

Codequest 2018

Connecticut Society of Eye Physicians partnered
with American Academy of Ophthalmology

June 8, 2018

8 am - 12:30 pm

Plus

Additional Management Courses on

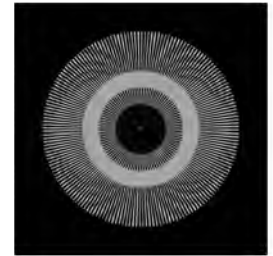
- Contracting
- Billing
- Risk Management
- Audits
- and more!!



June 8, 2018 Morning Session

Codequest - Code Your Way to a Successful Practice

Connecticut Society of Eye Physicians (CSEP) and the American Academy of Ophthalmology presents Codequest 2018 in a four hour session.



Presenter: Sue Vicchilli, COT, OCS, OCSR

Sue is the Academy's director of coding and reimbursement. Her experience in ophthalmology includes coding, reimbursement, practice management and clinical and surgical assistance. She is the content director for the Academy's entire line of coding products.

7:30 Registration Codequest

8:00 AAO Codequest - Part I

Objectives: 1. Avoid costly mistakes that trigger audits in evolving health care markets 2. Audit-proof your documentation with our new payer-specific checklists for top surgical procedures 3. Ensure your practice gets paid for newly covered procedures and devices 4. Telemedicine: Learn what to consider before you participate, including risk management coverage issues 5. Blepharoplasty: Get expert guidance on how to correctly bill cosmetic vs. functional procedures under new requirements 6. Review requirements for mastering modifiers

10:00 Refreshment Break

10:30 AAO Codequest - Part II

12:15 Certificates

12:20 Lunch

12:35 Registration for Practice Management Afternoon Session

Attend the Premier Ophthalmic Coding Course - Codequest

Stay up-to-date on the most important ophthalmic coding topics by attending the American Academy of Ophthalmology's Premier Coding Event Protect Your Practice from Claim Denials and Audits at Ophthalmology's Premier Coding Event American Academy of Ophthalmology Codequest™ 2018 provides unparalleled, expert instruction to overcome coding challenges and improve patient care. With reimbursement rules constantly changing, audits are becoming more frequent and codes are increasing in number and complexity, Codequest 2018 is an event you can't afford to miss.

Codequest theme is year is Strengthen Your Audit Armor!

How audit-proof is your documentation? Codequest 2018 provides checklists for exams, tests and top surgical procedures performed by each subspecialty.

Test your coding competency that impact reimbursement. Here are a few sample questions in the attached.

- Updates to Correct Coding Initiative and modifiers
- Testing services guidelines for ordering vs. supervising ophthalmologists
- Solutions and advice for your specific situation (registrants may e-mail questions in advance to coding@aaao.org)

This morning program meets AAPC guidelines for 4.0 Core A continuing education units. Index # will be provided at the end of the meeting.

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ADMINISTRATORS' AFTERNOON AGENDA

Friday, June 8, 2018

The Aqua Turf Club, 556 Mulberry Street, Plantsville, CT

1:00 **Registration**

1:15 **Navigating Medicare Advantage Plans. Contracting Issue, Administrative Requirements and Out of Network Rules**

– Wendy Kroll, J.D.

Objectives: To help medical office staff understand the new rules for patients enrolled in Medicare Advantage plans. To provide communication tools for patients.

1:45 **Audits: Staying Off the Audit Radar Screen & How to Handle if your Practice is the Target**

– Julia P. Boisvert, J.D., Mindy S. Tompkins, J.D. - Murtha Culina

Objectives: 1. Identify what can trigger an audit and how to mitigate your risk of recoupment 2. Compliance planning and policies 3. Identifying your greatest risk events by provider, by code and by modifier 4. Build a risk-based audit plan that will stand up to auditors 5. Developing an Audit team that is ready to respond 6. Respond quickly and correctly to Audit notices - Automated, Semi-Automated, Complex audit 7. Documentation – A key component of your defense 8. Strategies for Responding to Audit Assessments 8. Review the rules applicable to the audit, including the E&M rules The Danger of Extrapolation and What you can do?

2:45 **Risk Management: Where We Are, Where We're Heading**

– Joyce Lagnese

Objectives: To describe the hidden malpractice risks in your office.

3:30 **Coffee, Tea and International Desserts**

3:50 **Washington Update Objectives - Ophthalmology in Wagon Room**

– Michael Repka, M.D.

Objectives: 1. To understand physician compliance and performance changes in Medicare's Quality Payment Program for 2018. 2. To discuss targeted regulatory relief for physicians in the current political environment: administrative and legislative.

