



COURSE: Evaluation and Management Principles, EM1

CURRICULUM: E/M

GOAL

This Course teaches participants the basic principles of evaluation and management coding, including key concepts, definitions, and fundamentals of medical documentation.

ABSTRACT:

The Evaluation and Management Principles Course is the first Course in the Coding Metrix, Inc. Evaluation and Management Curriculum. This course is designed to familiarize users with the fundamental principles of evaluation and management (E/M) documentation and coding. Participants will learn the definitions of the key and contributory components of the E/M service as well as other important concepts such as encounter time and new versus established patient.

Users will be introduced to the AMA's Documentation Guidelines for Evaluation and Management Services. They will learn how to identify key medical record documentation that supports the E/M level of service. They will also learn the differences between the 1995 and the 1997 versions of the Documentation Guidelines and the implications of these differences for E/M code assignment.

The mechanics of E/M code selection will be reviewed in detail, and users will gain confidence in code assignment through completion of multiple choice exercises and actual case studies (physician reports).

At the end of the Course, the user will complete a scored assessment that tests the key learning points and confirms comprehension.

Upon successful completion of this Course, the user will be ready to begin a more in-depth study of the various E/M service categories, including physician office and hospital services, critical care, etc. These areas are covered in the other Courses of the Evaluation and Management Curriculum.