

2024 Spotlight on E/M and Office Procedures for the General Surgeon

Learning Objectives	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe how to use the elements of MDM to select a level of E/M code • Identify the key issues in NPP and critical care billing. • Demonstrate correct use of E/M modifiers. • Accurately code and document common office procedures 	
Agenda	
Office Procedures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skin lesion excision - benign vs malignant • Repair (closure) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Simple, intermediate, and complex ○ Adjacent tissue transfer • Biopsy coding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Non-excisional ○ Fine needle aspiration • Breast, percutaneous and incisional 	8:00-10:00 AM
Break	10:00-10:15 AM
Office Procedures (continued) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active wound care management • In office hemorrhoid diagnosis and treatment 	10:15-10:45 AM
E/M Modifiers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modifier 25 • Modifier 24 • Modifier 57 	10:45-11:15 AM
Non-Physician Practitioner (NPP) E/M Billing Guidelines <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-Facility "Incident to" a Physician • Any Place of Service "Direct" NPP performs and bills directly • Facility "Split/Shared" billing based on substantive portion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reporting Modifier FS 	11:15 AM-Noon
Lunch	Noon – 1:00 PM
Evaluation and Management (E/M) Coding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E/M Guideline Update • Choosing Time vs Medical Decision Making • Billing based on Time • Billing based on the Elements of Medical Decision Making (MDM) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Element #1: Number and Complexity of Problems Addressed ○ Element #2: Data to Be Reviewed and Analyzed 	1:00-2:45 PM

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Element #3: Risk ● Know What Category of E/M to report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Office / Other Outpatient ○ Inpatient / Observation ○ Outpatient / Inpatient Consultation ○ Emergency Department ● E/M Scenarios in General Surgery 	
Break	2:45-3:00 PM
Critical Care E/M Coding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Medicare Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reporting Modifier FT ○ Reporting critical care for more than one provider ● E/M Critical Care Scenarios and Documentation Tips 	3:00-3:30 PM
Other E/M Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prolonged services on days before/after and day of an E/M ● Reporting telehealth E/M services in 2024 ● Visit intensity/complexity E/M add-on code G2211 	3:30-4:00 PM
Adjourn	4:00 PM