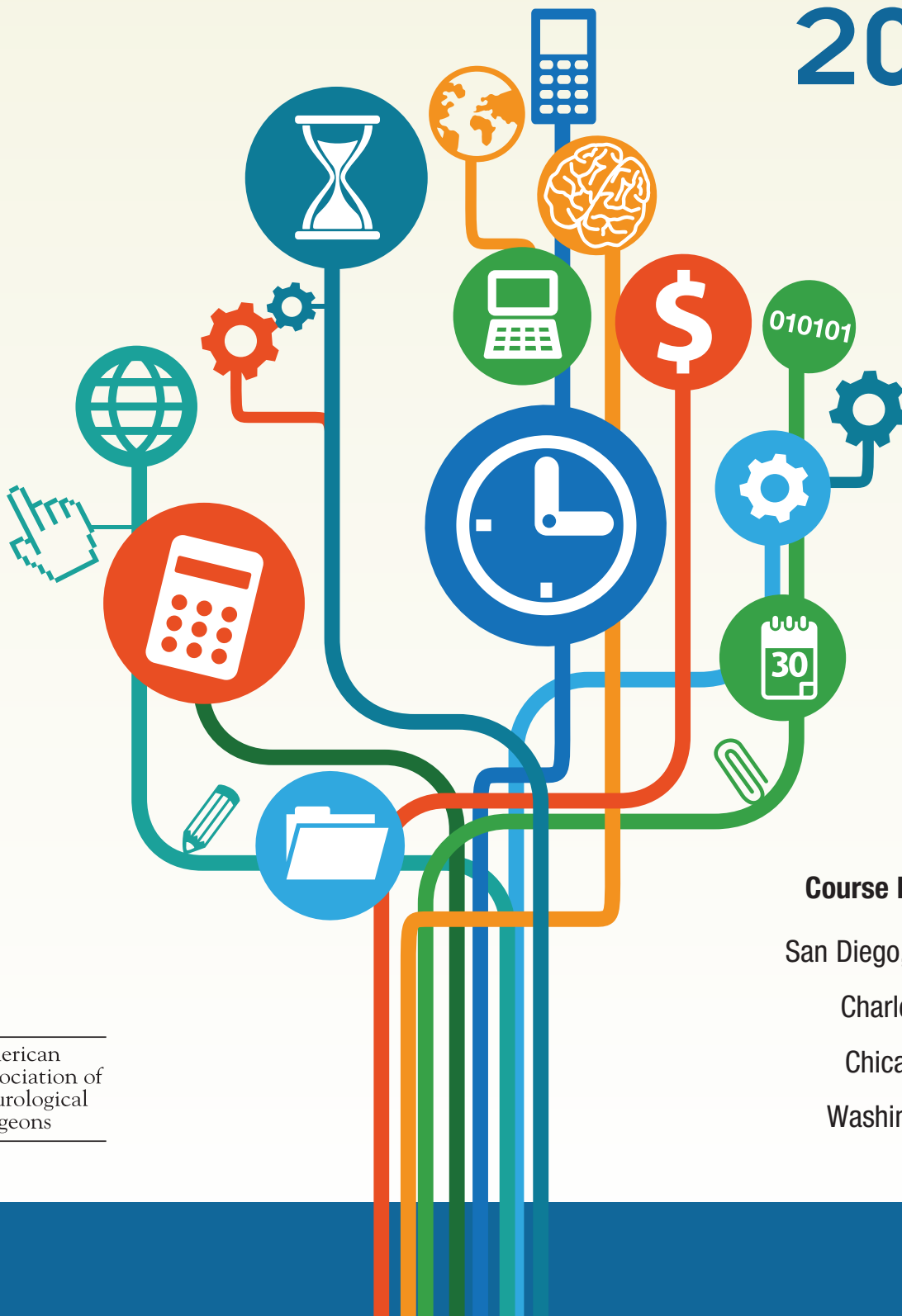


Managing Coding & Reimbursement Challenges in Neurosurgery

2016



Course Locations:

San Diego, California
Charleston, S.C.
Chicago, Illinois
Washington, D.C.



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Surgeons

Dear Colleague,

The 2016 *Managing Coding and 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 the knowledge and experience of 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 to use best practices for billing and coding when you attend this course.

ICD-10 is Officially Here - Are You Prepared?

