

CURRICULUM: PAIN MANAGEMENT

GOAL

The goal of this curriculum is to prepare individuals to accurately assign procedure and diagnosis codes for the most frequently encountered pain management services and procedures.

OBJECTIVES

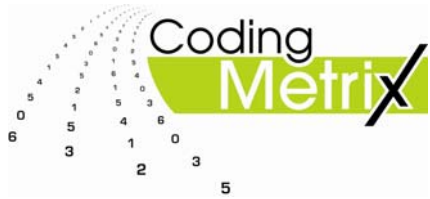
1. Gain familiarity with pain management procedures and terminology.
2. Correctly assign procedure and diagnosis codes for pain management services.
3. Identify common documentation issues related to pain management services.

ABSTRACT:

The Pain Management Curriculum is a comprehensive training program that provides users with in-depth information on the most frequently performed pain management procedures and services.

The curriculum begins with an Overview course that provides the user with basic principles and key terms for pain management. The Pain Management Patient Visits course covers coding principles for visit services, including consultations, office/outpatient visits, and related services. The Diagnosis Coding course covers the proper assignment of ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes for the conditions for which pain management specialists commonly provide services. The Spinal Injections course presents the procedure coding guidelines for diagnostic and therapeutic spinal injections. The Peripheral Injections course presents coding guidelines for trigger point injections, peripheral nerve blocks, and related services. The Implanted Pumps and Neurostimulators course covers implanted infusion pumps as well as spinal and peripheral neurostimulators. Finally, the Other Chronic Pain Services course covers the billing guidelines for drugs, acupuncture, and other miscellaneous pain services.

All of the courses contain state of the art graphics, examples, and multiple choice exercises. Actual case studies are utilized to instruct and to reinforce the user's learning experience.



GOAL

This course introduces users to basic terminology and concepts of pain management coding and reimbursement.

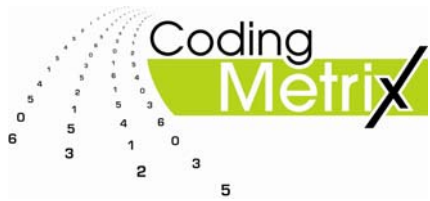
OBJECTIVES

1. Identify the scope of practice of pain management specialists.
2. Distinguish between acute and chronic pain services.
3. Identify the major types of diagnostic and therapeutic procedures performed by pain management specialists.

ABSTRACT:

The Overview is the preview course in the Pain Management Curriculum. It is designed to introduce users to the basic terminology and concepts of pain management coding and reimbursement. Topics to be covered include the scope of practice for pain management; the distinction between acute and chronic pain services; and the major types of diagnostic and therapeutic pain procedures.

Upon completion of this course, the user will understand the basic concepts and definitions required for the remaining courses in the Pain Management curriculum.



COURSE: Patient Visits
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- I. Overview
- II. Office/Outpatient Visit Services
- III. Inpatient Visit Services
- IV. Assessment

GOAL

The goal of this course is to prepare individuals to accurately assign procedure codes for the most common types of patient visit services in pain management.

OBJECTIVES

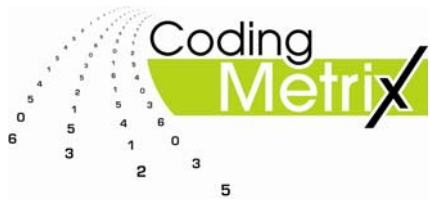
1. Define the various types of visit services provided by pain management specialists.
2. Identify the situations in which a visit can be reported together with a procedure.
3. Discuss common documentation deficiencies and compliance concerns related to patient visit services.

ABSTRACT:

The Patient Visits course is the first course in the Pain Management Curriculum. This course provides users with in-depth information on the most frequently encountered types of visit services performed by pain management specialists.

The course begins with a discussion of Office/Outpatient services, including consultations and new and established office/outpatient visits. Inpatient services are then discussed, including initial and subsequent hospital care as well as inpatient consultations.

All of the modules contain examples and multiple choice exercises that are utilized to instruct and reinforce the user's learning experience. At the completion of the course material, the user will receive a scored assessment that tests the key learning points of the course.



COURSE: Diagnosis Coding for Pain Management
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- I. Overview
- II. Assigning Diagnosis Codes for Pain
- III. Assigning Diagnosis Codes for Spinal Disorders and Other Conditions
- IV. Assessment

GOAL

The goal of this course is to prepare individuals to accurately assign diagnosis codes for conditions commonly treated by pain management physicians.

OBJECTIVES

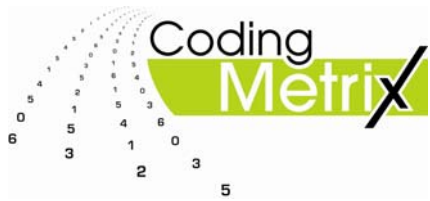
1. Identify the guidelines for assignment of ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes for pain.
2. Accurately assign diagnosis codes for pain-related services.
3. Accurately assign diagnosis codes for common spinal disorders.

ABSTRACT:

The Diagnosis Coding course is the second course in the Pain Management Curriculum. This course is a comprehensive training program that prepares users to assign ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes for pain management services.

The course begins with a discussion of the portions of the *ICD-9-CM Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting* related to pain management. Other conditions that are commonly treated by pain management specialists, including spinal disorders, are covered in a separate module.

All of the modules contain examples and multiple choice exercises that are utilized to instruct and reinforce the user's learning experience. At the completion of the course material, the user will receive a scored assessment that tests the key learning points of the course.



