coding and billing.

Documentation is the concrete evidence that illustrates and substantiates what was done and why. The documentation is the ultimate justification for payment. Risk areas of the patient encounter form will be discussed as it relates to coding and documentation. The great “puzzle” of documenting the key components of E&M services will be provided with an explanation of how all the pieces fit to ensure compliance with billing guidelines. Various scenarios will be presented to assist in understanding the pitfalls of improper coding. Pattern billing, code steering, and the importance of proper linking of diagnosis codes will round out the session.



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