With the adoption of the ICD-10 nomenclature, we now have a greater understanding of disruptions to your revenue streams. This course is designed to help you address and identify where your ICD-10 coding practices are not optimal. CMS has agreed not to deny claims based on faulty coding for the first year after the roll-out, though some private payers will require correct coding with ICD-10. Planning ahead now assures that your practice will continue to 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. That evening, a breakout session for physicians and a separate breakout for coders and office staff deliver a hands-on learning experience. These breakout sessions also offer an opportunity to ask the faculty additional questions and to interact and learn from your colleagues.

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 Co-Directors of the AANS 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 2016. Register for our course today!

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Course Description

The goal of the *AANS Managing Coding* course is to train clinical, professional and administrative staff to use the most up-to-date neurosurgery CPT coding and correctly implement ICD-10-CM to their practice. 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 neurosurgery in ICD-10-CM.
- Develop an action plan for ICD-10-CM denials in your practice.
- Identify and apply correct CPT codes to commonly performed spine procedures.
- Identify and apply correct CPT codes to commonly performed cranial procedures.
- Describe the global surgical package including the pre-, intra- and post-operative global period components.
- Monitor practice financial vital signs and discuss strategies for improvement.
- Improve the ability to choose E/M levels of service and code categories.
- Explain when to use the 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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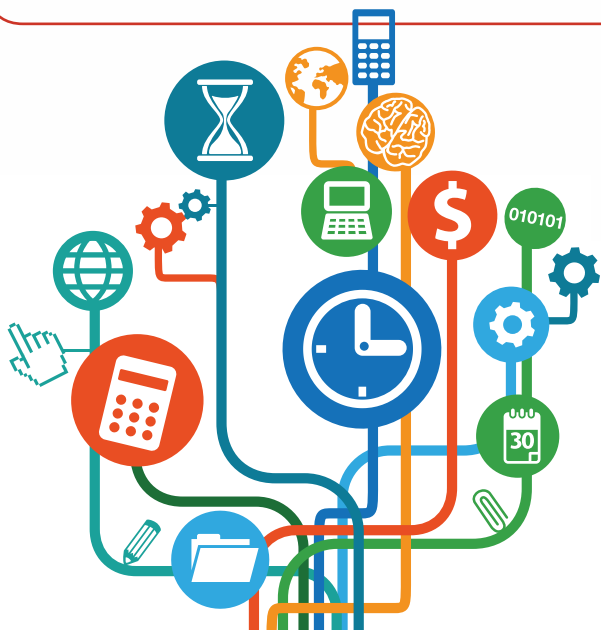
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Program Schedules

DAY 1

ICD-10-CM Coding

2-5:30 p.m.

This portion of the course will focus on:

- Introduction to ICD-10, Format and 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 Denials and Appeals of ICD-10-CM in Your Practice



Optional Evening Breakout Sessions

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. There will be ample time for questions and for attendee-led discussion.

Coders and Office Staff Breakout: This session is primarily for novice coders who are learning neurosurgical coding. It will focus on the anatomy and terminology related to neurosurgical codes, using a didactic presentation, models and ample time for questions. Spine models and brain models are used for demonstration. While senior coders are welcome to attend, the session is structured primarily for coders that are new to neurosurgical procedures and coding.

DAY 2

CPT Coding

8 a.m.-4 p.m.

This portion of the course will focus on:

- Spine Procedure Coding and Scenarios
- Spine Coding Q&A
- 2016 Medicare Update: Medicare Payment and Major Changes for 2016 Including Quality Reporting Requirements

DAY 3

CPT Coding

8 a.m.-3 p.m.

This portion of the course will focus on:

- 2016 Practice Management Update
- Compliance in Evaluation and Management Coding and Documentation
- Craniotomy and Non-Spine Procedure Coding and Scenarios
- Craniotomy and Non-Spine Coding Q&A
- Neuroendovascular Procedure Coding and Scenarios

Course Disclosure and Policies

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 Credit(s)*[™]. 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 2016 AANS Managing Coding and Reimbursement Challenges in Neurosurgery courses is valid to December 31, 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.

Car Rental or SuperShuttle



AANS members receive discounted rates at Alamo car rental. Call 800.354.2322 or visit www.alamo.com. Please mention or enter ID# 706768.

