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COLLEGE AND CONGRESS Business

- **December 2014 Candidates for Fellowship** (viewed by Fellows and Fellows Senior Status only.)
- **Register NOW for the 2015 Annual Clinical and Scientific Meeting**
- ACOG wants to continue to offer you the most exciting, efficient and premier educational event for obstetricians and gynecologists! To do so, we would appreciate your feedback regarding future sites for the Annual Clinical and Scientific Meeting. Please take a moment to complete this [survey](#).

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YOUNG PHYSICIANS, JUNIOR FELLOWS and MEDICAL STUDENTS

- Medical Student Events at the 2015 Annual Clinical and Scientific Meeting
Save the Date!
Medical Student Events
ACOG Annual Meeting

May 3-5, 2015
San Francisco, California

Fourth Year (ONLY)
Medical Student Events:
“Step Up to Residency” CREOG/APGO Program*

*Attendees will receive a certificate of attendance that lists skills necessary to begin their first year of residency.

Monday, May 4, 2015:
Step Up to Residency Course and Didactics
8:00am - 12:00pm (Held at Convention Center)

Monday, May 4, 2015:
Step Up to Residency Simulation Lab
2:00pm - 4:00pm (Held at Convention Center)

First, Second, and Third Year
Medical Student Events:

Sunday, May 3, 2015:
The John M. Gibbons, Jr., MD Medical Student Lecture:
OB/Gyn as a Career
1:30pm - 4:30pm
(Held at Convention Center)

Monday, May 4, 2015:
Hands-On Skills Lab Workshop
9:00am - 12:00pm (Held at Convention Center)

Roundtable Discussion:
Finding the Right Shoe and CV Personal Statement
2:00pm - 4:00pm (Held at Convention Center)

ALL Medical Students Welcomed Events:
(Held at the Marriott Hotel)

Monday, May 4, 2015:
Medical Student Reception
5:30pm - 7:00pm

Tuesday, May 5, 2015:
Medical Student Residency Fair
1:30pm - 4:30pm
POSTGRADUATE COURSES, WEBCASTS and CODING WORKSHOPS

- **Quality and Safety for Leaders in Women’s Health Care—Early Bird Savings**—This course is primarily intended for current and future leaders in obstetrics and gynecology in the inpatient or outpatient setting, as well as their team members. The deadline for early registration for this course is February 6, 2015. Fellows who register before this date are eligible for a $100 discount. Because this course has sold out several times in the past, early registration is encouraged.

- **Quality and Safety for Leaders in Women’s Health Care: Advanced Program**—This course is directed to ob-gyns (and their teams) with more experience in quality and safety who will be asked to develop a process improvement initiative in advance of the program. Attendance at a previous offering of Quality and Safety for Leaders in Women’s Health Care or comparable program is required. Because of the interactive nature of the program, prior to, during, and following the course, size will be limited.

- **Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery Course and Cadaver Lab**

- **Future Freestanding PG Courses**

- **Future Coding Workshops**

- **Here** is a list of all upcoming CME opportunities
Quality and Safety Skills for Current and Future Leaders in Women’s Health Care

Did you know that poor communication and lack of standardization has been shown to reduce quality of care and lead to increased liability exposure?

Would you like to learn the tools and strategies that can lead to better communication and promote the use of checklists, drills, simulation, and other means of standardization?

If so, you may be interested in attending the upcoming postgraduate course on Quality and Safety for Leaders in Women’s Health Care. The course is designed to provide current and future leaders in hospitals, managed care organizations, or private settings with the critical performance improvement and management tools necessary to meet the myriad responsibilities and challenges facing them. In addition to topics related to communication and standardization, participants will be provided information about:

- Methods for changing organizational culture to enhance quality and patient safety
- Practical tools for improving clinical performance, including approaches to physician behavioral change
- Core concepts of communication as they relate to generational differences

Teams consisting of an obstetrician-gynecologist and nurse leader(s) are also encouraged to attend. For further information, check the ACOG website.

For more information, visit www.acog.org
Who Should Attend?

Health care leaders who have attended the ACOG postgraduate course on Quality and Safety for Leaders in Women’s Health Care (or equivalent) and who are looking for guidance on a current or future process improvement project. Small teams from the institution are also encouraged to attend.

This course is designed to allow participants to develop an actual process improvement initiative or project in his or her organization, or to reinvigorate an existing one. The proposed project must be submitted in advance to the faculty to allow them to prepare and possibly modify course content based on projects submitted. Registration will include follow-up coaching sessions with faculty for up to six months following the program.

Attendance with a small teams of stakeholders from your institution is strongly encouraged and will provide you maximum benefit from the program. The number of registrants will be kept low to ensure optimal exposure to the faculty and other attendees.

Project Examples

Examples of process improvement projects that may be appropriate for the course include:

- Instituting shared decision making with patients
- Eliminating non-medical indicated births prior to 39 weeks
- Initiating drills and simulations
- Accommodating new technology
- Standardization of clinical protocols
- Adoption of checklists
- Lowering primary cesarean delivery rates in low-risk women
- Adoption of policies on Trial of Labor After Cesarean and Vaginal Birth After Cesarean

Registration and Fees

The course will begin with dinner at 6:30 pm on Saturday, April 11. The dinner is part of the program and is a requirement of attendance.

