

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

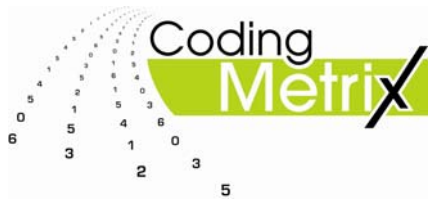
1. Gain familiarity with pain management procedures and terminology.
2. Correctly assign procedure and diagnosis codes for pain management services.
3. Identify common documentation issues related to pain management services.

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 Procedures I and II courses present the procedure coding guidelines for diagnostic and therapeutic spinal injections. The Other Chronic Pain Injections course presents coding guidelines for trigger point injections, peripheral nerve blocks, and related services. The Implanted Pumps and Neurostimulators course covers implanted spinal drug delivery systems 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.



COURSE: Overview (PM0)
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This course introduces users to basic terminology and concepts of pain management coding and reimbursement.

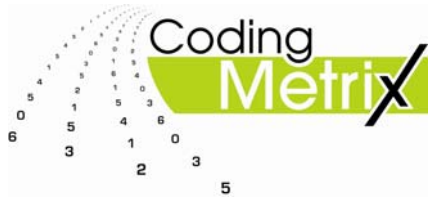
OBJECTIVES

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 (PM1)
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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.

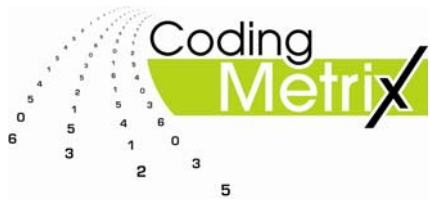
OBJECTIVES

1. Apply coding guidelines for 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 visit services performed by pain management specialists, including consultations, office/outpatient visits, hospital and observation care, telephone and electronic services, and independent medical examinations. Related E/M billing issues are also discussed, including "incident to," nonphysician practitioner services, and the use of modifier 25.

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 (PM2)

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GOAL

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

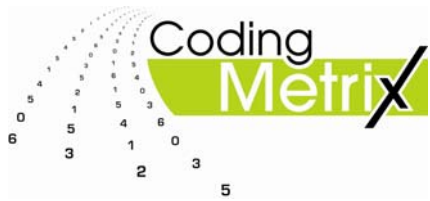
OBJECTIVES

1. Identify and apply the ICD-9-CM Official Guidelines related to assignment of diagnosis codes for pain.
 2. Accurately assign ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes for spinal disorders and other conditions commonly treated by pain specialists.
 3. Understand and apply guidelines for diagnosis code sequencing and for linkage of diagnosis codes with procedure codes.
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ABSTRACT:

The Diagnosis Coding course is the second course in the Pain Management Curriculum. The course begins with a discussion of the portions of the *ICD-9-CM Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting* related to pain, including use of codes in category 338, and reporting of codes for symptoms versus definitive diagnosis. The course also covers diagnosis coding for spinal disorders and for other disorders commonly treated by pain management specialists, including myofascial pain syndrome, complex regional pain syndrome, headache, etc.

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



COURSE: Spinal Procedures I (PM3)
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GOAL

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

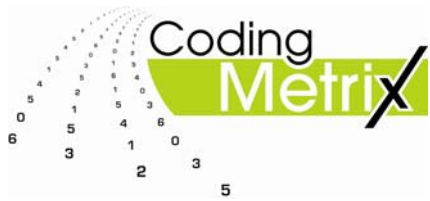
OBJECTIVES

1. Identify important anatomic features of the spine.
2. Assign procedure codes for diagnostic imaging exams of the spine, including myelograms, epidurograms, and diskograms.
3. Assign procedure codes for epidural injections, including single and continuous epidural injections, transforaminal epidural injections, and epidural blood patch.

