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The California Medical Association recently met with Anthem Blue Cross to express concerns over its recently announced policy aimed at addressing inappropriate use of modifier -25. Modifier 25 allows separate payment for a significant, separately identifiable E&M service provided on the same day as a minor procedure or other reported health care service. Per the new policy, Anthem will deny an E&M service with a modifier 25 billed on the day of a related procedure when there is a recent service or procedure for the same or similar diagnosis on record for the same provider (or a provider with the same specialty within the same group TIN). [READ MORE](#)



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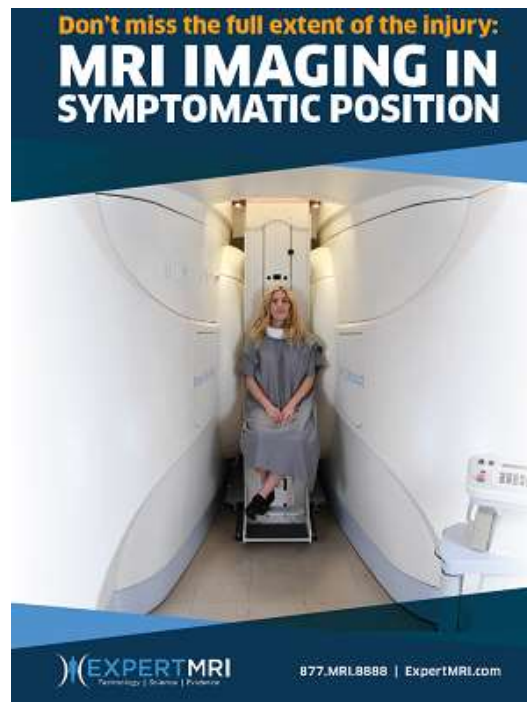


Surgical GPS that guides surgeons through the body recalled after it gave the wrong directions — leading to patient deaths



Daily Mail

A company called Brainlab has issued a recall of its spine surgery navigation technology after errors proved fatal for some patients, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced Monday. The system is intended to help surgeons navigate delicate spine procedures to correct deformities, remove tumors or screws to stabilize or repair the backbone. But according to the recall notice, the system has displayed incorrect visual information during high-risk operations. [READ MORE](#)



5 more medical schools join innovative medical education consortium



AMA

The group responsible for creating the medical schools of the future is multiplying its membership. The AMA Accelerating Change in Medical Education Consortium, a partnership between the AMA and medical schools, has added five new members to the fold, bringing the group's total membership to 37. The five schools joining the innovative collective are: Stanford University School of Medicine, University of California, Irvine, School of Medicine (UC Irvine), University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine (Pitt), Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California (USC), and Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine (VCU). [READ MORE](#)

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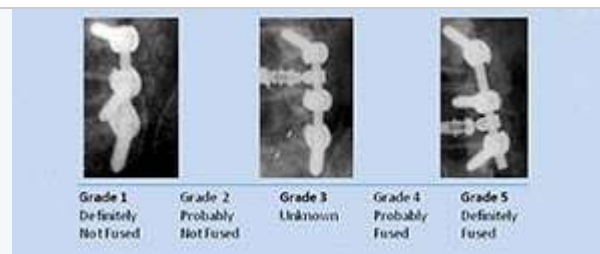
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