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NEWS FROM THE AMA



“Creating data standardization is possible.”

A Canadian physician spotlighted the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) content as an example of standardized nationwide clinical data in a recent article published in *Alberta Doctors' Digest*. Dr. Jia Hu, a clinical assistant professor at University of Calgary in Alberta, describes Canada's healthcare data standardization challenges, emphasizing the need for timely and meaningful data sharing.

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Introducing *The CPT Quarterly*, a resource for exploring the capabilities of the CPT code set

The CPT Quarterly is an American Medical Association (AMA) publication that examines the many ways the CPT code set supports innovation to help you stay current with the CPT code set and keep pace with the speed of health care. In the inaugural 2023 issue, read about the artificial intelligence (AI) taxonomy for medical services and procedures; the AMA Intelligent Platform; and how licensing the CPT code set helps the U.S. government price transparency compliance. In the forthcoming issue of *The CPT Quarterly*, learn more about trends in physician adoption of digital health innovation, key considerations for advancing health equity, and more.

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New tech aims to improve EHRs, patient interactions, cybersecurity

When the electronic health record (EHR) was introduced, physicians struggled as recording information into the system detracted from the personal interactions they were used to giving patients—and wanted to continue delivering. A big part of the problem: Physicians weren't involved enough early on in developing EHR systems, and the same is true for other types of healthcare innovations. But that's changing.

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Watch now: The state of AI, cybersecurity and health data privacy in medicine with Larry Cohen, PhD

In a recent episode of “[AMA Update](#),” CEO of [Health2047](#), Larry Cohen, PhD, joins from Menlo Park, California, to discuss how the latest technological advancements impact medicine and the future of healthcare delivery. Watch to learn about topics ranging from the importance of physician input on new tech innovations, to the flow of health data and cybersecurity—plus how augmented intelligence and generative AI could reduce friction and improve EHRs.

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Why CPT codes matter during times of crisis

For more than 50 years, the CPT code set has evolved through a painstaking, deliberate approach, with proposed changes attached to an almost unflinching three-meetings-a-year timetable. In an interview for the [AMA Moving Medicine](#) podcast, leaders of the CPT Editorial Panel discussed how the Panel has evolved to meet the challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic and why its evolution matters in healthcare crises.

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Hosted by the AMA, the CPT Webinars series spotlights healthcare topics of today—and tomorrow—by putting CPT coding in conversation with digitally-enabled care, health equity, AI and more. View previously broadcast webinar recordings on demand, and download presentation slides and additional educational resources including a synthesis of the information presented.

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CPT Editorial Panel Meeting

4–6 May 2023
Chicago and Virtual

The CPT Editorial Panel (the Panel) convenes three times per year to solicit the direct input of practicing physicians, medical device manufacturers, developers of the latest diagnostic tests, and advisors from over 100 societies representing physicians and other qualified healthcare professionals. After each Panel meeting, a document is prepared to summarize the actions that were taken by the Panel on each of the code applications. The Summary of Panel Actions from the May 2023 CPT Editorial Panel meeting is available on the AMA website.

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NEW FROM *CPT ASSISTANT*

CPT Assistant Online is a fully searchable, comprehensive archive of all new and previously published *CPT Assistant* newsletter articles. As the official resource for CPT coding guidance, *CPT Assistant* offers guidance on past, present, and future code set releases via articles and insights on trends in medicine, as well as changing clinical scenarios and FAQs related to the CPT code set.

The **May 2023 issue** includes the following articles:

- Reporting Pulmonary Angiography (93568, 93569 and 93573-93575)
- Updates for GSPs and Other Molecular Multianalyte Assays
- Reporting Cardiac Ablation Radiation Therapy
- Coding Correction: Vaccine Codes: Summary for 2023 CPT Code Set Update
- Questions and Answers

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