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# COA Report

California Orthopaedic Association

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## TOP NEWS

### COA Coding Webinar — Register Today

#### COA Webinar Series

Complex Hand Coding – Tuesday, September 22, 2020

Complimentary for COA members

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Did you Miss COA's webinar — "Coding Complex Shoulder Procedures" this past week?

The webinar is now available on-demand: <https://coa.org/education/webinarsvideos/>

*"Thanks to everyone for a really informative webinar on coding complex shoulder procedures. The value for me if I can get 1 or 2 pearls to take away and I definitely did in this webinar." – L. Anderson*



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## PRACTICE GUIDANCE

### Webinar on Evaluation & Management (E/M) 2021 Changes

AAOS

The AAOS held a live webinar on Evaluation & Management (E/M) changes for 2021 on September 3, 2020. The webinar is now available on-demand. To access the webinar, go to: [AAOS Webinar: Evaluation & Management \(E/M\) Changes -What You Need to Know for 2021 – Part I](#). Please e-mail [webinars@aaos.org](mailto:webinars@aaos.org) if you have any questions.

## [E/M Office or Other Outpatient Visit Revisions for 2021: Time](#)

### **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. Due to the widespread use of these codes and the scope of the changes, information is being distributed early to facilitate familiarization in advance of the effective date.

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## [Q&A: Generic Hyaluronic Acid Derivatives](#)

### **KarenZupko & Associates, Inc.**

#### **Question:**

Our physicians are looking at purchasing generic Hyaluronan instead of purchasing the name brand Orthovisc or MonoVisc for example. In doing research, I am not finding any NDC codes or HCPCS codes that specifically address the generic Hyaluronan.

I also came across this list of Hyaluronic Acid Derivatives. If I am reading correctly, it would not be possible to decide which drug the physician might be giving if the vial just stated "hyaluronan"

#### HYALURONIC ACID DERIVATIVES

1. Durolane, Euflexxa, GelSyn-3, GenVisc 850, Hyalgan, Sodium Hyaluronate, Supartz, Synjoynt\*, Trilon, TriVisc, Visco-3 (**Sodium Hyaluronate**)
2. Gel-ONE, Hymovis, Monovisc, Orthovisc (**Hyaluronan**)
3. Synvisc, Synvisc-One (**Hylan G-F 20**)

May we submit the traditional J code (J7327-Monovisc) for the generic Hyaluronan 88 mg?

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## [AMA Announces New CPT Codes as COVID-19 Advancements Expand](#)

## American Medical Association

The American Medical Association (AMA) recently published an update to the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) code set that includes two code additions for reporting medical services sparked by the public health response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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## 8 Health Systems with Strong Finances

### Becker's Hospital Review

Here are eight health systems with strong operational metrics and solid financial positions, according to reports from Fitch Ratings, Moody's Investors Service and S&P Global Ratings.

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