ABSTRACT:

The Spinal Procedures I course is the third course in the Pain Management Curriculum. The course begins by discussing relevant spinal anatomy. Coding principles for diagnostic spinal imaging exams are then reviewed, including myelograms, epidurograms, and diskograms. Finally, the course covers coding for epidural injections in detail, including single and continuous epidurals, transforaminal epidural injections, and epidural blood patch.

All of the modules contain advanced graphics, examples, multiple choice exercises, and case studies taken from actual physician reports. At the conclusion of the course material, the user will complete a scored assessment that tests the key learning points of the course.



COURSE: Spinal Procedures II (PM4)
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GOAL

The goal of this course is to prepare individuals to accurately assign procedure codes for diagnostic and therapeutic spinal procedures performed by pain management specialists, including facet joint injections, facet neurolysis, epidurolysis, intervertebral disk procedures, vertebroplasty, and kyphoplasty.

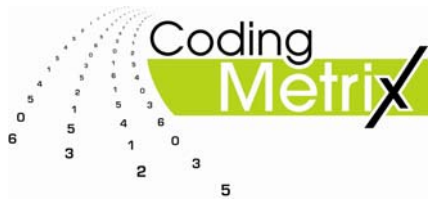
OBJECTIVES

1. Assign procedure codes for facet joint injections and medial branch blocks.
2. Assign procedure codes for facet neurolysis and epidurolysis, including both percutaneous and endoscopic epidurolysis.
3. Assign procedure codes for intervertebral disk procedures, including percutaneous discectomy, intradiscal electrothermal annuloplasty (IDET), and other annuloplasty.
4. Assign procedure codes for percutaneous vertebroplasty and vertebral augmentation (kyphoplasty).

ABSTRACT:

The Spinal Procedures II course is the fourth course in the Pain Management Curriculum. The course provides in-depth coverage of procedure coding guidelines for facet injections, medial branch blocks, facet neurolysis, epidurolysis, percutaneous discectomy, IDET, vertebroplasty, and kyphoplasty.

All of the modules contain advanced graphics, examples, multiple choice exercises, and case studies taken from actual physician reports. At the conclusion of the course material, the user will complete a scored assessment that tests the key learning points of the course.



COURSE: Other Chronic Pain Injections (PM5)

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GOAL

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

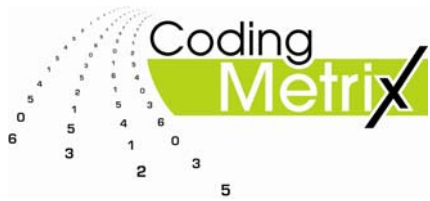
OBJECTIVES

1. Accurately assign procedure codes for peripheral pain management injection services, including trigger point injection, joint injection, peripheral nerve blocks, catheter infusions, neurolysis, and chemodenervation.
 2. Identify common bundling and coverage issues related to peripheral pain injections.
 3. Identify common documentation and compliance issues related to billing and reimbursement for peripheral injections.
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ABSTRACT:

The Other Chronic Pain Injections course is the fifth course in the Pain Management Curriculum. The course provides in-depth coverage of procedure coding guidelines for peripheral pain injections, including trigger point injections, joint injections, nerve blocks, catheter infusions, neurolysis, and chemodenervation.

All of the modules contain advanced graphics, examples, multiple choice exercises, and case studies taken from actual physician reports. At the conclusion 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 (PM6)

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GOAL

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

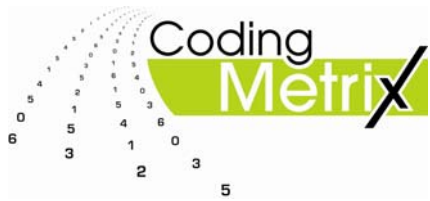
OBJECTIVES

1. Identify the major types of implanted spinal drug delivery systems 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.
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ABSTRACT:

The Implanted Pumps and Neurostimulators course is the sixth 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 drug delivery systems 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 (PM7)
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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 billing for 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.