AANS has negotiated a 10% national discount off your round trip reservation with SuperShuttle and ExecuCar. The discount code is: AANSU. To use the code simply enter it on the first page of the website when making your reservations at <http://www.supershuttle.com/default.aspx?GC=AANSU>. For special reservation questions call 1-800 BLUE VAN (800.258.3826), available 24/7. Please note that if you call in your reservation instead of booking and paying online with your

discount code, then the discount is not valid and a \$2 call center fee applies.

Disclaimer

The material presented at the *Managing Coding and Reimbursement Challenges* course has been made available by the AANS for educational purposes only. The material is not intended to represent the only, nor necessarily the best method or procedure appropriate for the medical situations discussed, but rather it is intended to present an approach, view, statement, or opinion of the faculty, which may be helpful to others who face similar situations.

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Before the program, anyone in control of the educational content of this activity will disclose the existence of any financial interest and/or the relationship they or their significant other have with the manufacturer(s) of any commercial product(s) to be discussed during their presentation. Disclosures will be included in the final program.

Registration Policy

As courses sell out months in advance, please register early. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration

for the course will not be confirmed until payment is received. All forms of payment are due at the time of registration so plan ahead. In order to qualify for the advanced registration fees, payment must be received no later than the advanced registration deadline date. If payment is received after the advanced registration deadline date, you will be subject to the regular registration fees.

All registrants will receive an email confirmation from the AANS once payment is received. Should you fail to receive a confirmation, please contact AANS Education and Meetings at epm@aans.org.

Cancellation/Refund Policy

NEW TRANSFERS TO A DIFFERENT COURSE WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED ONE TIME.

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 "Locations" tab.**

Americans with Disabilities Act

The AANS wishes to take those steps to ensure that no individual with a disability is excluded, denied services, segregated, or otherwise treated differently than other individuals because of the absence of auxiliary aids and services. If you require any of the auxiliary aids or services identified in the Americans with Disabilities Act in order to attend any AANS program, please contact the AANS Division of Education and Meetings prior to arrival at epm@aans.org.

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

San Diego

February 4-6, 2016

The Westin San Diego
400 West Broadway
San Diego, CA 92101

Hotel Phone: 619.239.4500

Room Rate: \$229 per night

Reservation Deadline: Jan. 6, 2016

Attendees can contact the reservation agents
at 888.627.9033

**Advance Registration Deadline: Dec. 22, 2015*



Chicago

August 19-21, 2016

JW Marriott Chicago
151 West Adams
Chicago, IL 60603

Hotel Phone: 312.660.8200

Room Rate: \$223 per night

Reservation Deadline: Jul. 28, 2016

Attendees can contact the reservation agents
at 877.303.0104

** Advance Registration Deadline: Jul. 7, 2016*

**NOTE: The Chicago course is Friday, Saturday
and Sunday.**



Charleston, S.C.

March 10-12, 2016

Francis Marion Hotel
387 King Street
Charleston, SC 29403

Hotel Phone: 843.722.0600

Room Rate: \$219 per night

Reservation Deadline: Feb. 8, 2016

Attendees can contact the reservation agents
at 877.756.2121

** Advance Registration Deadline: Jan. 27, 2016*



Washington, D.C.

September 15-17, 2016

Hyatt Regency Washington
on Capitol Hill
400 New Jersey Ave NW
Washington, DC 20001

Hotel Phone: 202.737.1234

Reservation Deadline: Aug. 24, 2016

** Advance Registration Deadline: Aug. 3, 2016*



AANS Annual Meeting Practical Clinics:

Chicago

May 1, 2016

Practical Clinic: CPT Coding

Update with ICD-10 for Neurosurgeons:

Coding Concepts by Case Example

IMPORTANT: You must register for the AANS 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:

- ☐ **San Diego** February 4-6, 2016
- ☐ **Charleston, S.C.** March 10-12, 2016
- ☐ **Chicago** August 19-21, 2016
- ☐ **Washington, D.C.** September 15-17, 2016

(NOTE: The May coding Practical Clinic is part of the 2016 AANS Annual Scientific Meeting registration process and has separate fees.)

2016 Registration Fees

For multiple registrations, photocopy this form. Please
enclose only one check for multiple registrations.

	Advance Registration	Regular Registration (When registering within 6 weeks of course start date)
AANS Member Physician	☐ \$1,099	☐ \$1,149
Non-Member Physician	☐ \$1,199	☐ \$1,249
Advanced Practice Provider or Office Staff	☐ \$999	☐ \$1,049
Resident/Fellow or Military	☐ \$650	☐ \$700

Registrant Name		Credentials
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:

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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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