The program will resume on Sunday at 7:00 am and conclude at 4:30 pm. These times will only require a one-night stay for most attendees.

Registration fees are $700 for the first registrant from each facility, with a $50 discount for each successive registrant (up to 3 additional) from the same institution.

College Cognate credit(s) or AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™: up to a maximum of 9 credits.

Registrations must be received by February 1, 2015, to enable the faculty to tailor the meeting to the specific projects and initiatives of the various facilities. To register, click here.

Prerequisites

Attendance at the ACOG course on Quality and Safety for Leaders in Women’s Health Care is required for participation. If you have not previously attended the ACOG course, you will be asked to describe the formal training in performance improvement you have received prior to registration.

For more information and to register for this course, visit the ACOG website. For questions related to prerequisites or potential projects, contact Pamela Scarrow at pscarrow@acog.org.

The course will be held at The Westin Georgetown. Online registrations can be made directly with the hotel. There are only a limited amount of rooms reserved, so extended stays will be based on availability, and/or could be charged at a higher rate.
Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery Course and Cadaver Lab

JANUARY 16-17, 2015 | TAMPA, FLORIDA

CAMLSS (Center for Advanced Medical Learning and Simulation)

Co-Provided by:

www.gynlap.com
www.cme.hsc.usf.edu
Course Description:
The ACOG Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery Course is a cadaver based, hands-on educational program designed to provide an in-depth experience in gynecologic minimally invasive surgical techniques. It is designed for gynecologic surgeons who desire to advance their laparoscopic skills and knowledge base, and apply these skills to perform more advanced minimally invasive surgeries in their practices. It will include training in laparoscopic suturing techniques, laparoscopic surgical dissection and effective use of laparoscopic instrumentation. Surgical techniques to prevent and repair bladder and bowel injuries will be taught and performed. Inanimate laparoscopic trainers are available throughout the entire course so that participants can master the skills of laparoscopic suturing and knot tying.

Target Audience:
This course was specifically designed for obstetricians and gynecologists, gynecologic surgeons, OB-GYN residents and fellows.

Learning Objectives:
Upon completion of this seminar, the participants should be able to:
Develop a thorough understanding of pelvic anatomy as it relates to minimally invasive gynecologic surgery.
Select appropriate surgical techniques and instrumentation for use in minimally invasive gynecologic surgery, which can improve patient safety and outcomes.
Perform laparoscopic suturing and knot tying on a pelvic trainer and cadaver model, which can broaden the scope of surgical procedures offered to patients.
Acquire the skills and techniques necessary to perform advanced laparoscopic dissection, and the basic steps of laparoscopic bladder and bowel injury repair.
Explain the steps involved in performing minimally invasive surgical gynecologic procedures.

Needs Assessment:
The advantages of minimally invasive surgery over conventional laparotomy are unquestioned. However, major gynecologic procedures are oftentimes performed through open laparotomy incisions instead of being performed in a minimally invasive manner due to the fact that these surgical procedures are difficult for many gynecologic surgeons to master. There is a need for gynecologists to be well-versed in the myriad of conservative and surgical treatment options, including laparoscopic surgical and suturing techniques.
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### Breakout Lab Sessions During Entire Cadaver Lab

**Laparoscopic Suturing Lab:** Inanimate laparoscopic suturing trainers will be available for participants throughout the entire two-day course. Participants have the opportunity to master the skill of laparoscopic suturing and knot tying through practice and the use of video tutorials.

**Bladder and Bowel Injury Lab:** Open and laparoscopic surgical techniques will be taught to repair bladder and bowel injuries using tissue.
Course Directors:

Stuart R. Hart, MD, MS, FACOG, FACS
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Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
Director, Tampa Bay Research and Innovation Center (TBRIC)
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The catalyst for this transformation is this 90,000 square foot complex where human and technological elements are assembled under one roof for learning and innovation across all healthcare professions.
2015 College Freestanding Postgraduate Courses

April 2-4, 2015
Practical Obstetrics and Gynecology
The Ritz Carlton Hotel
Washington, DC

Course Director: Patrick Duff, MD

Faculty: Abby Eblen, MD ~~ Kay Roussos-Ross, MD ~~ Jeanne Sheffield, MD

This course is intended for obstetrician-gynecologists, Family Medicine specialists, nurse-midwives and nurse practitioners. Topics will include diabetes mellitus in pregnancy; prenatal diagnosis; obstetric infections; evaluation and management of patients with depression and those on chronic opioid medications; evaluation of life-threatening conditions such as septic shock, necrotizing fasciitis, ectopic pregnancy, and septic pelvic vein thrombophlebitis; contraception; assessment of the infertile couple; recurrent abortion; oncofertility; multiple gestation; thrombophilia and antiphospholipid syndrome; and obesity in pregnancy.

