



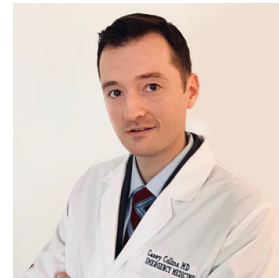
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PRESENTATION

Supporting the Code: Documentation Pearls and Pitfalls

DESCRIPTION

Today's coding and billing environment has seen increasing denials and attempts, by some, to minimize the appropriate reimbursement for our medical services. This presentation will focus on the best methods of documentation to support Critical Care and the other E&M chart levels in Emergency Medicine. You will learn efficient and complete documentation to maintain appropriate coding and billing for the work that you are undertaking.

OBJECTIVES & OUTCOMES

- Understanding when a brief critical care statement may be appropriate, and when a more robust statement is required.
- Recognizing the required and optional aspects of the critical care statement, and how they can impact reimbursement.
- Identifying the most common documentation issues that lead to chart level down codes in Emergency Medicine.
- Connecting the most influential aspects of your medical decision-making documentation with the resulting chart level.
- Discussion on when to document critical care, covering definitions/requirements.
- Show a critical care statement for an obvious critical care moment versus a less obvious moment that meets for critical care.
- Address separately billed procedures and how they relate to both when and how critical care is documented.
- Review chart level requirements (briefly) with a focus on 99285 as the most down coded chart level (documentation is not supporting the code).
- Walk through the chart areas and the most common pitfalls in their documentation.
- Focus in on MDM documentation that makes a meaningful difference in chart level determination for coding and billing.

DISCLOSURE

No significant financial relationships to disclose.