Dear Colleague,

The 2015 Managing Coding & Reimbursement Challenges in Neurosurgery course continues the American Association of Neurological Surgeons’ (AANS) 18-year tradition of offering high-quality practice management educational courses. This course delivers knowledge and experience led by our faculty of physician experts and neurosurgical coding consultants to give a balanced perspective on coding challenges in neurosurgical practices. We are ready to train you and your staff in best practices for billing and coding when you attend this course.

Are You Ready? ICD-10 is Coming

With the adoption of the ICD-10 nomenclature on Oct. 1, 2015, time is running out to receive the training necessary to avoid disruptions to your revenue streams. Planning now assures that your practice will experience a smooth transition. On day one of the course, our faculty provides a review of the ICD-10 requirements specific to the needs of neurosurgery practices. Next, attend individual breakout sessions designed for physicians and sessions designed for coders and office staff. This provides a hands-on learning experience, where attendees ask the faculty additional questions and interact with colleagues facing the same issues.

Achieve Coding Proficiency

The AANS Managing Coding courses helps neurosurgical practices optimize overall reimbursement, reduce claim denials, ensure coding accuracy and receive CME and CEU credits. As Director and Co-Director of the AANS Managing Coding courses, we can assure you that you will receive training in the latest billing and coding best practices, learn invaluable tips and receive neurosurgical coding expertise that you can’t find anywhere else.

You won’t want to miss this course in 2015. Register for you and your staff today!

Course Description

The goal of the AANS Managing Coding course is to train clinical, professional and administrative staff in the use of current neurosurgery CPT codes, and provide instruction on how to prepare for the upcoming ICD-10-CM mandate. Through hands-on learning and experience, attendees will be able to accurately apply and assign CPT codes for common neurosurgical procedures.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, participants should be able to

- Describe two major differences between ICD-9 and ICD-10 codes.
- Use relevant ICD-10 chapters and codes common to neurosurgery.
- Describe key potential documentation deficiencies relative to ENT in ICD-10.
- State two implementation actions that you can take now to prepare for ICD-10.
- Identify and apply correct CPT codes to commonly performed spine and cranial procedures.
- Describe the global surgical package meaning what’s included the pre-, intra- and post-operative global period.
- Monitor practice financial vital signs and discuss strategies for improvement.
- Improve the ability to choose E/M levels of service and code categories.
- Determine when to use consultation E/M codes.

Who Should Attend?

Neurosurgeons, fellows and chief residents, practice managers, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, nurses, surgery schedulers, coders, billing office staff and other office staff members.

When neurosurgeons attend with their reimbursement team, this provides the highest return on investment because the entire team hears and takes the same message home to implement change.

Faculty

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“Wonderful course! Material well-presented; dynamic speakers.”
— Bertha Vasquez
General Course Information

Continuing Medical Education Credit
The AANS is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACEME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The AANS designates this live activity for a maximum of 18 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

AAPC CEU Credit
This program has the prior approval of AAPC for up to 18 continuing education hours. Granting of prior approval in no way constitutes endorsement by AAPC of the program content or the program sponsor.

The AAPC approval index number(s) for the 2015 AANS Managing Coding & Reimbursement Challenges in Neurosurgery courses is valid to February 28, 2016.

Hotel Accommodations
Registrants are responsible for making their own hotel reservations. Please identify the AANS course you will be attending when making your hotel reservations. While a sufficient number of rooms have been set aside at the hotel for course registrants, there are occasions when the room block sells out prior to the cut-off date. Please make your hotel reservations as early as possible. Reservations made after the course registration deadline will be accepted on a space available basis and may not qualify for discounted rates.

Air Transportation
The AANS is pleased to announce that Delta Air Lines offers airfares for your event travel. Refer to your Ticket Designator NMJR/W to purchase your tickets and your negotiated discount may be applied.

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Course Locations

Las Vegas
February 5-7, 2015
Bellagio
3600 S Las Vegas Blvd
Las Vegas, NV 89109
Hotel Phone: 702.693.7111
Room Rates: $179 Thursday Only; ($199 Friday and Saturday)
Reservation Deadline: Jan. 6, 2015
Attendees can contact the reservation agents at 1.888.987.6667

Orlando
April 16-18, 2015
Buena Vista Palace Hotel & Spa
1900 E. Buena Vista Drive
Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830
Hotel Phone: 407.827.2727
Room Rates: $159
Reservation Deadline: March 26, 2015

New Orleans
March 12-14, 2015
Astor Crowne Plaza
New Orleans
739 Canal Street
New Orleans, LA 70130
Hotel Phone: 504.962.0500
Room Rates: $216
Reservation Deadline: February 10, 2015

Philadelphia
November 5-7, 2015
Hyatt Regency Philadelphia
201 S. Columbus Blvd.
Philadelphia, PA 19106
Hotel Phone: 215.928.1314
Room Rates: $189
Reservation Deadline: Aug. 7, 2015

AANS Annual Meeting Practical Clinics:
Washington, D.C
May 2, 2015
Practical Clinic: Neurosurgical
CPT Coding Update with ICD-10

IMPORTANT: You must register for the Annual Scientific Meeting in addition to registering for the above practical clinic. This course has a separate agenda, separate registration process, and requires a different registration fee from the full course.

Registration Form

Choose Your Course:

☐ Las Vegas February 5-7, 2015
☐ New Orleans March 12-14, 2015
☐ Orlando April 16-18, 2015
☐ Chicago August 6-8, 2015
☐ Philadelphia November 5-7, 2015
(The Washington, D.C. coding practical clinic is part of the 2015 AANS Annual Scientific Meeting registration process and has separate fees.)

2015 Registration Fees
For multiple registrations, photocopy this form. Please enclose only one check for multiple registrations.
AANS Member Physician $960
Advanced Practice Provider or Office Staff from AANS Member Physician Office $960
Any additional registrants from an AANS Member Physician Office $845
Non-member Physician $1060
Non-member Advanced Practice Provider or Office Staff from Non-member Physician’s office $1060
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Registrant Name

Office Staff: Please provide the name of the physician you work for

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City State Zip

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How your name should read on the registration name badge (please print)

☐ Please contact me regarding special needs associated with a handicap, disability or dietary needs.

Billing Information

☐ Check enclosed (Please make payable to the AANS) Credit Card: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express

Credit Card Number Expiration Date

Name ( Exactly as it appears on the card)

Authorization Signature (I agree to pay according to the credit card issuer agreement.)

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• Fax your registration to 847.378/0681

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