COURSE: Spinal Injections/Procedures
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- I. Overview and Anatomy
- II. Epidural and Facet Joint Injections
- III. Neurolysis and Epidurolysis
- IV. Disk Procedures
- V. Assessment

GOAL

The goal of this course is to prepare individuals to accurately assign procedure codes for diagnostic and therapeutic spinal injections performed by pain management specialists.

OBJECTIVES

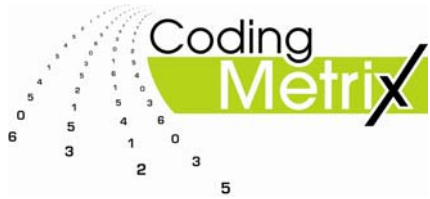
1. Identify the various types of spinal injections performed by pain management specialists.
2. Accurately assign procedure codes for commonly performed diagnostic and therapeutic spinal injections.
3. Discuss common documentation and compliance issues related to billing and reimbursement for spinal injections.

ABSTRACT:

The Spinal Injections/Procedures course is the third course in the Pain Management Curriculum. This course is a comprehensive training program that provides users with in-depth information on diagnostic and therapeutic spinal injections performed by pain management specialists.

The course begins by discussing relevant spinal anatomy. Subsequent modules cover procedure coding for epidural and facet joint injections; neurolysis and epidurolysis; and intervertebral disk procedures. Documentation and compliance issues related to these procedures are also discussed.

All of the modules contain advanced graphics, examples, and multiple choice exercises. At the completion of the course material, the user will complete a scored assessment that tests the key learning points of the course.



COURSE: Peripheral Pain Injections
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- I. Overview
- II. Peripheral Nerve Blocks and Injections
- III. Peripheral Neurolysis
- IV. Assessment

GOAL

The goal of this course is to prepare individuals to accurately assign procedure codes for peripheral pain management injection services.

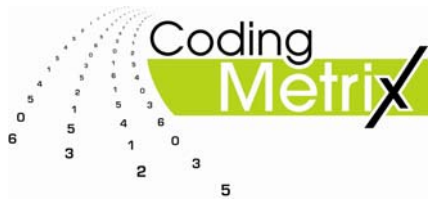
OBJECTIVES

1. Identify commonly performed peripheral pain management injection services, including nerve blocks, joint injections, and neurolysis.
2. Accurately assign procedure codes for peripheral pain management injection services.
3. Discuss common documentation and compliance issues related to billing and reimbursement for peripheral injections.

ABSTRACT:

The Peripheral Pain Injections course is the fourth course in the Pain Management Curriculum. This course is a comprehensive training program that provides users with in-depth information on peripheral pain management injection services. The course begins with a discussion of procedure coding for peripheral nerve blocks and other injections, including trigger point, tendon sheath, and joint injections. The subsequent module discusses coding for neurolytic injections and infusions. Documentation and compliance issues related to these procedures are also discussed.

All of the modules contain advanced graphics, examples, and multiple choice exercises. At the completion of the course material, the user will complete a scored assessment that tests the key learning points of the course.



COURSE: Implanted Pumps and Neurostimulators
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- I. Overview
- II. Intrathecal Pumps
- III. Peripheral Neurostimulators
- IV. Spinal Neurostimulators
- V. Analysis & Programming of Neurostimulators
- VI. Assessment

GOAL

The goal of this course is to prepare individuals to accurately assign procedure codes for implanted pumps and neurostimulators.

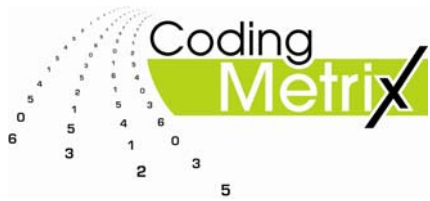
OBJECTIVES

- 1. Identify the major types of implanted pumps and neurostimulators.
- 2. Accurately assign procedure codes for insertion, maintenance, and removal of implanted pumps and neurostimulators.
- 3. Discuss common documentation and compliance issues related to billing and reimbursement for implanted pumps and neurostimulators.

ABSTRACT:

The Implanted Pumps and Neurostimulators course is the fifth course in the Pain Management Curriculum. This course is a comprehensive training program that provides users with in-depth information on procedure coding for insertion, maintenance, and removal of implanted pumps and neurostimulators. Documentation and compliance issues related to these procedures are also discussed.

All of the modules contain advanced graphics, examples, and multiple choice exercises. At the completion of the course material, the user will complete a scored assessment that tests the key learning points of the course.



COURSE: Other Chronic Pain Services
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- I. Overview
- II. Moderate Sedation
- III. Acupuncture
- IV. Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment
- V. Billing for Drugs/Supplies
- VI. Other Services/Issues
- VII. Assessment

GOAL

The goal of this course is to prepare individuals to accurately assign procedure codes for other chronic pain services and procedures.

OBJECTIVES

- 1. Identify other procedures and services commonly performed by pain management specialists, including moderate sedation, osteopathic manipulative treatment, and acupuncture.
- 2. Accurately assign procedure codes for other chronic pain procedures and for drugs and supplies used during pain management services.
- 3. Discuss common documentation and compliance issues related to billing and reimbursement for other pain services and supplies.

ABSTRACT:

The Other Chronic Pain Services course is the final course in the Pain Management Curriculum. This course is a comprehensive training program that provides users with in-depth information on procedure coding for other chronic pain services. This course begins with a discussion of procedure coding for moderate sedation, followed by coverage of acupuncture, osteopathic manipulative treatment, and drugs and supplies.

All of the modules contain advanced graphics, examples, and multiple choice exercises. At the completion of the course material, the user will complete a scored assessment that tests the key learning points of the course.