April 23-25, 2015
Update on Cervical Diseases
Loews Chicago Hotel
Chicago, Illinois

Course Director: Mark Spitzer, MD

Faculty: Barbara Apgar, MD ~~ Teresa M. Darragh, MD ~~ R. Kevin Reynolds, MD

This course is designed to update clinicians with the dramatic changes that have occurred over the past 5-10 years in the comprehension of causes, screening methods, prevention, identification, and management of cervical precancer. Recent changes that will be reviewed include the new unified screening guidelines, new consensus terminology for lower anogenital tract squamous disease, and the new management guidelines that were developed for cytological and histological abnormalities. The mechanism of carcinogenesis of human papillomavirus (HPV) on the cervix will also be discussed.

ACOG Cognate Credits or AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™ : up to a maximum of 16 credits

For more information and to register, please go to:http://www.acog.org/Education_and_Events
**OB/GYN CODING: Ensuring Accurate Integration of ICD-10**

**Dates/ Locations:**

- **March 27, 2015** - Sheraton LaGuardia East  
  135-20 39th Avenue  
  Flushing, NY 11354

- **April 2, 2015** - Hyatt Place Saratoga  
  20 State Farm Place  
  Malta, NY 12020

- **May 15, 2015** - Rochester Marriott Airport  
  1890 West Ridge Road  
  Rochester, NY 14615

**Registration Fees:**  
(Includes breakfast, lunch, and online syllabus)

- **$300 per Registrant** (For first 4 attendees in group)  
- **$250 each additional registrant**

**General Agenda for each location**

- **7:30 – 8:00**  
  Breakfast (included in fee)

- **8:00 – 9:45**  
  ICD-10 for OB/GYN Physicians and Staff  
  Part 1

- **10:00 – 12:00**  
  ICD-10 for OB/GYN Physicians and Staff  
  Part 2

- **12:00 – 12:30**  
  Lunch (included in fee)

- **12:30 – 1:45**  
  Elevating Your Documentation for OB/GYN E/M Services

- **1:45 – 2:00**  
  Afternoon Break

- **2:00 – 3:00**  
  Conquering the Challenge of Preventive Care Coding

- **3:00 – 4:00**  
  Coding Q & A

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**Don’t be caught unprepared when the implementation of ICD-10 occurs – 10/1/15**

ICD-10 Coding will change everything, there’s more to ICD-10 than just learning a new code set and upgrading your software. The transition will affect every aspect of your practice.

This course offers:

- **Targeted training specifically for Obstetrics & Gynecology**

- **Practical case studies** and real-life examples of post ICD-10 implementation

- **Competitive advantage**: leverage your ICD-10 investment by being prepared and move beyond just compliance

- **Knowledge**: necessary to create improved efficiencies and lower costs

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**Expert Faculty:**

**Brad Hart, MBA, MS, CMPE, CPC, COBGC**, is President of Reproductive Medicine Administrative Consulting, Inc (RMACI). He earned a Masters of Science degree in health care administration from Des Moines University-Osteopathic Medical Center and a Masters of Business Administration degree from the University of Iowa. He serves as a faculty member for the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists’ National Coding Workshops and as a consultant to OB/GYN and OB/GYN subspecialty practices around the country. His book, *Ethics in Medical Coding: Theory and Practice* was published by McGraw Hill in January 2012.
DISTRICT and SECTION News:

- 2015 Joint Annual District Meeting, Districts V, VI, VII, VIII & IX
- Montana/Idaho Joint Section Meeting, 1/29-31/2015
- Annual Four State ACOG Section Conference, 6/5-6/2015
- District II Update Newsletter November 2014
Joint District 2015 Meeting

Innovation & Interaction

September 18-20, 2015

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Joint District 2015 Meeting
Districts - V, VI, VII, VIII, & IX

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Online Registration opens in January 2015

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- Unparalleled access to exciting local attractions
- Intriguing shops
- Outstanding restaurants
- Family-centered activities and sporting events

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Tuition
$300 Non-Member, $250 Montana ACOG Section Member, $90 nurses & residents. Tuition includes course materials coffee breaks, a welcome reception. A $25 late registration fee will be charged after January 15, 2015. Refunds less $50 for cancellations received two weeks prior to the meeting.

Accommodations
Lodging may be obtained by contacting Huntley Lodge (800-548-4486 or 406-995-5000). Big Sky will hold a block of rooms until December 30, 2014. Please identify yourself as a meeting participant when making the reservations. Huntley Lodge room rates start at $193 per night, Shoshone Condo/Hotel rates start at $348 per night, The Summit rates start at $209 per night and The Village Center rates start at $211 per night.

Childcare
Childcare may be arranged in advance with Handprints Daycare (406-995-5847).

