Outpatient Interventions: Are Controls Needed?

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Rationale Outpatient Interventions
Hospital Procedures

- Hospital
  - Limited procedure / recovery (Home)
  - "Facility Fee"
- Insurance
  - Decrease cost, less hospital resources used
- MD
  - No Inpatient responsibilities
  - "MD Fee"

Rationale Outpatient Interventions
Office Based Lab

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  - Limited procedure / recovery (Home)
- Insurance
  - Decreased cost, less resources used

Rationale Outpatient Interventions
Office Based Lab

- MD
  - No Inpatient care responsibilities
  - More efficient, less down time!
  - Improved Patient Satisfaction!
  - Improved Revenue (Office > MD Fee)
Outpatient Interventions Office Based Lab

Assumption (Physicians and Public):
• Pt. Safety and Outcomes on par with
  – Hospital
  – Ambulatory Surgery Center
• Patient Satisfaction on par with
  – Hospital
  – Ambulatory Surgery Center

Outpatient Interventions: Safe and Satisfying

• “…the chance of dying in an outpatient surgery center …one in a million
• It approaches the safety of flying with a major airline
• “Surgery centers “a …more convenient, safe place to get quality health care,”

Outpatient Interventions: Safe?

• Joan Rivers Dies in Ambulatory Surgery Center
• Press: Non-Hospital Surgery Safe?

Overutilization

Medicare Payments Surge for Stents to Unblock Blood Vessels in Limbs

• Justice Department …two whistle-blower lawsuits filed … doctor…unnecessary operations*
• 2005 – 2013*
  – Procedures to open heart vessels fell 30 %
  – Procedures outside the heart soared by 70 %
• Anecdote: “7 Months / 200 venous stent cases”*

Outpatient Interventions: Controls Needed!

• Pt. Safety protocols (@ Hospital)
• Staff Safety (@ Hospital)
  – Radiation safety
  – Infection safety
• Indications (@ Hospital)
• Outcome Quality > Hospital

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Quality

- What is quality treatment / outcome?
  - "e.g. Atherectomy, PTA, Stent, 1-3 vessels?"
  - Stent or DCB?
  - When is a vein ablation appropriate?
- “Know it when you see it”!
- Data driven decisions / reimbursement

Outpatient Interventions Credentialing

Candidates!

- JACHO
- SVS, AHA, ACC, SIVR
- Government (Medicare, Dept of Health)
- American Hospital Association
- American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgery Facilities

Control The Bad
Don’t Kill The Good

Munch’s “The Scream”

Don’t Throw Out the Baby with the Bath Water!
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Conclusion

Remember the Benefits!

With Safety and Quality
- Protect Efficiency
- Protect Patient Friendly Environment
- Protect Competition
- Protect Decreased Health Care Costs
- Protect MD Reimbursement

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- Outpatient Endovascular and Interventional Society (OEIS)
- Vascular Surgeons, Cardiologists, IR
- Mission: Establish Outpatient standards
  - Safety
  - Appropriateness
  - Procedure Quality
  - Patient Satisfaction
Conclusion

Majority of Outpatient Interventions
• By Ethical & Caring MDs
• Appropriate and Safe
• Regulate / Control the "Bad Apples"

Thank You!

Outpatient Interventions:
Safe and Satisfying
• Patients: “…cheaper…less waiting…more personalized care
• “Surgery centers “a …more convenient, safe place to get quality health care,”
• Patients: avoid exposure to “the infections, chaos and delay” that pervade hospitals

https://www.washingtonpost.com, 2014/12/12/