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Dear Colleague,

As your course co-directors and on behalf of the faculty, we invite you to attend the *2018 AANS Managing Coding & Reimbursement Challenges in Neurosurgery* course. Led by physician experts and neurosurgical coding consultants, this course has been the most trusted neurosurgical coding course for over 20 years. We provide a balanced perspective on coding challenges to train you and your staff in best practices for billing and coding. We met many of you in 2017 as the course experienced one of its busiest years to date. Register now and together we will continue to achieve neurosurgical coding excellence.

Are You Ready? MIPS is Here and Compliance is Becoming More Challenging

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS) released a rule modifying the new physician Quality Payment Program (QPP) for 2018. All quality reporting programs have been rolled into one new system: the Medicare Incentive Payment System (MIPS). CMS used a soft rollout of the system for 2017, and compliance was easy — all you had to do was report one measure, on one patient, in a single clinical billing. In 2018, compliance will become more difficult. Come learn the most up-to-date information on MIPS and the QPP.

Your Single Source for Coding Insights for an Integrated Practice

For 2018 we are offering a new and unique half-day seminar option, *Coding Update for Interventional Pain Procedures*. Many neurosurgery groups incorporate other specialties into their practice. This course will review coding topics specific to interventional pain management and physiatry, ensuring that these members of your integrated team can appropriately capture the value of their work. This special half-day seminar option is only being offered at the first course of 2018 in Las Vegas.

We will offer separate breakout sessions during the first evening of each course. These are specifically designed to provide a hands-on learning experience for physicians, coders and office staff. These breakout sessions are also a great opportunity to ask faculty additional questions and interact with colleagues.

Achieve Coding Proficiency

The *2018 AANS Managing Coding & Reimbursement Challenges in Neurosurgery* course helps neurosurgical practices optimize overall reimbursement, reduce claim denials and ensure coding accuracy, as well as receive CME and CEU credits. Your advanced practice providers (APPs) are welcome as well. We will provide CE credit for attending APPs. As co-directors of these 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 cannot find anywhere else.

You won't want to miss this course in 2018. Register today!

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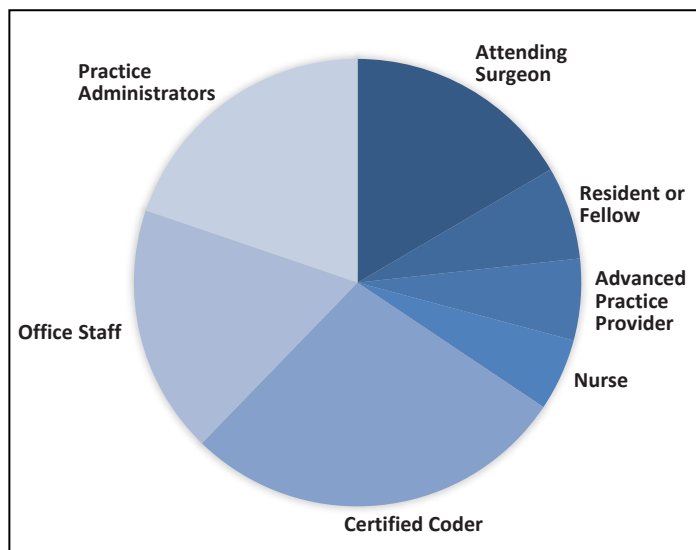## in Neurosurgery
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The goal *of the 2018 AANS Managing Coding & Reimbursement Challenges in Neurosurgery* course is to train clinical, professional and administrative staff to recognize the implications of quality reporting and deliver the most up-to-date ICD-10 and CPT coding specific to neurosurgical practices. Through hands-on training and experience, attendees will be able to accurately apply and assign CPT codes for common neurosurgical procedures. Attendees will be exposed to high quality, reliable and effective practice management content important for staying compliant with ever-changing regulations.

Who Should Attend?

Practicing neurosurgeons, practice administrators, practice managers, physician assistants (PA), nurse practitioners (NP), nurses, surgery schedulers, coders, billing office staff and other office staff members will benefit from this course.

2017 Attendees by Professional Status

Pie chart categories: Attending Surgeon, Resident or Fellow, Advanced Practice Provider, Nurse, Certified Coder, Office Staff, Practice Administrators

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, participants should be able to:

- Discuss updates to the Quality Payment Program specific to neurosurgical practice.
- Review documentation guidelines in order to identify common compliance issues in E/M coding and documentation.
- Define and discuss the role of advanced practice providers (APP) specific to neurosurgical billing and coding.
- Review documentation requirements to ensure appropriate coding compliance and reimbursement for APP services.
- Describe how to bill multiple units of add-on codes.
- Describe the global surgical package, including the pre-, intra- and post-operative global period components.
- Identify and apply correct CPT codes to commonly performed spine procedures.
- State Medicare's conversion factor for 2018.
- Discuss and analyze strategies to improve revenue in your practice.
- Identify and apply correct CPT codes to commonly performed cranial procedures.
- Identify and apply correct CPT codes to commonly performed neuroendovascular procedures.

