June 10, 2016 Morning Session

Codequest - Code Your Way to a Successful Practice

Connecticut Society of Eye Physicians (CSEP) and the American Academy of Ophthalmology presents Codequest 2016 in a four hour session.





Presenter: Sue Vicchrilli, COT, OCS Sue is the director of coding and reimbursement at the Academy. Her 30 year ophthalmic background includes all aspects of coding, reimbursement, practice management, clinic and surgical assistance. Sue is the author of EyeNet's "Savvy Coder" and AAOE's "Coding Bulletin", the Ophthalmic Coding Coach, and the Ophthalmic Coding Series.

- 8:00 Registration Codequest
- 8:15 AAO Codequest Part I

Objectives: 1. To distinguish what coding changes become effective in 2016 and implement them in their practice. 2. Utilize the most appropriate modifiers for services rendered.3. Describe the skills learned for correctly coding surgical cases. 4. Create steps to identify and resolve ICD-10 issues such as claim denials.

- 10:15 Refreshment Break
- 10:30 AAO Codequest Part II
- 12:30 Certificates
- 12:35 Registration for Practice Management Afternoon Session

Attend the Premier Ophthalmic Coding Course - Codequest

Stay up-to-date on the most important ophthalmic coding topics by attending the American Academy of Ophthalmology Codequest in-person coding seminar. In just four hours, you will learn how to code for the highest allowable reimbursement, code ICD-10-CM accurately, reduce audit triggers and avoid costly penalties and denials.

Best of all, Codequest is ophthalmology-specific and state-specific to focus on the coding information you need most, and costs a fraction of what the course registration fees are throughout the country.

Get Accurate, Up-to-Date Coding Information

Taught by experts with years of ophthalmic experience, Codequest 2016 will cover:

- Significant updates for 2016 coding
- Top ICD-10 claim denials
- · Coding and documentation rules and requirements
- Solutions to challenging coding problems
- · Payers' policies and strategies to reduce claim denials
- · Examples of coding best practices
- 2016 PQRS updates and reporting options
- · Customized answers to your questions from the Academy's coding experts
- Codequest offers 4 CME, JCAHPO Category A and NBCOE credits, and a certificate of completion

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ADMINISTRATORS' AFTERNOON AGENDA

Friday, June 10, 2016 The Aqua Turf Club, 556 Mulberry Street, Plantsville, CT

12:35 Lunch & Registration for Practice Management Afternoon Session

1:15 Nutrition and Aging

Elizabeth Johnson, Tufts University
Objectives: To review fundamental nutritional benefits from the food we eat and how this relates to keeping your office healthy and productive.

1:45 What Can Be Done - Advocacy for Patients

Demian Fontanella General Counsel for Office of Healthcare Advocate, PO Box 1543, Hartford
CT 06144, demian.fontanella@ct.gov
Objectives: To describe some of the work the healthcare advocate has been doing and how it impacts the medical practice.

2:00 Politics Affecting Practice Management

- Stephanie Sprague Sobkowiak, Partner, Murtha Cullina, LLP *Objectives:To describe policies impacting medical practices in the workplace.*

2:25 **Protecting the Medical Practice from Med/Mal Claims**

- Michael Rigg, J.D., O'Brien, Tanski & Young, LLP Objectives: To describe cases of medical liability suits and discuss how these cases were preventable.

2:55 **Connecticut Department of Insurance Update**

- Gerard O'Sullivan, Director of Consumer Affairs Division, Department of Insurance *Objectives: Attendee will get an overview of how to report Medicare Advantge problems.*

3:15 Coffee, tea and InternationI Dessert

3:35 National Government Services - Is There a Problem?

- Judy Brown, CPC - NGS, Provider Outreach

Objectives: To identify issues NGS is seeing with regard to ICD- 10 and answer other questions regarding submiting claims.

4:00 Certificates

This afternoon program meets AAPC guidelines for 3.5 Core A continuing education units. Index # will be provided at the end of the meeting. Granting of prior approval in no way constitutes endorsement by AAPC of the program content or the program sponsor. The Connecticut Society of Eye Physicians designates this educational activityfor a maximum of AMA PRA Category I Credit(s)TM. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Separate Registrations are required for both the Morning and Afternoon Programs

JUDY BROWN, CPC - Provider Outreach and Education Consultant Part B

Judy is a Certified Professional Coder through the American Academy of Professional Coders and has worked with the Medicare Part B program for over 32+ years. Judy currently works for the Provider Outreach and Education Department and conducts formal seminars, webinars and teleconferences on a broad range of Medicare topics to our Medical Societies, Associations and provider groups. Prior to this Judy worked in the Electronic Media Claims (EMC) Marketing Department for nine years encouraging and supporting the submission of electronic claims as well as working as a Supervisor for a claims processing unit for nine years. She has also worked in the Provider Enrollment and Reimbursement Departments.

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GERARD O'SULLIVAN, MA

Mr. O'Sullivan is the Director of Consumer Affairs at the Connecticut Insurance Department. The unit receives and reviews complaints from residents of Connecticut concerning their insurance problems, including claims disputes, and serves as a mediator in such disputes in order to assist the commissioner in determining whether statutory requirements and contractual obligations within the commissioner's jurisdiction have been fulfilled.

Gerard heads up the Department's Speakers Bureau speaking to groups throughout the state educating them on insurance and explaining consumer assistance and protection offered by the Department. Gerard also serves as subject matter expert on the Consumer Experience and Outreach subcommittee of the Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange.

Prior to taking this position with the Insurance Department he held several positions in the insurance industry including claims management, sales management and compliance. Gerard graduated from Quinnipiac University and received a Masters of Business Administration degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.



MICHAEL G. RIGG, J.D.

Michael has been practicing law in

Connecticut since 1996. For the first six years of his career, Michael worked in a law firm representing plaintiffs in personal injury cases and criminal defendants in both state and federal court. In 2002, Michael joined the law firm of O'Brien, Tanski & Young, LLP, and has focused his practice almost exclusively on representing physicians and hospitals who have sued for medical malpractice. His practice also includes representing clients in appeals before the Appellate and Supreme Courts of Connecticut.



STEPHANIE SPRAGUE SOBKOWIAK, J.D.

As the co-chair of the firm's Health Care practice group, Ms. Sobkowiak represents health systems, hospitals, physicians, physician groups and other clients in the health care industry. Her practice includes assisting those clients with a wide range of compliance, regulatory, managed care, risk management and reimbursement issues, including fraud and abuse, payor contracts, medical staff and credentialing matters, Certificates of Need and HIPAA and related security breaches.

Ms. Sobkowiak has experience assisting health care clients with a wide variety of contracts, from physician and physician extender employment agreements to service agreements and medical staff bylaws

and related documents. She has negotiated numerous managed care agreements and counseled clients on a variety of issues related to payor relationships. She has also worked with physicians and other practitioners involved in matters before the Department of Public Health and with other health care providers involved in a variety of Medicare/Medicaid matters. She has lectured on meaningful use of electronic health records and general medical records issues as well as various other CMS and state law requirements. Ms. Sobkowiak received her B. S. summa cum laude from the University of Delaware and received her J.D. from Boston College Law School.