

# CPT® International News

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The First Lady of the United States, Jill Biden, recently made a special appearance at the American Medical Association's (AMA) CPT® & RBRVS 2024 Annual Symposium to share valuable insights about the Biden Cancer Moonshot, the President and First Lady's White House initiative to end cancer as we know it. Watch Dr. Biden's inspirational message shared with the Symposium participants.

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## **AMA issues new principles for AI development, deployment, and use**

"The AMA recognizes the immense potential of health care AI in enhancing diagnostic accuracy, treatment outcomes, and patient care," said AMA President Jesse M. Ehrenfeld, M.D., M.P.H. "However, this transformative power comes with ethical considerations and potential risks that demand a proactive and principled approach to the oversight and governance of health care AI."

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## **The CPT Quarterly: Keep pace with what it takes to deliver patient care**

*The CPT Quarterly* explores the many ways that CPT content can support your innovative work toward the betterment of patient care. Consider this your resource for staying current with the CPT code set and keeping pace with the speed of health care.

Explore how the AMA fosters early-stage communication between innovation and medicine and much more in this edition.

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## Why CPT is foundational to value-based care

For value-based health care to work, physician practices must be able to accurately describe the medical services and procedures they deliver, and this makes the CPT code set an integral component of value-based care approaches.

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## Understand the criteria for CPT Category I and Category III codes

There are **various types of CPT codes**, including Category I codes and Category III codes. Changes and additions to CPT Category I and Category III codes must meet both general and specific criteria for each code.

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## Do not overlook these factors as you explore a health-at-home model

Technological advances now are enabling physicians to offer a level of care in the home unlike ever before. In addition to improving the patient experience, offering health care in the home when appropriate can reduce the strain on hospitals and clinics, as well.

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## Unique CPT codes approved for COVID-19 immunizations

New CPT codes consolidate over 50 previous codes and greatly streamline the reporting of immunizations for the novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2 [COVID-19]). Several AMA resources provide information on these changes, including updated **short, medium and long descriptors for Category I immunization codes**, and the *CPT Assistant Special Edition August 2023 Update*.

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## WEBINARS/EVENTS

### Recent Events

## CPT Webinar: Find past recordings in the CPT Webinars portal

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.

How to download CPT Webinars resources:

1. Go to the [CPT Webinar Portal](#).
2. Select a topic (logging into the webinar may be required, if not previously registered).
3. Locate the Resources module in the bottom left of the screen and click on the PDF listed to download.

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## Upcoming Events

### AMA/Specialty Society RVS Update Committee (RUC) meeting

**Coronado Island, California**  
**17-20 January 2024**

The AMA/Specialty Society RVS Update Committee (RUC) is dedicated to describing the resources required to provide physician services.

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### CPT® Editorial Panel Meeting

**San Diego, California (& Virtual).**  
**1-3 February 2024**

The CPT Editorial Panel convenes meetings 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. Registration is mandatory whether attending in person or virtually.

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**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 **October 2023** issue of *CPT Assistant* will include the following articles:

- Reporting Virtual Reality Procedural Dissociation Services (0771T-0774T)
- Coding Brief: Mutation Identification and Variant Analysis for SARS-CoV-2 (87913)
- Reporting Office-Based Measurement of Mechanomyography and Inertial Measurement Units (0778T)
- Erratum: E/M: Consultations Q&A
- Erratum: New COVID-19 Vaccine Codes: August Update
- Questions and Answers

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