Disclosure of Faculty and Industry Relationships
In accordance with College policy, all faculty and planning committee members have signed a conflict of interest statement in which they have disclosed any significant financial interests or other relationships with industry relative to topics they will discuss at this program. At the beginning of the program, faculty members are required to disclose any such information to participants. Such disclosure allows you to evaluate better the objectivity of the information presented in lectures. Please report on your evaluation form...
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, January 29, 2015
06:30  Continental Breakfast and Registration/Visit Vendors
07:00  Shaun J. Gillis, MD (Montana Section) and Cynthia Hayes, MD (Idaho Section)
Opening Remarks and Welcome
07:10  Erin E. Stevens, MD
Reviewing the Pap Smear Guidelines and HPV Screening
08:00  James T. Breeden, MD
World Maternal Health and Millennium Development Goals
08:45  Break/Visit Vendors
09:00  Erin E. Stevens, MD
Post-Treatment Surveillance for Gyn Cancers
09:50  Questions/Answers
10:00  Recess
15:30  Visit Vendors/Refreshments
16:00  Thomas R. Easterling, MD
Pregnancy and Drug Metabolism; Impacts on Therapy
16:50  Cristin C. Slater, MD
Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome (PCOS)
17:40  Questions/Answers
18:00  Montana Section Business Meeting
Idaho Section Business Meeting
Board Review, Q&A Session
Sam Sillitti, MD
Montana ACOG Junior Fellow Chair
Time/Place announced at meeting

Friday, January 30, 2015
06:30  Continental Breakfast/Visit Vendors
07:00  WWAMI Clinical Faculty Development Program
Vicki Mendiratta, MD
University of Washington School of Medicine
08:40  Break/Visit Vendors
09:00  WWAMI Clinical Faculty Development Program Continued
10:00  Recess
15:30  Visit Vendors/refreshments
16:00  Thomas R. Easterling, MD
Post-Treatment Surveillance for Gyn Cancers
16:50  Cristin C. Slater, MD
Advances in Reproductive Technology: Preconceptual Genetic Screening and Prenatal Genetic Screening of embryo
10:40  Questions/Answers
11:00  Adjourn

Saturday, January 31, 2015
06:30  Continental Breakfast/Visit Vendors
07:00  Thomas R. Easterling, MD
Physiology of Maternal Hypertension
07:50  Thomas R. Easterling, MD
Hypertension in Low Resource Settings
08:40  Break/Visit Vendors
09:00  Cristin C. Slater, MD
Infertility & Advanced Reproductive Technology
09:50  Cristin C. Slater, MD
Advances in Reproductive Technology: Preconceptual Genetic Screening and Prenatal Genetic Screening of embryo
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The American Congress of Obstetricians & Gynecologists
Montana Section
Annual Clinical Meeting at Big Sky

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☐ $300 Non-Member ☐ $325
☐ $275 Montana or Idaho ACOG Section Member
☐ $110
☐ $110

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Maternal Fetal Medicine
University of Washington School of Medicine

Cristin C. Slater, MD
Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility
Idaho Center for Reproductive Medicine

Erin E. Stevens, MD
Gynecologic Oncology
Billings Clinic Cancer Center

Vicki Mendiratta, MD
Obstetrics/Gynecology Clinical Faculty
University of Washington School of Medicine
Annual Four State ACOG Section Conference

Friday & Saturday, June 5-6

Big Cedar Lodge, Ridgedale, Missouri

Join physician colleagues from four states and hear dynamic and educational scientific lectures. Earn continuing medical education at one of the Midwest’s largest Obstetrics & Gynecology Scientific Assembly & Lecture Programs on Friday, June 5 & Saturday June 6, 2015, at the beautiful and scenic Big Cedar Lodge in Ridgedale, Missouri, near Branson.
Schedule of Events

**Thursday, June 4, 2015**

1:00-8:00 pm  
Thursday: Attendees and Exhibitors may register at the Convention Center

4:00-7:00 pm  
Social hour at Convention Center

**Friday, June 5, 2015**

7:00-7:50 am  
Breakfast in Exhibit Hall, Grandview Ballroom A & B  
All lectures held in Grandview Ballroom C&D

7:50-8:00 am  
Welcome and Introductions  
Moderator - Dr. Stephen Lefler, Chair  
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8:00-9:00 am  
“Female Sexual Function for the Generalist.”  
Melissa J. Hague, MD, Assistant Clinical Professor University of Kansas, School of Medicine. Wichita Campus  
(Note: all sessions are 50 minutes with 10 minutes of questions and answers.)

9:00-10:00 am  
“Obstetric Simulation and Patient Safety/Risk Reduction - the PROMPT Way”  
Carl Weiner, MD, MBA, Professor, Molecular and Integrative Physiology, University of Kansas Medical School

10:00-10:35 am  
Refreshment break with Exhibitors

10:35-11:40 am  
“ACO’s, a Move to Value. A Physicians Perspective.”  
Scott D. Hayworth, MD FACOG, President and CEO Mount Kisko, Bedford

11:40-12:15 pm  
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Dr. Melissa J. Hague, MD, Poster Session Chair  
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8:15-9:15 am  
“The Laparoscopic Management of Pain in Patients with Pelvic Pain.” Patrick Yeung, MD., Saint Louis University, School of Medicine, Department of Ob-Gyn, St. Louis

9:15-9:45 am  
Refreshment Break with Exhibitors

9:45-10:45 am  
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The Current Procedural Terminology code set for 2015 includes a few updates of interest to ob-gyns. As in previous years, extensive new instructions and guidelines have been added to the CPT manual to help clarify coding in a variety of situations. CPT continues to modify code descriptions, instructions, and guidelines to increase provider neutrality language. This new guidance is in addition to new, revised and deleted CPT codes for 2015.

