2017 Updates in General Surgery

KZA Webinar 2017 Updates in General Surgery

30-Minute Zipinar: Fast, Efficient Learning!
What You Need to Know and What To Do!

Cost: $99

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Thursday, December 15, 2016 | 12:00pm – 12:30pm cst
While there are not a large number of new codes in 2017, a single change impacts over 400 codes, most of them endoscopy codes. Effective January 1, 2017 the value for moderate sedation (0.10 RVUs) has been deleted from any and all codes that previously included moderate sedation. If you perform endoscopy, this focused 30-minute ‘Zipinar’ will tell you all you need to know to avoid a revenue reduction when you personally provide moderate sedation.

Who should attend?

- General surgeons
- GI physicians
- Practice managers and administrators
- Billing managers
- Coders and billing staff

Agenda:

Here’s What You’ll Learn to Code Correctly and Get Paid!

- Endoscopy code reimbursement reductions: Why is it happening and how will it impact your revenues?
- Medicare’s rationale for reductions: Will this impact
reimbursement from all payers?
- Reductions in endoscopy code values: Which codes are impacted the most?
- Use of the new moderate sedation codes: What needs to be documented? What about template changes?
- Medicare’s G code for moderate sedation: Who does it apply to? How is it used? How is it paid?

Can’t make the live broadcast? The webinar recording will be available on our website for purchase and download a few days after the live session.

Find out about more about Teri Romano, RN, MBA, CPC, CMDP Consultant and Speaker

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General Surgery Workshops

Details

Thursday Course  Friday Course
Dates & Locations Accreditation Testimonials
Fast Track to Payment: Coding, Billing and Reimbursement for Surgical Services

The path from a patient’s initial encounter or emergency surgery to final payment is a complex and interrelated process. This process requires accurate assignment of CPT codes, modifiers, and diagnoses codes; the submission of a “clean” claim; and an understanding of government and payer rules. All of these components contribute to receiving the correct payment. Overlooking even one step – or making the wrong coding choice – can result in a denial and impede cash flow.

In this session, you’ll learn the processes necessary to effectively code, bill, and collect for patient encounters and surgeries. We will also cover practice management essentials such as tracking financial metrics, evaluating RVU reports, implementing time of service collections and surgery deposits, effectively contracting with plans, and understanding the basics of MACRA and MIPS quality initiative. Attendees will leave with the knowledge that puts payments on the fast track. The workbook appendix includes coding rules for teaching physicians.

What’s New in 2017?

- Medicare requirements for reporting post op visits.
- Differences between coding and reimbursement.
- Critical care for trauma.
- Coding for benign and malignant lesions, wound repair, soft tissue tumors.
- Wound care coding.
- MACRA rules–MIPS and APM.
Who Should Attend This Course?

- General surgeons
- Practice administrators and managers
- Coders and billers
- Hospital or MSO administrators running surgical practices

Learning Objectives

As a result of attending this course, participants will be able to:

- Identify the services that are part of the global package and services that may be billed in addition to procedure codes.
- Assess the accuracy of E/M code selection.
- Explain when critical care services may be billed in the global period, and integrate the rules for billing critical care in trauma.
- Demonstrate an understanding of diagnosis coding for medical necessity and risk based coding.
- Define the role and reimbursement of a non-physician practitioner in a surgical practice and analyze the ROI.
- Apply management principles such as reviewing metrics, RVU reports, and monitoring contract payment terms.

What’s on the Agenda?

- Global Surgical Package
- E/M Level of Service
- Critical Care
- Colonoscopy
- Integumentary
- ICD-10 Diagnosis Coding
- Non-Physician Practitioners in a Surgical Practice
- MACRA Rules: MIPS and APM
- Practice Management Essentials
Download our registration brochure. Expanded agenda and detailed course information coming soon.

2017 Mastering General Surgery CPT Coding

Packed with procedure coding instruction, a majority of this workshop is focused on coding for procedures that general surgeons perform the most. This year we’ve added abdominal reconstruction, bariatric surgery, intra-abdominal tumor, and intraoperative chemotherapy coding to the workshop. Our easy-to-follow teaching methods integrate case examples and operative notes so that you leave feeling confident about your coding ability.

We will also address the changes to endoscopy coding in 2017, explaining how to report the new moderate sedation codes and what to expect in terms of reimbursement change. We’ll cover the essential aspects of the global surgery package, including how to select the right modifier for surgeries performed within the global period. You’ll also learn how to navigate the complexities of correctly reporting surgeon role modifiers and same day procedure modifiers to ensure payment for your services.

What’s New in 2017?

- Endoscopy 2017 coding changes: Lower reimbursement and separate billing of moderate sedation.
- Abdominal reconstruction coding.
- Bariatric surgery.
- Intra-abdominal tumor and intraoperative chemotherapy coding.
- More trauma coding.
Who Should Attend This Course?

