

CSEP
Administrators & Technicians

Annual
Scientific Program

June 10, 2016



Aqua Turf Club
556 Mulberry Street
Plantsville, CT



Administrators' Program

8:00 **Registration Codequest**

8:15 **AAO Codequest - Part I**

– Sue Vicchilli, COT, OCS

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**

Codequest offers 4 CME, JCAHPO Category A and NBCOE credits.

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, JD, General Counsel for Office of Healthcare Advocate, PO Box 1543, Hartford, CT 06144, demian.fontanella@ct.gov

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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, LLC

Objectives: To describe cases of medical liability suits and discuss how these cases were preventable.

2:55 **CT 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 insurance related problems to the department.

3:15 **Coffee, Tea and International Desserts**

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

- Judy Brown and Andrea Freibauer, CPC - NGS, Provider Outreach

Objectives: To identify current NGS coding issues and bulletins with regard to ICD-10 and answer other questions regarding submitting claims.

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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.

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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.



Demian Fontanella, J.D.

General Counsel for the Office of the Healthcare Advocate

Demian Fontanella joined OHA at the end of 2011, bringing a diverse background in medicine and law with him. He is a native of Central Connecticut and currently lives in Avon with his

wife, their daughter, two dogs and cat. After college in Boston, he served a tour of duty in the United States Air Force as a medic in Albuquerque, New Mexico, after which Demian and his family returned to Connecticut where he took a position at the UConn Health Center as a member of a specialized surgical team.

While working at the Health Center, Demian completed his undergraduate work, receiving a degree in Political Science from Charter Oak State College and continuing on to the University of Connecticut School of Law as an evening student, from which he graduated in May, 2008. He interned with OHA from 2006-07, working on several pieces of legislation and projects.

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He started a solo law practice following his admission to the CT bar, specializing in contract, family and civil matters, bringing his medical background to bear on his client's behalf, integrating the principles of mediation and ADR into his representation. He also advocated for healthcare reform and actively incorporated consumer outreach and education into his practice philosophy, providing free education sessions on consumer rights as well as raising awareness about the importance of advanced directives.

Since joining OHA he has been actively involved in consumer outreach and advocacy, client representation for issues with their healthcare coverage, promoting OHA's legislative initiatives and supporting Connecticut's evolving and multifaceted healthcare reform efforts. He provides legal counsel to OHA staff concerning client cases. In addition, Demian works with various stakeholders to promote the office's legal and legislative agenda, as well as engaging community partners to provide robust and effective outreach and education concerning the issues facing Connecticut residents.

Demian enjoys spending time with his family, in addition to cooking, home improvements, reading and the outdoors.

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

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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.

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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.



Technicians' Ophthalmic Program

This Course has been approved by JCHAPO for 6.5 JACHAPO Credits

TECHNICIANS' PROGRAM

8:00 **Registration/Continental Breakfast/Vision Expo**

8:30 **Introduction** - Paul Gaudio, M.D.

CORNEA

8:35 **Contact Lens - from Z to A**

- Bill Ehlers, M.D.

Objectives: Attendees will receive an overview of the risks and benefits of contact lens use and some of the major complications associated with contact wear.

9:05 **Journey Through the Cornea: From A to Z**

- A pictorial presentation of different corneal diseases

- Natalie Afsari, M.D.

Objectives: Attendees will be able to describe and identify common diseases of the cornea and external disease.

9:30 **Believe it or Not- Take a Look at this Case**

- Natalie Afsari, M.D. and Bill Ehlers, M.D.

9:40 **Questions**

OCULAR PLASTICS

9:45 **Ptosis of the Brow, Eyelid and Congenital**

- Michael Ehrlich, M.D.

Objectives: The attendee will understand how to identify Ptosis of the Eyelid including mechanical, myogenic, paralytic, pseudo (blepharochalasis) and unspecified in addition to Ptosis of the Eyebrow and Congenital.

10:05 **Coffee Break**

PEDIATRIC OPHTHALMOLOGY

10:25 **Disruptive Innovation - Predicting the Future of Ophthalmology**

TECHNICIANS' PROGRAM

- Edward Buckley, M.D.

