CURRICULUM: RADIATION ONCOLOGY

GOAL

This curriculum prepares users to accurately assign diagnosis and procedure codes for radiation oncology services.

OBJECTIVES

1. Provide in-depth explanations of radiation oncology terminology and services.
2. Review coding and documentation guidelines associated with procedure code assignment for radiation oncology services.
3. Ensure understanding and retention through examples, multi-choice exercises and actual case studies.

ABSTRACT:

The Radiation Oncology Curriculum is a comprehensive training program that provides users with in-depth information on radiation oncology procedures. Each course targets a specific area that requires proficiency to ensure accurate coding.

The Curriculum includes dedicated courses for the major types of radiation therapy, including External Beam Radiation Therapy, Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy (IMRT), Stereotactic Procedures, Brachytherapy and Radiopharmaceutical Procedures. The Diagnosis Coding course covers the guidelines for assigning ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes for cancer and related conditions treated by radiation oncologists. The Patient Visits course covers procedure coding for non-procedural radiation oncology services.

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

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COURSE: Radiation Oncology Overview (RO0)

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GOAL

This course introduces users to basic terminology and concepts of radiation oncology services.

OBJECTIVES

1. Review the role of radiation in medical treatment and its evolution through recent history.
2. Review current radiation oncology technologies and services utilized for therapeutic and palliative treatment of cancer.
3. Familiarize users with key terminology used in documenting radiation therapy services.

ABSTRACT:

The Radiation Oncology Overview course introduces users to key terminology and concepts of radiation oncology services. It also provides an overview of the history of radiation services as well as the current technologies and services utilized in the treatment of cancer.

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COURSE: Patient Visits – Physician (RO1P)

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GOAL

This course prepares users to code and bill correctly for physician visit services rendered by radiation oncologists.

OBJECTIVES

1. Identify situations in which visit services can be billed by radiation oncologists.
2. Distinguish between the various types of visit services, including consultations and office/outpatient visits.
3. Reinforce learning through multiple choice exercises and actual case studies.

ABSTRACT:

The Patient Visits - Physician course is part of the Radiation Oncology Curriculum. This course addresses specific issues related to physician visit services rendered by radiation oncologists. Users should be familiar with the guidelines for assigning evaluation and management (E/M) codes prior to enrolling in this course.

The course discusses in detail the distinctions between consultations and visits, including documentation requirements for consultations. Inpatient and observation admission and discharge services are reviewed in depth. Other topics include billing for visits along with procedures; encounters dominated by counseling; prolonged services; "incident to" services; and non-physician practitioner services.

This course uses multi-media learning tools, including state-of-the-art graphics, examples and multiple choice exercises to reinforce the user's learning experience. At the completion of the course, the user will complete a scored assessment that tests the key learning points and confirms comprehension.

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COURSE: Patient Visits – Hospital (RO1H)

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GOAL

This course prepares users to bill correctly for visit services provided to radiation oncology patients in the hospital outpatient setting.

OBJECTIVES

1. Identify situations in which it is appropriate to bill for a hospital visit service.
2. Discuss the Medicare requirements for hospital visit classification systems.
3. Reinforce learning through multiple choice exercises and actual case studies.

ABSTRACT:

The Patient Visits – Hospital course is part of the Radiation Oncology Curriculum. This course addresses specific issues related to visit services provided to radiation oncology patients in the hospital outpatient setting, including cancer clinic visits. The course provides an in-depth discussion of Medicare requirements and reimbursement for hospital visit services under the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System. Users will learn how to determine when a visit can be billed together with a procedure or therapy; how to distinguish between new and established patient visits; how to distinguish between a visit and a consultation; how to apply modifiers to visit service codes; and reporting of multiple visits on the same date.

This course uses multi-media learning tools, including state-of-the-art graphics, examples, and multiple choice exercises to reinforce the user's learning experience. At the completion of the course, the user will complete a scored assessment that tests the key learning points and confirms comprehension.

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COURSE: Diagnosis Coding (RO2)

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GOAL

This course prepares users to assign ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes for cancer and related conditions treated by radiation oncologists.

OBJECTIVES

1. Apply ICD-9-CM code selection guidelines for neoplasms and related diagnoses.
2. Review correct procedures for identifying and sequencing the patient's diagnoses.
3. Ensure understanding and retention through examples, multi-choice exercises and actual case studies

ABSTRACT:

The Diagnosis Coding course prepares the user to assign ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes for radiation oncology services. The ICD-9-CM Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting are discussed in detail. Code selection guidelines are reviewed, including the identification and sequencing of reportable diagnoses and the use of the Table of Neoplasms. Common ICD-9-CM diagnosis coding errors are also identified.

This course uses advanced multi-media learning tools, including state-of-the-art graphics, examples, multiple choice exercises, and real-life scenarios to reinforce the user's learning experience. At the completion of the course, the user will complete a scored assessment that tests the key learning points and confirms comprehension.