This 2015 Supplement to Procedural Coding in Obstetrics and Gynecology discusses only the coding changes for 2015. Last year, ACOG’s Committee on Health Economics and Coding published its guide, Procedural Coding in Obstetrics and Gynecology 2014. This guide, published every other year, discussed in great detail the rules for coding surgical, obstetric and Evaluation and Management services according to both the American Medical Association (AMA) and the Center for Medicare Services and Medicaid Services (CMS).
CPT SYMBOLS USED IN THIS SUPPLEMENT

To provide additional information to the coder, many of the code numbers or phrases have symbols (e.g., ●, ▲, +, ►, Θ or ‐) either before the code number or enclosing words or phrases.

● A bullet means that the code is new for 2015.
▲ A triangle means that the code description has been revised for 2015.
+ A plus sign means that the code is an “add-on” code and does not require the use of modifier 51 (multiple procedures). This code is never reported alone; it is always reported with other procedures.
►◄ Arrows mean that the words or phrases between the arrows are new or have been revised in the current year. Arrows are found before and after phrases or sentences in a section’s guidelines or in parenthetical statements after codes.
✓ Product pending FDA approval
# A number or pound sign indicates a re-sequenced code. Re-sequenced codes are codes that are not placed numerically. A reference is placed to alert the user to the location of the out-of-sequence code.
Θ This symbol indicates that the code includes conscious sedation.

CPT CHANGES FOR 2015

CPT has added new instructions and guideline changes for 2015 to help clarify coding in a variety of situations as well as make coding descriptions more uniformly provider neutral. These changes are dispersed throughout the CPT book. The new guidance is in addition to new, revised and deleted CPT codes for 2015.

GUIDELINES

Evaluation and Management

Social History
The Social History guidelines have been updated to specifically include Military history as a relevant factor.

Maternity Care and Delivery
The guidelines for Maternity Care and Delivery have been updated to indicate that pregnancy confirmation during a problem-oriented or preventive service is not considered part of the global care and may be reported separately when appropriate.
NEW, REVISED, AND DELETED CODES

EVALUATION AND MANAGEMENT

Care Management Services

Complex Chronic Care Coordination Services are now referred to in CPT as Care Management Services. These services are subdivided into Chronic Care Management Services and Complex Chronic Care Management Services.

Chronic Care Management Services

New code 99490 is used to report chronic care management services, at least 20 minutes of clinical staff time directed by a physician or other qualified health care professional, per calendar month. The following conditions must be met to report this code:

- Multiple (two or more) chronic conditions expected to last at least twelve months, or until the death of the patient
- Chronic conditions place the patient at significant risk of death, acute exacerbation/decompensation, or functional decline
- Comprehensive care plan must be established, implemented, revised or monitored

Complex Chronic Care Management Services

Codes 99487 and 99489 are used to report Complex Chronic Care Management Services. The code descriptions for these codes have been changed and now read as follows:

99487 - Complex chronic care management services, with the following required elements:

- multiple (two or more) chronic conditions expected to last at least 12 months, or until the death of the patient;
- chronic conditions place the patient at significant risk of death, acute exacerbation/decompensation, or functional decline;
- establishment or substantial revision of a comprehensive care plan;
- moderate or high complexity medical decision making;
- 60 minutes of clinical staff time directed by a physician or other qualified health care professional, per calendar month.

99489 - Each additional 30 minutes of clinical staff time directed by a physician or other qualified health care professional, per calendar month (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

Code 99488 has been deleted. CPT instructs coders to report the appropriate E/M code for face to face visits by physicians or QHP during the same month in which code 99487 is reported.

Advance Care Planning

New codes have been added to CPT to report face-to-face services for counseling and discussing advance directives, with or without completing the legal forms.

99497 - Advance care planning including the explanation and discussion of advance directives such as standard forms (with completion of such forms, when performed), by the physician or other qualified health care professional; first 30 minutes, face-to-face with the patient, family member(s), and/or surrogate.

99498 - Each additional 30 minutes (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure).
NEW, REVISED, AND DELETED CODES (continued)

PATHOLOGY AND LABORATORY / MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY

Reproductive Medicine
A new Category I CPT code has been introduced for reporting cryopreservation of mature oocytes.

89337 - Cryopreservation, mature oocyte(s).
This service was previously reported with Category III CPT code 0059T. Code 0059T has been deleted.

A new Category III CPT code has been introduced for reporting cryopreservation of immature oocytes.

0357T - Cryopreservation; reproductive tissue, immature oocyte(s)

MODIFIERS

Modifier 59 (Distinct Procedural Service)
The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has established four new Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) modifiers to define subsets of modifier 59 (Distinct procedural service). Currently, providers use the 59 modifier to indicate that a code represents a service that is separate and distinct from another service with which it would usually be considered to be bundled. CMS believes that because modifier 59 is defined for use in a wide variety of circumstances, such as to identify different encounters, different anatomic sites, and distinct services, use of a new subset of modifiers will provide more precise coding when circumstances requiring the use of modifier 59 are present. This should help to eliminate incorrect usage of the modifier and resulting over/incorrect payment.