Objectives: Recognize how disruptive innovations replaces the leaders in the field. Use business principles to guide thinking about future medical practice.

10:55 **Twist and Shout, A Tale of tortuous Torsion**

- Martha Howard, M.D.

Objectives: To better understand one cause of torsion and its role in diplopia; To better understand how to treat torsion.

11:10 **Diplopia, Strabismus & Thyroid Associated Ophthalmology (TAO)**

- Jennifer A. Galvin, M.D.

Objectives: At the end of the talk, you will be able to identify the key parts of the clinical exam for strabismus in a TAO patient.

11:25 **Five Great Pearls I Have Acquired Over 30 Years**

- Paul Mitchell, M.D., Drew Levada, M.D.

11:45 **Questions**

12:00 **Lunch**

RETINA

12:45 **OCT Angiography & Widefield Imaging for the Diagnosis & Management of Neovascular AMD**

- Phil Rosenfeld, M.D.

Objectives: To appreciate the use of OCT angiography for the early detection of subclinical, non-exudative neo-vascularization in eyes diagnosed with dry, intermediate AMD To appreciate the advantages of using OCT angiography compared with routine structural OCT imaging alone for the management of neovascular AMD. To demonstrate the advantages of widefield OCT imaging in the diagnosis of AMD.

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- 1:15 **Macular Degeneration Monograph and the CSEP Commitment to Continuing CME on our Website**
- Ed Lim, M.D.
Objectives: Attendee will get an overview of the CME offered on the CSEP website and review of the test questions.
- 1:35 **5 Great Pearls I have Acquired in 45 years of Practice**
- Alexander Gaudio, M.D.
- 1:55 **Questions**
- CATARACT**
- 2:00 **Avoiding Miscommunication Regarding Femtosecond Laser Surgery**
- David Emmel, M.D.
Objectives: To identify the miscommunications surrounding Femtosecond laser surgery and reviewing AAO resources regarding the appropriateness of billing for this procedure.
- 2:15 **Femtosecond Laser Astigmatism Correction and Toric Lens Astigmatism Correction**
- Alan Solinsky, M.D.
Objectives: To review the Management of Astigmatism using Femtosecond laser, imaging devices, manual Limbal relaxing incisions and Toric lenses.
- 2:30 **Pre-op Testing – The Value and Return of Good Testing**
- Jessica Chow, M.D.
Objectives: Attendee will be able to identify the various pre-operative tests that are used in the pre-op cataract surgery evaluation.
- 2:45 **PEARL - Presbyopic Allogenic Refractive Lenticule**
- Soosan Jacob, MS, FRCS, DNB

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Objectives: To review presbyopia as a major visual impairment and treatment options like a SMILE lenticule, used as a corneal inlay.

3:05 **Questions**

3:10 **Coffee Break**

GLAUCOMA

3:30 **Glaucoma Laser Procedures**

- James Martone, M.D.

Objectives: 1. Attendee will be able to identify Selective Laser Trabeculoplasty (SLT), Argon Laser Trabeculoplasty (ALT), Micropulse Laser Trabeculoplasty (MLT), Laser Peripheral Iridotomy (LPI), Laser Cyclophoto coagulation at the completion of this lecture. 2. Long-term benefits will be discussed.

3:50 **Diagnosis and Treatment of Glaucoma**

- Steven Jon Gedde, M.D.

Objectives: To understand the pathophysiology of glaucoma. To identify risk factors for glaucoma. To describe the classification of glaucoma into subtypes. To discuss the various modalities of treatment for glaucoma.

4:15 **Questions**

4:25 **Wrap up and Competency Questions**

5:00 **Certificates & Door Prizes**

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Pre Competency Questions

Diplopia, Strabismus & Thyroid Associated Ophthalmology (TAO)

- *Jennifer A. Galvin, M.D.*

1. What is the most common muscle causing strabismus in TAO?
 - a. Inferior oblique
 - b. Medial rectus
 - c. Inferior rectus
 - d. Lateral rectus
2. Which is not a risk factor associated with TAO?
 - a. Level of alcohol consumption
 - b. Cigarette smoking
 - c. Female gender
 - d. Family history of TAO

