

CURRICULUM: RADIATION ONCOLOGY

GOAL

The Goal of this curriculum is to prepare individuals to accurately assign codes for correct claim submission for radiation oncology services.

OBJECTIVES

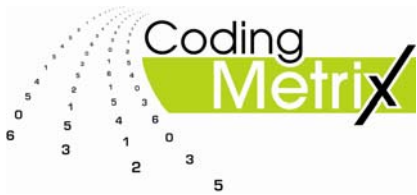
1. Provide in-depth explanations for radiation oncology services.
 2. Review all coding and documentation guidelines associated with assigning procedure codes for radiation oncology services.
 3. Ensure understanding and retention through examples, multi-choice exercises and actual case studies.
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ABSTRACT:

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 procedure coding. The user begins with an overview course that provides the foundation needed to complete the remaining sub-specialty areas.

There are specialized courses for Standard Radiation Services, Brachytherapy, IMRT, Stereotactic Procedures and Radiopharmaceutical procedures. Two additional courses in Evaluation and Management and Diagnosis Coding are tailored to address the specific E/M and diagnosis coding challenges found in Radiation Oncology.

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.



COURSE: Radiation Oncology Overview
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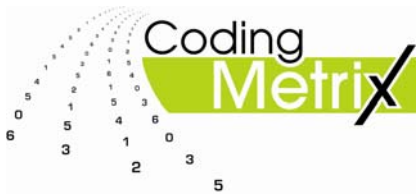
The Goal of this course is to provide individuals with a basic overview of all radiation oncology services to assist with the understanding of current technology and key terms.

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. Provide an overview of key points of interest through state of the art graphics and vendor illustrations.

ABSTRACT:

The Radiation Oncology Overview course is the first course in the Radiation Oncology Curriculum. This course provides an overview of the history of radiation services as well as the current technologies and services utilized in the treatment of cancer.



COURSE: Evaluation & Management Services
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The Goal of this course is to prepare individuals to code and bill correctly for evaluation and management (E/M) services performed by radiation oncologists.

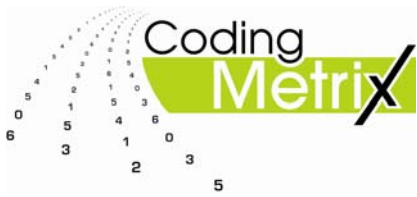
OBJECTIVES

1. Identify the types of evaluation and management (E/M) services most frequently performed by radiation oncologists.
2. Review documentation and coding guidelines for radiation oncology physician E/M services.
3. Reinforce learning through multiple choice exercises and actual case studies.

ABSTRACT:

The Evaluation and Management (E/M) Services course is part of the Radiation Oncology Curriculum. This course addresses the unique E/M documentation and coding challenges found in radiation oncology, including distinguishing between a consultation and a new patient office visit; identifying situations when it is appropriate to bill for an E/M service in conjunction with radiation treatment management; and billing for E/M services after the course of treatment has been completed.

This course uses multi-media learning tools, including state-of-the-art graphics, examples, multiple choice exercises, and actual case studies (physician reports) 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.



GOAL

The Goal of this course is to provide individuals with a basic understanding of ICD-9-CM diagnosis coding guidelines for radiation oncology.

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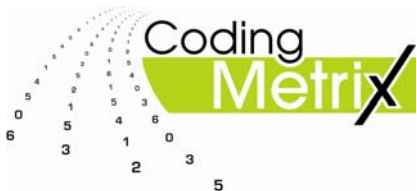
1. Discuss ICD-9-CM code selection guidelines for neoplasms and related diagnoses.
 2. Review correct procedures for identifying and sequencing the patient's diagnoses.
 3. Ensure understanding and retention through examples, multi-choice exercises and actual case studies
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ABSTRACT:

The Diagnosis Coding for Radiation Oncology Services course is the third course in the Radiation Oncology Curriculum. This course prepares the user to assign ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes for radiation oncology services.

Code selection guidelines will be discussed in detail, including the identification and sequencing of reportable diagnoses and the code assignment process.. The Table of Neoplasms will be reviewed in depth, and users will learn to identify common errors in ICD-9-CM diagnosis coding for neoplasms.

This course uses advanced multi-media learning tools, including state-of-the-art graphics, examples, multiple choice exercises, and actual case studies (medical records) 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.



COURSE: Standard Radiation Services
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GOAL

The Goal of this course is to prepare individuals to accurately assign procedure codes for the components associated with the delivery of standard radiation services.

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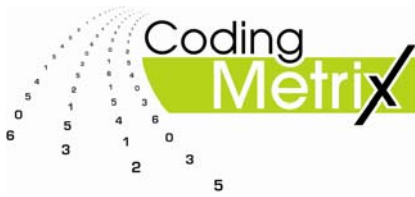
1. Review the distinct services and process of care for standard radiation services.
 2. Review coding, documentation and medical necessity guidelines for the physician and facility components of each radiation service.
 3. Ensure understanding and retention through examples, multi-choice exercises and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

The Standard Radiation Oncology Services course is the fourth course in the Radiation Oncology Curriculum. In order to enroll in this course, the student should have completed the Coding Metrix Overview course or the equivalent. The Standard Radiation Oncology Services course is a comprehensive training program that provides users with in-depth information on the distinct services in the process of care for orchestrating and delivering standard radiation therapy treatments.