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Program Schedule

Day One — QPP: MACRA, MIPS, APMs

2-4 p.m.
- Quality Reporting Eligibility and Requirements
- Performance Categories
- Quality Reporting Resources

4:30-6:30 p.m. Optional Breakout Sessions

Physicians-only Breakout: This session will allow for discussion of new codes, practice management concerns and challenges faced by practicing neurosurgeons. It will review CMS survey methodology and provide opportunity to discuss the code development and valuation process. There will be ample time for questions and for attendee-led discussion.

Coders and Office Staff Breakout: This session will focus on review of neuroanatomy and terminology relative to coding using a didactic presentation, models and a question and answer segment.

Day Two — CPT Coding

8 a.m.-4 p.m.
- E/M Coding and Documentation
- APP Billing
- Spine Procedure Coding and Scenarios
- Spine Coding Q&A

Day Three — CPT Coding

8 a.m.-3 p.m.
- 2018 Practice Management Update
- RVU
- Craniotomy and Non-spine Procedure Coding and Scenarios
- Craniotomy and Non-spine Coding Q&A
- Neuroendovascular Procedure Coding and Scenarios

Course schedule subject to change

NEW Coding Update for Interventional Pain Procedures

February 1, 2018, 2-4 p.m. in Las Vegas
Designed for neurosurgeons and providers who deliver pain management services and for coders to ensure that they are coding appropriately for maximum reimbursement as well as compliance.

Agenda includes: Coverage policies and risk areas, coding for imaging in interventional pain and interventional pain procedure coding.

Learning Objectives
Upon completion of this educational activity, participants should be able to:
- Discuss coverage policies in pain management.
- Review documentation guidelines in pain management.
- Apply coding rules and principles for reporting E/M and in office procedures for pain services.

Course Dates and Locations

Las Vegas, Feb. 1-3
Bellagio
3600 S. Las Vegas Blvd.
Las Vegas, NV 89109
Hotel Phone: 888.987.6667
Room Rates: $149.00 Wed.-Thurs., $169.00 Fri.; $279.00 Sat.
Hotel Reservation Deadline: Jan. 1, 2018
Early Registration Deadline: Dec. 17, 2017

Orlando, March 8-10
Rosen Shingle Creek
9939 Universal Blvd.
Orlando, FL 32819
Hotel Phone: 866.996.9939
Room Rate: $229.00
Hotel Reservation Deadline: Feb. 5, 2018
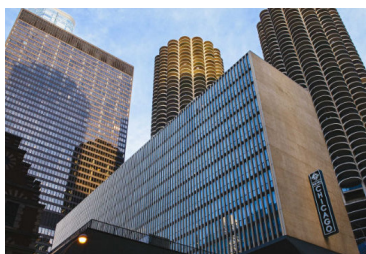*Early Registration Deadline: Jan. 22, 2018*

Chicago, August 9-11
Hotel Chicago Downtown, Autograph Collection
333 N. Dearborn Street
Chicago, IL 60654
Hotel Phone: 877.829.2429
Room Rates: $219.00
Hotel Reservation Deadline: July 18, 2018
Early Registration Deadline: June 24, 2018

Dallas, Sept. 20-22
Omni Dallas Hotel at Park West
1590 Lyndon B Johnson Fwy.
Dallas, TX 75234
Hotel Phone: 800.THE.OMNI
Room Rates: $145.00
Hotel Reservation Deadline: Aug. 29, 2018
Early Registration Deadline: Aug. 6, 2018

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The AANS is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The AANS designates this live activity for a maximum of 17 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Nursing Contact Hours

This continuing nursing education activity was approved by the Ohio Nurses Association (OBN-001-91), an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

AAPC CEU Credit

This program has the prior approval of AAPC for up to 17 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 *2018 AANS Managing Coding & Reimbursement Challenges in Neurosurgery* course is valid to Nov. 30, 2018.

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.

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Attire Advice

Please dress in layers of clothing to accommodate all temperatures.

Questions

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Choose Your Course

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  Early Registration Deadline: June 24, 2018

- ☐ **Dallas – Sept. 20-22**
  Early Registration Deadline: Aug. 6, 2018

2018 Registration Fees

	Early Registration	Registration	*Coding Update for Pain Procedures (Las Vegas only)*
AANS Member Physician	☐ $1,099	☐ $1,149	☐ $299
Non-member Physician	☐ $1,199	☐ $1,249	☐ $299
Advanced Practice Provider (APP) or Office Staff	☐ $999	☐ $1,049	☐ $299
Resident/Fellow or Military	☐ $650	☐ $700	☐ $299

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Registrant Name _____ Credentials _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

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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.) _____

How to Register

Mail this registration form with payment to:
AANS
2370 Eagle Way
Chicago, IL 60678-1023

To pay by Visa, MasterCard or American Express, please:
- Register online at **www.aans.org/Coding**;
- Call 888.566.AANS; or
- Fax your registration to 847.378.0681.

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