Diagnosis and Treatment of Glaucoma

- *Steven Jon Gedde, M.D.*

1. Which of the following is associated with an increased risk of primary open angle glaucoma?
 - a. Caucasian race
 - b. Family history
 - c. Hyperopia
 - d. Younger age
2. Pigmentary glaucoma is an example of which type of glaucoma?
 - a. Primary angle closure glaucoma
 - b. Primary open angle glaucoma

- c. Secondary angle closure glaucoma
- d. Secondary open angle glaucoma

**OCT Angiography and Widefield Imaging for the
Diagnosis and Management of Neovascular AMD**
- Phil Rosenfeld, M.D.

1. Advantages of swept source OCT imaging for the diagnosis of subclinical choroidal neovascularization include:

- a. Longer wavelength for better choroidal imaging
- b. Faster scanning speed resulting in more A-scans per B-scan and more B-scan repeats per area scanned
- c. Larger scanning area
- d. All of the above

2. The advantage of OCT angiography over routine structural B-scan imaging alone includes:

- a. The ability of OCT angiography to generate both flow and structural images
- b. The lower cost of OCT angiography
- c. The detection of leakage using OCT angiography
- d. None of the above

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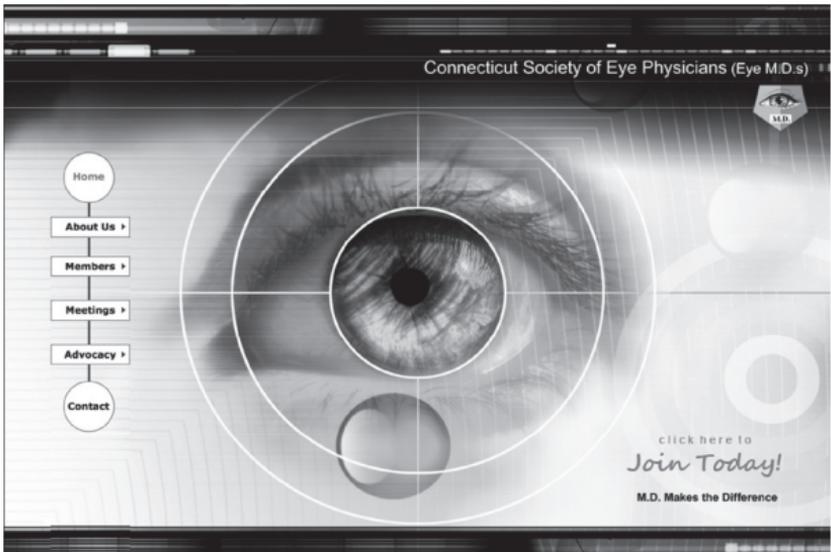
AN ACT CONCERNING PRESCRIPTION EYE DROP REFILLS

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened: Section 1. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2010) Each individual health insurance policy providing coverage of the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 of the general statutes delivered, issued for delivery, amended, renewed or continued in this state on or after January 1, 2010, that provides coverage for prescription eye drops, shall not deny coverage for a renewal of prescription eye drops when (1) the renewal is requested by the insured less than thirty days from the later of (A) the date the original prescription was distributed to the insured, or (B) the date the last renewal of such prescription was distributed to the insured, and (2) the prescribing physician indicates on the original prescription that additional quantities are needed and the renewal requested by the insured does not exceed the number of additional quantities needed. Sec. 2. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2010) Each group health insurance policy providing coverage of the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 of the general statutes delivered, issued for delivery, amended, renewed or continued in this state on or after January 1, 2010, that provides coverage for prescription eye drops, shall not deny coverage for a renewal of prescription eye drops when (1) the renewal is requested by the insured less than thirty days from the later of (A) the date the original prescription was distributed to the insured, or (B) the date the last renewal of such prescription was distributed to the insured, and (2) the prescribing physician indicates on the original prescription that additional quantities are needed and the renewal requested by the insured does not exceed the number of additional quantities needed.

