

The APTA / Connecticut Chapter Announces

“Rehab and Electronic Documentation: It IS in Your Future!”

A two-session Audio-Conference series presented in partnership with State Chapters of the APTA

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1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Eastern Time

Session I: Thursday, April 2, 2009 <i>(register by March 26, 2009)</i>	The “Alphabet Soup” of Electronic Documentation
Session II: Thursday, April 9, 2009 <i>(register by April 2, 2009)</i>	Establishing Your Electronic Documentation Needs

Audio-Conference Description

With increasing demands on the physical therapist and the need to demonstrate the provision of skilled care and improved functional outcomes in the medical record, there is clear evidence that effective and efficient documentation of physical therapy services is essential for successful and compliant practice. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is developing a new demonstration initiative that aims to reward delivery of high-quality care supported by the adoption and use of electronic health records in physician practices. Research about and conversion to electronic documentation systems is clearly where the future of documentation in health care lies. Statistics point to the fact that fewer than 15% of physical therapists currently use a form of electronic documentation, and those that do indicate dissatisfaction with one or more aspects of their current system! This audio conference will highlight issues related to the transition to or improvement of all aspects of Health IT (HIT). Benefits that have been identified from the use of HIT include increased operational efficiency, improved reporting, improved quality of care, data accuracy, and improved payment for services. To insure your success in this transition from hand written, and often inferior, documentation, there is a real need for physical therapy providers to understand some basic information related to electronic health records.

April 2: You will learn, (1) to define terms related to HIT, (2) to understand the current legislative environment related to HIT, (3) key points to consider regarding physical therapist practice and the Electronic Medical Record (EMR), and (4) to identify three key resources for the physical therapist when considering HIT.

April 9: You will learn, (1) how to prepare for the transition to an EMR, (2) common audit flags that occur in existing electronic documentation, and (3) suggested criteria that physical therapy providers should review prior to purchasing an electronic documentation system.

Conference Objectives – upon completion, you and your staff will be able to:

The “Alphabet Soup” of Electronic Documentation

- ▶ Develop an understanding of all of the various terms utilized in the IT arena (EHR, EMR, IT, HIT, NHIN, ASP, etc.);
- ▶ Understand how new initiatives related to HIT under the Obama Administration are likely to impact physical therapist practice;
- ▶ Explain the current initiatives under the Medicare program related to HIT and the potential impact of these initiatives on the physical therapist practice;
- ▶ Review and understand APTA's position related to HIT when considering a transition to electronic documentation;
- ▶ Learn where to find information on the progress of HIT related policy, specifically as it pertains to the provision of outpatient therapy services;
- ▶ Understand the need for physical therapy providers to begin to think about transitioning to an electronic documentation system.

Establishing Your Electronic Documentation Needs

- ▶ Acquire recommendations to assist in effectively transitioning to an Electronic Medical Record;
- ▶ Understand common audit flags related to electronic documentation systems that are likely to cause an audit, medical review, or likely denial of payment from payers;
- ▶ Be able to begin critically assessing your current electronic documentation system for situations that are likely to contribute to claims or documentation audit flags;
- ▶ Understand basic criteria that every physical therapist or physical therapy provider should expect when beginning the search for an electronic documentation system;
- ▶ Begin to prepare and plan for the inevitable transition from hand written documentation to an electronic system.

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