

Managing Coding & Reimbursement Challenges in Neurosurgery

2015



American
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Surgeons

Course Locations:

Las Vegas, Nevada

New Orleans, Louisiana

Orlando, Florida

Washington, D.C.
(AANS Annual Scientific Meeting)

Chicago, Illinois

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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.

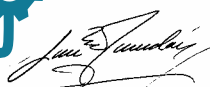
Achieve Coding Proficiency

The AANS *Managing Coding* courses help 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!



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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.

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“Wonderful course! Material well-presented; dynamic speakers.”

— Bertha Vasquez

Program Schedules

DAY 1

ICD-10-CM Coding

2:00 - 5:30 p.m.

This portion of the course will focus on:

- Introduction to ICD-10 Format, Structure and Coding Guidelines
- Neoplasms
- Musculoskeletal System
- Nervous System
- Injuries and Use of External Cause Codes
- Circulatory System
- Congenital Malformations
- Factors Affecting Health Care
- Action Agenda and Strategies for Successful Implementation of ICD-10 in Your Practice

Optional Evening Breakout Sessions from 7 - 9 p.m.

There are two optional breakout sessions that take place the first evening of the course.

Physicians-only Breakout: This session will allow for discussion of new codes, practice management concerns, and challenges faced by practicing neurosurgeons. The session will review CMS survey methodology and will provide opportunity for discussion of the code development and valuation process.

Coders and Office Staff Breakout: This session is for novice and experienced coders and will focus on the anatomy and terminology related to neurosurgical codes. Spine models and brain models are used for demonstration.

DAY 2

CPT Coding

8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

This portion of the course will focus on:

- Medicare 2015 Update: Medicare Payment and Major Changes
- Global Surgical Package
- Introduction to Spine Procedure Coding
- Spine Procedure Coding and Scenarios

DAY 3

CPT Coding

8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

This portion of the course will focus on:

- Spine Procedure Coding and Scenarios (Continued)
- Practice Management: Surviving During Challenging Times
- Craniotomy and Non-Spine Procedure Coding & Scenarios
- Neuroendovascular Procedure Coding and Scenarios
- Compliance in Evaluation and Management Coding and Documentation

General Course Information

Continuing Medical Education Credit

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 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 NMJRW to purchase your tickets and your negotiated discount may be applied.

Reservations and ticketing is available via www.delta.com or by calling our Delta Meeting Network Reservations at 800.328.1111. Please note that a Direct Ticketing Charge will apply for booking by phone. When booking online, select Meeting Event Code and enter your Meeting ID in the box provided on the Search Flight page. Do not make airline reservations prior to receiving a letter of confirmation as courses sell out quickly and registration for a program is not finalized until you receive your confirmation.

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Before the program, all faculty members will disclose the existence of any financial interest and/or the relationship they or their significant other might have with the manufacturer(s) of any commercial product(s) to be discussed during their presentation.

Registration Policy

As courses sell out months in advance, please register early. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. All registrants will receive an email confirmation from the AANS within four business days of their registration. Should you fail to receive a confirmation within that time, please contact the AANS Division of Education and Meetings at epm@aans.org

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The AANS reserves the right to cancel a course. Registrants will be notified by telephone and a formal letter of cancellation will follow in the mail. In the event of course cancellation, registration fees are refundable. However, airline and hotel penalties are the responsibility of the registrant.

***Please note each course date has a registration and cancellation policy. To view the policies, visit www.AANS.org/Coding and click on the "Policies" tab.**

Americans with Disabilities Act

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Attire Advice

Please dress in layers of clothing to accommodate all temperatures.

Questions

Please contact the AANS Division of Education and Meetings at epm@aans.org should you have any questions.

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



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: 215.928.134

Room Rates: \$189

Reservation Deadline: Aug. 7, 2015



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



Chicago

Aug. 6-8, 2015

Millennium Knickerbocker Hotel
163 E. Walton Place
Chicago, Ill. 60611

Hotel Phone: 312.751.8100

Room Rates: \$189

Reservation Deadline: July 16, 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
- Any additional registrants from a Non-member Physician office ☐ \$945
- Resident/Fellow/Military ☐ \$625

Registrant Name		Credentials
Office Staff: Please provide the name of the physician you work for		
Address		
City	State	Zip
Phone	Fax	Email Address
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.)	

How to Register

Mail your registration form to:
AANS
2370 Eagle Way, Chicago, IL 60678-1023

To pay by Visa, MasterCard or American Express, please:

- Register online at www.AANS.org/education.aspx
- Call 888.566.AANS
- Fax your registration to 847.378/0681

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