Following are the new modifiers:

**XE** (Separate Encounter) Service Occurred During A Separate Encounter
**XS** (Separate Structure) Service Was Performed On A Separate Organ/Structure
**XP** (Separate Practitioner) Service Was Performed By A Different Practitioner
**XU** (Unusual/Non-Overlapping Serv.) Service Does Not Overlap Usual Components Of The Main Service

These modifiers, that define the subsets of modifier 59, are referred to as X{EPSU} modifiers. CMS will continue to recognize modifier 59 initially, but will eventually migrate to require one of the subset modifiers rather than modifier 59 when certain code pairs at high risk for incorrect billing are reported. For example, CMS may specify that a particular NCCI code pair is payable only with the XE (separate encounter) modifier but not with modifier 59 or other X{EPSU} modifiers.
For more information on this change, please refer to CMS Manual System, Transmittal 1422, Date: August 15, 2014, Change Request 8863 or MLN Matters® Number: MM8863, Related Change Request (CR) #: CR 8863, Related CR Transmittal #: R1422OTN.

The implementation date for this change is January 5, 2015.

Commercial payers may or may not require the use of the modifier 59 subset. Please contact your specific payers for guidance on reporting the new modifiers.

**ACOG CODING RESOURCES**

**Publications**
ACOG has a number of coding publications available to Fellows. The following publications may be ordered through the ACOG Publications and Educational Materials catalog, on ACOG’s website (sales.acog.org) or from the distribution center (1-800-762-2264).

**2015 OB/GYN Coding Manual: Components of Correct Procedural Coding with thumb drive**
This 400+ page book and thumb drive provides important information to assist physicians in correctly coding for surgical procedures commonly performed by obstetrician-gynecologists. The Coding Manual provides bundling information both from Medicare’s National Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) and ACOG’s clinical vignettes developed for each code. In addition, each code lists information about whether Medicare will reimburse for assistant or co-surgeons for the procedure and other coding hints. This information may be useful in preparing appeals to third party payers. A thumb drive is included with the book to allow printing out a page to submit to the payer with your documentation. Also included are sections on modifiers, relative value units, and Medicare global periods. The book and thumb drive are revised annually.

This book which is updated in odd years includes over 100 of the most often asked coding questions received from ACOG fellows over the last few years. The answers were developed by ACOG’s Committee on Health Economics and Coding. Subjects include gynecologic surgery, Evaluation and Management (E/M) services, emergency medicine services, laboratory services, modifiers, infertility, vaccinations, laparoscopy and hysteroscopy, Medicare, obstetrics, and ultrasounds. This manual is currently undergoing revisions to incorporate ICD-10-CM information.

**ICD-9-CM Abridged, Diagnostic Coding in Obstetrics and Gynecology, 2012**
This book includes diagnosis codes most often reported by ob-gyns in a more portable format than the complete ICD-9-CM publication. This publication mirrors the format of the complete ICD-9-CM book. A bonus feature of the manual is the included diagnostic coding appendices (A-C) that provide details on coding for terminations, cervical Pap
smear follow-up visits, and ultrasound procedures. This publication contains diagnostic
codes from the final, regular update (October 1, 2011) to the ICD-9 data set prior to ICD-
10 implementation scheduled for October 1, 2015. As a result, there were no new,
revised, or deleted ICD-9 codes effective for October 1, 2014. There will be no additional
updates to the ICD-9 data set and there will be no further revisions to our ICD-9
Abridged publication.

**Outpatient Encounter Forms**
ACOG has developed four outpatient encounter forms that list codes commonly
performed in ob/gyn offices. The forms are updated each year with the new CPT and
ICD-9-CM codes.

There are two types of forms—one for general ob/gyn practices and another for gyn only.
Both of these can be ordered either with or without CLIA-defined complex laboratory
procedures. The front of the form lists procedure codes by type of service (i.e., E/M
services, office/outpatient surgical procedures, ultrasound procedures, laboratory tests,
and miscellaneous services).

The back of the form lists ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes organized by body system. The
general ob/gyn form includes frequently reported gynecologic and obstetric diagnostic
codes. The gyn only form includes frequently reported gynecologic and selected primary
care diagnoses.

**ICD-9/CPT Ob/Gyn Quick Reference Sheet**
The Quick Reference Coding sheet is available as a double-sided, laminated sheet, and
includes official CPT® and ICD-9-CM codes with abbreviated descriptions for the most
commonly reported OB/GYN-related procedures and diagnoses.

**New ICD-10/CPT Ob and Gyn Quick Reference Sheets**
New for 2015! Individual Ob and Gyn Quick Reference Coding Sheets will include
official CPT® and ICD-10-CM codes with abbreviated descriptions for the most
commonly reported OB/GYN-related procedures and diagnoses. These will be available
as double-sided, laminated sheets, (one each for Obstetrics and Gynecology codes).

**ICD-9 to ICD-10 Obstetrics and Gynecology Laminated Crosswalks**
The ICD-9 to ICD-10 Obstetrics and Gynecology crosswalks are available as double-
sided, laminated sheets, (one each for Obstetrics and Gynecology codes).
ACOG Coding Workshops

ACOG’s enormously popular coding workshops teach physicians and their staff about appropriate coding and billing practices. These workshops cover the effective use of the International Classification of Diseases Tenth Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM) and the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) coding systems as they pertain to obstetrics and gynecology. If accompanied by the physician, office staff and mid-level providers may also attend.