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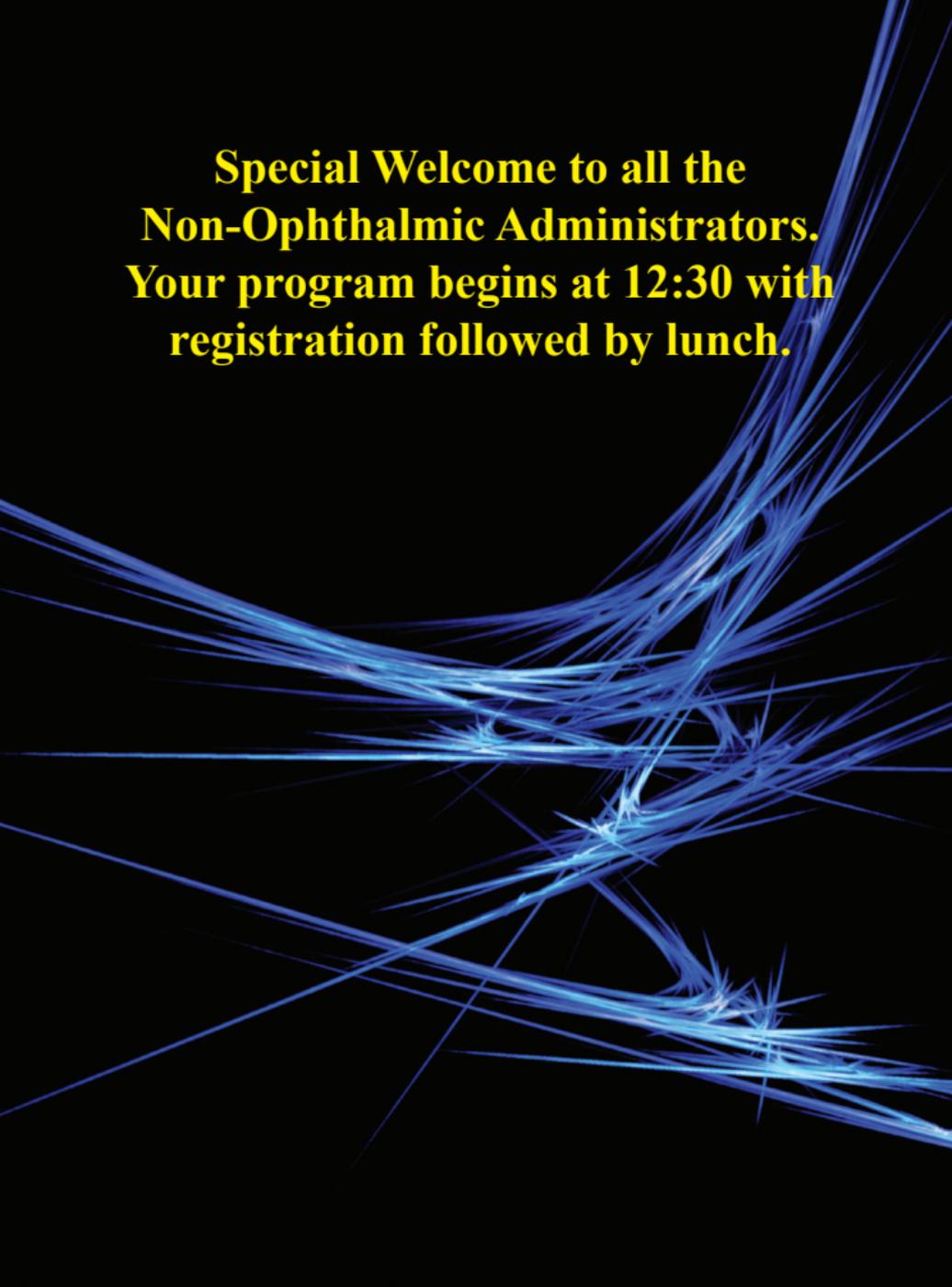
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MARCH 3, 2017

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**Legislative Office Building
210 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, Connecticut**

**Special Welcome to all the
Non-Ophthalmic Administrators.
Your program begins at 12:30 with
registration followed by lunch.**

The background of the slide is a dark blue to black gradient, overlaid with a complex, abstract pattern of bright blue, fiber-optic-like lines. These lines are thin and sharp, crisscrossing and radiating from various points, creating a sense of dynamic energy and connectivity. The lines are most concentrated in the lower right and middle sections of the frame.