3:50 **Washington Update - AAD, AAO-HS, AUA**

– Debbie Osborn

4:30 **Certificates** - (Non-ophthalmology Administrators)

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Separate Registrations are required for both the Morning and Afternoon Programs



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Julia P. Boisvert is an Associate in the firm's Health Care Practice Group. She assists hospitals, physicians, physician practice groups, social service providers, and other for-profit and nonprofit health care providers with a variety of health care regulatory, corporate, and business issues. Julia has experience advising on corporate formation, governance matters, corporate transactions, employment matters, practitioner and facility licensure, Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement, HIPAA and privacy compliance, and fraud and abuse matters. She also has experience drafting a variety of agreements, including professional services agreements and employment agreements.

For nonprofit providers, Julia also assists with filing for recognition of tax exemption, board management issues, charitable giving matters, and general operational issues.

Julia received her J.D., magna cum laude, from the American University Washington College of Law and her B.S. from Cornell University. She is a member of the American Health Lawyers Association and the Health Law Section of the American Bar Association.

Wendy L. Kroll, J.D.

Wendy Kroll's practice focuses on health care law including claims submission and payment issues for managed care, Medicare and Medicaid. She counsels health care providers and corporations on managed care contracting, reimbursement, government audits, false claims, Medicare and Medicaid regulations, fraud and abuse, HIPAA, and other health care matters. Ms. Kroll was in-house counsel for a fortune 100 health care corporation overseeing claims submission and adjudication, government audits, Corporate Integrity Agreement compliance and provider contracting. Prior to law school, she held the position of President and Executive Director for managed care organizations.

Ms. Kroll received an award for Excellence in Clinical Work for a one year internship with the Office of the CT Attorney General's Health Care Fraud, Insurance Advocacy and Whistleblower Unit. She has written papers on and testified before the CT Public Health Committee on the state action immunity doctrine allowing physicians to collectively negotiate managed care agreements and downstream risk arrangements in managed care contracting.

Ms. Kroll is admitted to practice law in New York. She received her J.D. and a Health Law Certificate from Quinnipiac University School of Law. She is a member of the American Health Lawyers Association, New York Bar Association and participates on the American Bar Association's Breast Cancer Legal Advocacy Workshop Committee. Ms. Kroll provides pro bono legal services for patients denied medical benefits for breast cancer treatment and for the Susan B. Anthony Project.



JOYCE A. LAGNESE

Ms. Lagnese is one of the founding principals of the Hartford Law firm of DanaherLagnese, PC, where she serves as head of the Medical Malpractice Defense Unit. She is a high honors graduate from the State University of New York and obtained her law degree with honors in 1980 from Hofstra University School of Law. Her practice concentration is high exposure medical practice defense litigation. For over three decades, she has defended medical malpractice cases throughout Connecticut on behalf of physicians from every medical specialty, and has successfully tried to verdict a large number of medical malpractice cases including claims of wrongful death and permanent injury. Her practice also includes representation of medical practitioners and institutions in administrative proceedings before the Connecticut Department of Public Health.

Ms. Lagnese has been an invited lecturer and Keynote Speaker to various local and regional medical societies, physicians organizations and hospitals on medico-legal topics and is co-author of a textbook on Connecticut Medical Malpractice. She has also been an advocate in the Connecticut State Legislature for malpractice tort reform.



MICHAEL REPKA, M.D.

Dr. Michael Repka received his medical degree from the Jefferson Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University and completed his ophthalmology residency at Wills Eye Hospital. Following completion of his residency training, a fellowship was spent training in pediatric ophthalmology and strabismus as well as neuro-ophthalmology at the Wilmer Ophthalmological Institute of Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Dr. Repka is the David L. Guyton, MD and Feduniak Family Professor of Ophthalmology and a professor of pediatrics at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. He has been at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine since 1983. He is known for his contributions in the fields of pediatric ophthalmology, strabismus, retinopathy of prematurity and pediatric neuro-ophthalmology. His clinical practice includes an interest in the management of strabismus and amblyopia. In these areas, he has a special interest in using alternatives to patching for the management of amblyopia and using strabismus surgery, botulinum toxin and adjustable sutures to treat strabismus. He performs cataract surgery and intraocular lens implantation on children with cataracts. He also has a special interest in pediatric neuro-ophthalmology involving normal and abnormal visual development and the effect of injury and tumor on the visual system of the child.

He is the past-chairman of the Pediatric Eye Disease Investigator Group. He is Medical Director of Governmental Affairs of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and President of the Maryland Society of Eye Physicians and Surgeons.



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Mindy also counsels clients on a wide variety of employment issues, including employment discrimination laws; family and medical leave laws; wage and hour laws; hiring and termination issues and employment handbooks and policies; internal and government investigations; employment contracts; physician compensation and recruitment; health care provider licensure and credentialing matters; and medical staff and peer review issues.

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