- General surgeons
- Practice administrators and managers
- Coders and billers
- Hospital or MSO administrators who manage surgical practices

Learning Objectives

As a result of attending this course, participants will be able to:

- Correctly code common general surgery procedures including breast, endoscopy, colorectal, bariatric, trauma, gall bladder, liver, hernia, and more.
- Accurately apply modifiers when they are required and understand their impact on reimbursement.
- Understand how to report and get paid for unlisted procedures.
- Integrate 2017 CPT and HCPCS coding changes and guidelines into practice.

What’s on the Agenda?

- The Global Surgical Package
- Surgeon Role Modifiers
- Same-Day Procedure Modifiers
- Modifiers for Additional Procedures Performed During the Global Surgical Period
- Documentation for Unlisted Procedures
- Breast Procedures
- Hernia Surgery
- Endoscopy
- Colorectal Surgery
- Bariatric Surgery
- Intra-abdominal Tumor/Cyst Resection
- Appendix Surgery
Gallbladder and Liver Surgery
- Trauma Coding
- Endocrine Surgery

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### General Surgery Course Dates at a Glance

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### 2017 ACS Course Accreditation

Course Credit for: Fast Track to Payment: *Coding, Billing and Reimbursement for Surgical*

2017 CME Credit for Physicians

The American College of Surgeons designates this live activity for a maximum of 6.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™.

2017 AAPC Accreditation

This program has the prior approval of AAPC for 6.5 continuing education hours. Granting of prior approval in no way constitutes endorsement by AAPC of the program content or the program sponsor.
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General Surgery Course Testimonials

William Dutton, MD
Posted: August 24, 2017
“Excellent, should be required for ACS fellows and surgical residents.”

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Jill Davenport, Office Manager
Posted: August 24, 2017
“What keeps you coming back? I always learn helpful coding hints. Love the workbook. I keep it handy and refer back to it often.”

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Camille Provenzano, Billing Manager
Posted: August 24, 2017
“Presentations (thankfully) are very in-depth and the coding
“tips” listed are priceless!”

Wendy Jury, Coder/Biller
Posted: August 24, 2017
“The workbook is loaded with tons of references to go back to.”

Michael Martyak, MD
Posted: August 24, 2017
“As a recent graduate of residency preparing to start as a new attending, I found this very helpful. There is a huge gap in education in residency with regards to coding and billing. These courses should be mandatory. Excellent instructor and well organized course.”

Misha Keenan, Office Manager
Posted: August 24, 2017
“I am an office manager with no billing/coding background. The workshop was well structured to ensure that beginners are just as comfortable interacting as the veterans.”

Donna Grimm, RN, CPL, CGSC
Posted: August 24, 2017
“What keeps you coming back? Excellent educators and pertinent topics.”
Casey Price, Coder/Biller
Posted: August 24, 2017
“No matter how much I think I know about coding, I learn something new with each section of the workshop. The resources obtained with this workshop are worth it all!”

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Sarah Sole, Coder/Biller
Posted: August 24, 2017
“I learned a ton of new things this year! I learn something new every time and it keeps me current.”

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Christine S. Clark, MD
Posted: January 28, 2017
Fast paced – kept my attention. High value – each point or tip was relevant. I really appreciate the ‘in the moment’ opportunities for Q + A.

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Jacob H. Rinker, MD
Posted: January 28, 2017
This course will significantly increase my income.

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Kristen A. Flowers, MD
Posted: January 28, 2017
Great – I’ll be back! Useful for a new graduate. Applicable for those who are new or experienced, up-to-date and relevant!
Joseph Bennett, MD

Posted: January 28, 2017
Amazing, should have done sooner. Makes complex topics usable for the surgeon. Enhances my understanding of billing and coding so I can have more intellectual conversations with my biller.

Gail Strindberg, MD

Posted: January 28, 2017
This is a wonderful course. The information is really dedicated to current general surgery practices. It’s also a great opportunity to speak with colleagues and see how they are dealing with the same situations.

CC General Surgery

C&D General Surgery
Global Period for Surgery. Is it billable?

October 5, 2017

Question:
My patient presented to the ED with an infection at the incision site from a surgery that I did 4 weeks ago. It has a 90 day global. I was on vacation so my general surgeon partner saw the patient and admitted her. What should she bill for this?

Answer:
Since the patient is in a global period for the surgery, this is not billable, by you or any of your partners of the same specialty.

From a billing perspective, you and your partners are a single billing entity. Therefore, you all share the global package.

*This response is based on the best information available as of 10/05/17.

Global Period for Surgery. Is it billable?

September 7, 2017

Question:
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August 24, 2017

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August 10, 2017

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