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COURSE: External Beam Radiation Therapy (RO3)

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GOAL

This course prepares users to accurately assign procedure codes for external beam radiation therapy.

OBJECTIVES

1. Discuss the distinct services and process of care for external beam radiation therapy.
2. Review guidelines for assignment of procedure codes for external beam radiation therapy.
3. Ensure understanding and retention through examples, multi-choice exercises and actual case studies.

ABSTRACT:

The External Beam Radiation Therapy course is a comprehensive training program designed to prepare users to assign procedure codes for external beam therapy. The course discusses the separate services, medical necessity, and coding and billing guidelines for each step in the process of care, as well as coding guidelines for special services associated with the radiation therapy treatment process. Issues related to place of service, dates of service, physician presence, CCI edits and modifiers are also discussed.

All of the modules contain examples, multiple choice exercises and actual case studies 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.

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COURSE: IMRT (RO4)

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GOAL

This course prepares users to accurately assign procedure codes for intensity modulated radiation therapy (IMRT).

OBJECTIVES

1. Review the distinct services and process of care for IMRT.
2. Review coding, documentation and medical necessity guidelines for the physician and facility components of IMRT.
3. Ensure understanding and retention through examples, multi-choice exercises and actual case studies.

ABSTRACT:

The IMRT course is a comprehensive training program that provides users with in-depth information on the unique aspects of intensity modulated radiation therapy coding and reimbursement. The course identifies the differences between IMRT and standard radiation services and how these differences impact medical necessity, documentation, procedure coding and reimbursement. Key areas of concern including CCI edits, bundling guidelines and modifiers are also reviewed in detail.

All of the modules contain examples, multiple choice exercises and actual case studies 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.

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COURSE: Stereotactic Radiation Therapy (RO5)

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GOAL

This course prepares users to accurately assign procedure codes associated with stereotactic radiation therapy procedures.

OBJECTIVES

1. Review the distinct services and process of care for Stereotactic Radiosurgery (SRS), Stereotactic Radiation Therapy (SRT) and Stereotactic Body Radiotherapy (SBRT).
2. Review coding, documentation and medical necessity guidelines for the physician and facility components of each component of stereotactic procedures.
3. Ensure understanding and retention through examples, multi-choice exercises and actual case studies.

ABSTRACT:

The Stereotactic Radiation Therapy course is a comprehensive training program that provides users with in-depth information on the unique aspects of stereotactic procedure coding and reimbursement.

The course discusses the roles of each member of the radiosurgery team, as the neurosurgeon, radiation oncologist and other professionals combine their individual expertise during the treatment process. Medical necessity, ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes and procedure codes for each phase of the treatment modality are discussed. Key areas of concern including CCI edits, bundling guidelines and modifiers are also reviewed in detail.

All of the modules contain examples, multiple choice exercises and actual case studies 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.

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COURSE: Brachytherapy (RO6)

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GOAL

This course prepares users to accurately assign procedure codes for brachytherapy services.

OBJECTIVES

1. Review the distinct services and process of care for brachytherapy.
2. Review coding, documentation and medical necessity guidelines for the physician and facility components of brachytherapy.
3. Ensure understanding and retention through examples, multi-choice exercises and actual case studies.

ABSTRACT:

The Brachytherapy course is a comprehensive training program that provides users with in-depth information on the unique aspects of brachytherapy coding and reimbursement.

The course introduces users to the separate services, medical necessity, coding and billing guidelines for each step in the process of care and also coding guidelines for special services associated with brachytherapy. Key areas of concern including CCI edits, bundling guidelines and modifiers are also reviewed in detail.

All of the modules contain examples, multiple choice exercises and actual case studies 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.

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COURSE: Radiopharmaceutical Procedures (RO7)

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GOAL

This course prepares users to accurately assign procedure codes for radiopharmaceutical procedures.

OBJECTIVES

1. Review the distinct services and process of care for diagnostic and therapeutic services performed by radiation oncologists using radiopharmaceuticals.
2. Review coding, documentation and medical necessity guidelines for the physician and facility components of these procedures.
3. Ensure understanding and retention through examples, multi-choice exercises and actual case studies.

ABSTRACT:

The Radiopharmaceutical Procedures course is a comprehensive training program that provides users with in-depth information on the unique aspects of coding and reimbursement for radiopharmaceutical procedures, including therapeutic nuclear medicine services and radioimmunotherapy. The course also covers guidelines for billing for the radioisotopes used in these services.

The course introduces the separate services, medical necessity, coding and billing guidelines for the radiopharmaceutical services typically performed by radiation oncologists. Key areas of concern including CCI edits, bundling guidelines and modifiers are also reviewed in detail.

All of the modules contain examples, multiple choice exercises and actual case studies 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.

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