For 2015, all workshops consist of four modules. Physicians may attend only one, two, three or all four modules. Each module lasts 4 - 7 hours and covers the following topics:

Module IV- ICD-10 (Hands-On) Diagnosis Coding Practicum
Module I – E/M Services and Medicare’s Documentation Guidelines
Module II – Gynecologic Surgical Coding
Module III – Obstetric Coding

These Modules will cover:

- Essential coding principles of the International Classification of Diseases Tenth Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM) and Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) as they relate to Evaluation and Management (E/M) services, gynecology, and obstetrics.
- Pitfalls of unbundling, upcoding, and coding for coverage, including some of the coding vulnerabilities associated with EHRs.
- The relationship between diagnostic and procedural coding and proper linkage of ICD-10-CM and CPT codes to reduce reimbursement denials.
- The elements necessary for complete and accurate documentation, with emphasis on improving documentation specificity.

Workshops in 2015 will be held in these locations:

February 19–22, 2015         New Orleans, LA
February 26-March 1, 2015    Doral (Miami), FL
March 5–8, 2015              Las Vegas, NV
March 19-22, 2015            Atlanta, GA
April 9–12, 2015             Chicago, IL
April 23-26, 2015            Houston, TX
May 21-24, 2015              Baltimore, MD
June 25–28, 2015             Seattle, WA
July 23–26, 2015             Las Vegas, NV
August 13-16, 2015           Atlanta, GA
August 27-30, 2015           San Diego, CA
November 5-8, 2015           Tampa, FL
Fellows may register for these workshops online at: http://www.acog.org/Education_and_Events, or by faxing in the form included in the workshop brochure sent to Fellows in the October Monthly Resource Member mailing. This form is also available online at the link above. For more information, contact Coding Education Manager, Donna Tyler at 202-863-2418 or dtyler@acog.org.

ACOG Webcasts
ACOG is presenting a series of Webcasts that cover Coding, Practice Management, Quality Improvement and Patient Safety and Professional Liability topics. Each will be presented from 1:00-2:30 p.m. Eastern Time on the second Tuesday of each month. Physicians, practice administrators, coders, billers and other staff will find these Webcasts beneficial. Participants need a computer with Internet capability. Your registration fee covers one Internet connection from each site, but each site may have an unlimited number of participants. If registering several different sites, each site must register separately.

“Pay Per View” access is available to archived webcasts so that you may view webcasts at a time convenient for you and your staff. Each Webcast is approved for AMA PRA category 1 credit. The live webcasts have also been approved by the American Academy of Professional Coders (AAPC) for 1.5 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for AAPC certified coders. No AAPC CEUs will be awarded for viewing archived webcasts.

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ACOG Internet Access
ACOG’s Department of Health Economics has information to assist Fellows with coding and reimbursement issues. This information can be accessed at: www.acog.org.

The Health Economics Department’s coding web page includes a list of coding resources and timely announcements concerning coding and reimbursement issues in addition to, the most recent Medicare RBRVS values and Correct Coding Initiative, Evaluation and Management services documentation templates and an intake history form developed by the ACOG Committee on Health Economics and Coding. In order to access this information, members must register on the ACOG website by filling out the on-line registration form. Sign in by clicking on the member access button and click on either the online discussion button to access the coding conference or the Departments button to access the Department web page. If you are already registered, simply sign-in using your name and password.
ACOG Staff Coding Assistance
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ACOG’s Practice Management and Coding Update
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ACOG’s Rounds
New for 2015! ACOG Rounds is a monthly e-newsletter, distributed via email and available on acog.org, for ACOG physicians and members. The newsletter offers up-to-date information on a variety issues affecting Ob/gyns.

STAY CURRENT
Be sure to purchase a copy of a 2015 CPT book in order to stay current with coding changes. The changes take effect January 1. HIPAA requires providers to use the medical code set that is valid at the time the service is provided. Therefore, insurers must accept new codes beginning January 1.

The American Medical Association (AMA) CPT® 2015 Professional Edition, Practice Management Information Corporation’s (PMIC) 2015 CPT Plus and HCPCS books in addition to the Optum (formerly Ingenix) 2015 ICD-9-CM manual can all be purchased through ACOG’s website (sales.acog.org) or distribution center (1-800-762-2264). See the 2015 ACOG Publications and Educational Materials catalog for details.
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Research Award Program Update

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists has reengineered our Research Awards Program with both our applicants and funders in mind.

To present all funding opportunities available for our Fellows and Junior Fellows and to allow our funders to announce educational and investigative grants throughout the year, we will be posting direct links to available grants on this page.

This new system will streamline the grant process for applicants and funders; offer grants quarterly rather than our former four-month window; and broaden the range of topics and fund amounts.

We will continue to promote available grants directly on this site and through our CREOG team and we will continue to work with grant-making companies and organizations to bring our members the most up-to-date opportunities within our specialty.

