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### Workers' Compensation Alert



The Division of Workers' Compensation

The Division of Workers' Compensation proposes changes to the Medical-Legal Fee Schedule.

The changes propose an entirely **new flat-rate system** for reimbursing physicians for evaluations and other Medical-Legal services.

No longer will the fee schedule be based on complexity factors. [READ MORE](#)

## Webinars

### Complimentary Webinar — What We Know Today About the Sequela Effects of COVID-19: Deborah Grider



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The number of cases of COVID-19 have significantly risen in the United States and has impacted all our daily lives. There have been over 10 million people confirmed with COVID-19 and over a half a million deaths worldwide. Many patients who recover from COVID-19 will most likely suffer from various late effects for months and possibly years after this pandemic has been contained. Clinical trials and investigations to learn more about the virus, its origin, how it affects us and its management are ongoing as scientists and physicians are just learning the impact of this pandemic.

It is important as physicians and hospitals are treating patients with late effects (sequela) of COVID-19 that there is a good understanding from a diagnostic perspective when and how to code these conditions correctly. This webinar will cover the most common conditions to date that are sequela to COVID-19 and the related diagnosis codes. Also sequencing of sequela to COVID is important and will be covered in this session. [REGISTER](#)



## Wonder What's Happening in Sacramento?

[Watch the recap](#) of this California Orthopaedic Association (COA) webinar to find out.

- Statewide Initiative to Change MICRA – Tort Reform Law in California
- COVID-19 and Your Liability – Patients and Employees
- California State Budget – Will Health Care be Cut?
- Scope of Practice – Athletic Trainers
- Legislation that Will Affect you as an Employer

### The webinar features:

Russell Nord, M.D. – COA's 2nd VP/Chair – Legislative Committee

Kim Stone, Esq., Stone Advocacy – COA's Lobbyist

Elizabeth Healy, Asst. VP – The Doctor's Company

Stephen Borg, VP – The Keelen Group

## CPT Coding Guidance

### CPT Assistant: Official Source for CPT Coding Guidance



American Medical Association

For Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) 2021, the office or other outpatient visit evaluation and management (E/M) guidelines and code descriptors will be significantly revised. The provided information is published early to raise awareness of substantial changes to current coding practice. This is the first of two articles that will review the changes in medical decision making (MDM), including new guidelines and definitions for E/M office or other outpatient visit codes effective January 1, 2021. [READ MORE](#)

## Other Articles

### Audit: California Nursing Board Faked Docs on Investigations



The Associated Press

The California board that regulates the nursing industry falsified its records to make it appear it was properly investigating allegations made against the state's nurses, including serious complaints such as patient harm that can lead to nurses losing their licenses. [READ MORE](#)

### Risk for Subdeltoid Bursitis After Influenza Vaccination: A Population-Based Cohort Study



Annals of Internal Medicine

Subdeltoid bursitis, characterized by pain and loss of motion in the shoulder, has been reported as an adverse event after intramuscular vaccination in the deltoid muscle. Subdeltoid or subacromial bursitis, which we will refer to as "subdeltoid bursitis" or "bursitis," is common, with a prevalence around 1% in the general U.S. population, and often develops as a result of injury or overuse. For many patients, rest and anti-inflammatory medications can lead to symptom resolution within a few weeks, although physical therapy, steroid injec [READ MORE](#)

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