The standard radiation services course is an introduction to the separate services, medical necessity, coding and billing guidelines for each level in the process of care and also 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 will also be 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.



COURSE: IMRT

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GOAL

The Goal of this course is to prepare individuals to accurately assign procedure codes associated with intensity modulated radiation therapy (IMRT) services.

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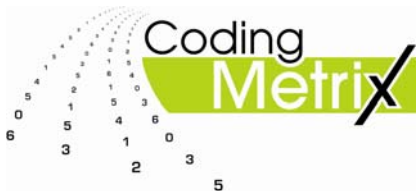
1. Review the distinct services and process of care for the special radiation oncology modality IMRT.
2. Review coding, documentation and medical necessity guidelines for the physician and facility components of IMRT.
3. Ensure understanding and retention through examples, multi-choice exercises and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

ABSTRACT:

The IMRT course is the fifth course in the Radiation Oncology Curriculum. In order to enroll in this course, the student should have completed the *Coding Metrix Standard Radiation Oncology Services* course or the equivalent. The IMRT course is a comprehensive training program that provides users with in-depth information on the difference between IMRT and standard radiation services and how these differences impact medical necessity, documentation, procedure coding and reimbursement.

The IMRT course is an introduction 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 the IMRT treatment process. 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.



COURSE: Brachytherapy

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GOAL

The Goal of this course is to prepare individuals to accurately assign procedure codes associated with brachytherapy services.

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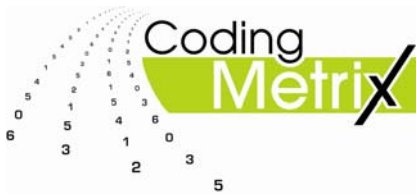
1. Review the distinct services and process of care for the special radiation oncology modality brachytherapy.
 2. Review coding, documentation and medical necessity guidelines for the physician and facility components of brachytherapy.
 3. Ensure understanding and retention through examples, multi-choice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

The Brachytherapy course is the sixth course in the Radiation Oncology Curriculum. In order to enroll in this course, the student should have completed the Coding Metrix *Standard Radiation Oncology Services* course or the equivalent. The Brachytherapy course is a comprehensive training program that provides users with in-depth information on the unique sub-specialty of brachytherapy and its associated medical necessity, documentation, procedure coding and reimbursement.

The brachytherapy course is an introduction 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 the brachytherapy process. 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.



GOAL

The Goal of this course is to prepare individuals to accurately assign procedure codes associated with radiation therapy stereotactic procedures.

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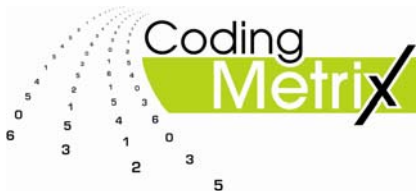
1. Review the distinct services and process of care for Stereotactic Radiosurgery(SRS), Stereotactic Radiation Therapy (SRT) and Stereotactic Body Radiotherapy (SBRT).
 2. Review coding, documentation and medical necessity guidelines for the physician and facility components of each component of stereotactic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

The Stereotactic course is the sixth course in the Radiation Oncology Curriculum. In order to enroll in this course, the student should have completed the Coding Metrix *Standard Radiation Oncology Services* course or the equivalent. The Stereotactic Procedures course is a comprehensive training program that provides users with in-depth information on the unique sub-specialty of Stereotactic procedures and the corresponding medical necessity, documentation, procedure coding and reimbursement.

In order to correctly code services it is important to understand the role of each member of the radiosurgery team as the neurosurgeon, radiation oncologist and other professionals in the radiation oncology team combine individual expertise during the treatment process. Medical necessity, ICD -9 codes and CPT® codes for each phase of the treatment modality will be 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.



COURSE: Radiopharmaceutical Procedures
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GOAL

The Goal of this course is to prepare individuals to accurately assign procedure codes associated with diagnostic and therapeutic services involving radiopharmaceuticals.

OBJECTIVES

1. Review the distinct services and process of care for diagnostic and therapeutic services performed by radiation oncologists involving 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 the seventh course in the Radiation Oncology Curriculum. In order to enroll in this course, the student should have completed the Coding Metrix *Standard Radiation Oncology Services* course or the equivalent. The Radiopharmaceutical Procedures course is a comprehensive training program that provides users with in-depth information on the difference between procedures involving radiopharmaceuticals and standard radiation services and how these differences impact medical necessity, documentation, procedure coding and reimbursement.

This course is an introduction to 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.