Fellow and Junior Fellow awardees will continue to be recognized at the Annual Clinical and Scientific Meeting for their achievements. Grant recipients whom wish to be recognized should contact Kathleen Kenny at researchgrants@acog.org by April 1, 2015. Please include your full name, institution, name of your study, and name of the award received. Awards received after April 1, 2015 may be recognized at the 2016 Annual Clinical and Scientific Meeting. All awardees recognized must be members of the College. For membership information, please contact membership@acog.org.

Available Awards have been posted in the areas of: health policy, Vulvodynia, maternal nutrition, mental health during pregnancy, patient safety, HIV/AIDS and alcohol, intrauterine contraception, and career development. Please see website for details and updates.

*Please note: The Warren H. Pearse Women’s Health Policy application is due December 15, 2014. Please see website for details.
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- **The Beacham Society**, named for the College’s first President, Dr. Woodward Beacham, is reserved for our donors of $1,000. Beacham Society members receive complimentary annual meeting registration, access to the Donor Lounge, onsite fast-track registration, and private shuttle service from the headquarter hotel to the convention center at the annual meeting.

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- **New this year! The Junior Fellows Society** was created exclusively for Junior Fellows in Training, Junior Fellows in Training-Fellowship, and Junior Fellows in Practice. To encourage and acknowledge your philanthropic dedication to women’s health, in what may be challenging financial times, we are offering this new society at $250 per year. The Junior Fellow Society offers its members access to the Donor Lounge and onsite fast-track registration at the annual meeting. This is a great opportunity to meet ACOG leaders, seek mentorship and build new friendships with Fellows. We look forward to seeing you there!

- **The Schmitz Society**, honoring Dr. Herbert E. Schmitz, the first Treasurer of the Executive Board of Directors of the College, is reserved for our $100 donors. Schmitz Society members receive a distinctive ribbon to wear at the annual meeting and are recognized in all print materials.

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¿Contraeré la gripe con la vacuna contra la gripe?

No, no contraerá la gripe por medio de la vacuna contra la gripe.

¿Durante cuál trimestre es seguro vacunarme contra la gripe?

La vacuna contra la gripe se ha administrado a mujeres embarazadas con éxito durante cualquier trimestre de la gestación. Sin embargo, se recomienda que la vacuna se administre preferentemente durante el segundo o tercer trimestre, ya que la vacuna puede potencialmente reducir la gravedad de la infección si se contrae la gripe durante el primer trimestre. La vacuna también puede ser segura y efectiva durante el primer trimestre, pero los datos sobre su eficacia y seguridad durante el primer trimestre son menos amplios que los datos sobre su uso durante el segundo y tercer trimestre.

¿Cómo puedo saber si necesito otras vacunas además de la vacuna contra la gripe?

El American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) recomienda que todas las mujeres embarazadas reciban la vacuna contra la gripe, así como cualquier otra vacuna recomendada por su médico o clínica de salud.

¿Cómo puedo saber si mi estado de salud o mi condición de embarazo hace que una vacuna sea inadecuada o no segura?

Si tiene una enfermedad crónica, debe hablar con su médico sobre si está en riesgo de contraer una infección grave y si una vacuna específica puede ayudarlo a protegerse de ella. Además, si está embarazada, el ACOG recomienda que las mujeres embarazadas reciban la vacuna contra la gripe, así como cualquier otra vacuna recomendada por su médico o clínica de salud.

¿Cómo puedo protegerme contra las enfermedades durante el embarazo?

La vacuna contra la gripe es una manera de recibir anticuerpos contra la gripe. La vacuna contra la gripe se ha administrado a mujeres embarazadas con éxito durante cualquier trimestre de la gestación. Sin embargo, se recomienda que la vacuna se administre preferentemente durante el segundo o tercer trimestre, ya que la vacuna puede potencialmente reducir la gravedad de la infección si se contrae la gripe durante el primer trimestre. La vacuna también puede ser segura y efectiva durante el primer trimestre, pero los datos sobre su eficacia y seguridad durante el primer trimestre son menos amplios que los datos sobre su uso durante el segundo y tercer trimestre.

¿Puedo recibir la vacuna contra la gripe en el primer trimestre?

Sí, se puede administrar la vacuna contra la gripe durante el primer trimestre. Sin embargo, se recomienda que la vacuna se administre preferentemente durante el segundo o tercer trimestre, ya que la vacuna puede potencialmente reducir la gravedad de la infección si se contrae la gripe durante el primer trimestre. La vacuna también puede ser segura y efectiva durante el primer trimestre, pero los datos sobre su eficacia y seguridad durante el primer trimestre son menos amplios que los datos sobre su uso durante el segundo y tercer trimestre.

¿Puedo recibir la vacuna contra la gripe mientras estoy en el hospital para el parto?

El hospital está haciendo todo lo posible para proteger a las mujeres embarazadas y sus bebés. Sin embargo, se recomienda que las mujeres embarazadas reciban la vacuna contra la gripe antes de llegar al hospital para el parto, ya que la vacuna puede potencialmente reducir la gravedad de la infección si se contrae la gripe durante el primer trimestre. La vacuna también puede ser segura y efectiva durante el primer trimestre, pero los datos sobre su eficacia y seguridad durante el primer trimestre son menos amplios que los datos sobre su uso durante el segundo y tercer trimestre.
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