Assuring Quality Care in an Office Based Setting: Tips and Tricks to Do it Right
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• None

Ethics
Hippocratic oath
“With regard to healing the sick, I will devise and order for them the best diet, according to my judgment and means; and I will take care that they suffer no hurt or damage.”

First Do No Harm
“It is a popular misconception that the phrase “First do no harm” (Latin: Primum non nocere) is a part of the Hippocratic oath. Strictly speaking, the phrase does not appear in the oath, though an equivalent phrase is found in Epidemics, Book I, of the Hippocratic school: “Practice two things in your dealings with disease: either help or do not harm the patient”. 

Indications
Dialysis
• Routine (screening) fistulogram is not allowed
• There must be medical necessity to do the procedure

Peripheral arterial
• Staged planned procedures on the same limb are not allowed (unbundling)
• If diagnostic arteriogram is performed to plan the procedure, arteriogram at the time of future intervention is not billable
• Repeat procedures can be performed if medical necessity arises

Coding and Billing
Coders should be certified
Compliance program
Coder should keep current by attending coding seminars since rules change every year
• SVS coding seminar
• Coding seminars by Dr Zielske
Samples
If a company provides samples to be used in a procedure, lab has to add a modifier (FB or FC) for the use of sample. This decreases reimbursement.

Accreditation
No federal requirement
Some states require accreditation of total lab or parts of the lab
Current accrediting agencies do more of an environmental accreditation which does not define clinical quality
There is need for new accrediting body which includes coding compliance and outcomes in the accreditation process.

Authorization
Make sure prior authorization is obtained prior to the procedure
- Most private insurances
- Medical Advantage programs
- Many Medicaid programs

Documentation
Use of ultrasound
Use of fluoroscopy
Each vessel catheterized and treated
Contrast use
Other medications

Mirror Test
When you look at the mirror in the morning think of your parents and decide if the procedures planned for the day should be performed if the patient happened to be one of your parents.