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Ortho News This Week

Be on the Lookout for a CMS Survey — Orthopaedic Post-Operative Care



If you receive the below communication from CMS and are selected to complete the "Orthopaedic Post-Operative Care" Survey, do so carefully. Do not short-change your work or be overly brief in your responses. CMS uses this data to determine appropriate reimbursement rates.

Communication from CMS Orthopaedic Post-Operative Care Survey

CMS

You have been selected by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to report information on post-operative visits. Your participation in this data reporting effort is extremely important. Accurate information about post-operative care will help Medicare understand the important work that you perform and ensure that your specialty's perspective is represented. A letter regarding Medicare's expectations for this data collection effort from Carol Blackford, Group Director of the Hospital and Ambulatory Payment Group, Center for Medicare, follows.

Within the next **four weeks** please provide information about the post-operative care that you and your staff furnished during and around **five post-operative** visits within the 90-day global period for **CPT code 27130** [arthroplasty, acetabular and proximal femoral prosthetic replacement (total hip arthroplasty), with or without autograft or allograft]. We are asking you to report on **a total of five visits across different patients**. You may choose to report information on your own, but we recommend that clinical or support staff in your practice assist you.

RAND and NORC at the University of Chicago, both non-profit research organizations, are assisting Medicare with this data collection. A sample of the data that we are collecting and answers to frequently asked questions (FAQs) can be found here: https://a4survey.norc.org/Global_FAQ.

To report information on post-operative visits, please follow this link:

<https://a4survey.norc.org/SE/?st=+a5tUaS41cP7+Gnt9RFPTpihS8+/FzJibGUog2Ubqo=&p=5QNYT>

You will need your NPI number on hand, which can be found at <https://npiregistry.cms.hhs.gov>.

Thank you in advance for your participation. If you have questions related to the post-operative visit data collection effort in general, please contact Dr. Andrew Mulcahy, the RAND project director (amulcahy@rand.org or 703-413-1100 x5496), or myself (MACRA_Global_Surgery@cms.hhs.gov or 571-589-8413). If you have technical questions or difficulties regarding the survey, please contact NORC at 1-888-246-9504 or email MedicarePostopData@norc.org.

Take a bite out of the no-show rate



Orthopedics Today via Healio

More than half of the orthopedic practices that responded to the KarenZupko & Associates Inc. 2018 American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons coding and reimbursement workshop pre-course survey (54%) said that no-shows are a “problem” in their offices. That is up from 38% in 2017 and 43% in 2016. No-shows are like pickpockets who deprive you of the opportunity to fill your block time. Patients who fail to show up and comply with follow-up appointments can impact your outcomes, too. [READ MORE](#)

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