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2009 Newsletters

July 2009: Volume #5 2009, Issue 88

- Supervision Change Code 77421
- MAC
- Fiscal Intermediary (Part A)
- Carriers (Part B)
- LCD vs. LMRP
- Know Your Policy
- Written Carrier Rulings
- Denial Notices from Carrier

May-June 2009: Volume #4 2009, Issue 87

- Red Flag Rules
- Fusion
- CT Data Acquisition not always 3D

March-April 2009: Volume #3 2009, Issue 86

- Clinical Treatment Planning
- Documentation a MUST for 77336!
- IMRT Planning Does NOT Support 77470

January-February 2009: Volume #2 2009, Issue 85

- EHR, Soon to be a Requirement
- Supervision

December 2008/January 2009: Volume #1 2009, Issue 84

- High Dose Rate (HDR): 2009 Changes
- Stereotactic Radiosurgery
- What you can do about Supervision
- Intra-fraction Localization

2008 Newsletters

October-November 2008: Volume #6 2008, Issue 83

- Physician Required In Department
- 77421 Supervision Also Addressed
- New HDR Codes for 2009
- HDR Codes Will Be Deleted in 2009
- Channels vs. Dwell Positions
- Transitioning Old HDR Codes to New
- HDR APC Reimbursement
- HDR Physician Reimbursement
- HDR Global Reimbursement
- C-Codes for 2009
- SRS 77371 Carrier Base Rate in 2009
- New SRS Codes for Neurologists
- SRS/SRT Hospital Rates: 2009
- New 'T' Codes (Category III Codes)
- About 'T' Codes (Category III Codes)

July-August 2008: Volume #5 2008, Issue 82

- July Reduction Averted
- 2009 RVU Released
- IMRT Reimbursement with IGRT (2008)
- Code Growth 2008
- New Code for Gating to Be Added

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June 2008: Volume #4 2008, Issue 81

- Bush Delays Medicare Payment Cut
- CMS to Delay Payments until 7/10
- Bill H.R. 6331

April-May 2008: Volume #3 2008, Issue 80

- IGRT Supervision
 - Reference Is Diagnostic Only
 - Image Guidance In Therapy
 - Imaging Guidance vs Imaging
 - Medical Imaging
 - Not for Diagnostic Purposes
 - 77421 In the Hospital

February-March 2008: Volume #2 2008, Issue 79

- New Brachytherapy Application Codes
- Utilization of New Codes
- Report the Devices
- Surgical Applicator Insertion Codes for Brachy
- Brachytherapy Source Codes
- SRT & SBRT Treatment Codes

January 2008: Volume #1 2008, Issue 78

- Final 2008 Conversion = 38.0870
- Bill Your Imaging!!!!!!
- Packaged vs. Bundled
- Explanatory Notes Added
- Questionnaire Results
- Final Rates for 2008 with Conversion Factor

2007 Newsletters

December 2007: Volume #8 2007, Issue 77

- Medicare Delays Payment Cuts
- New SRT Descriptions for 2008
- New Revised Codes for 2008
- 2008 Reimbursement for A4650
- Ct Data Acquisition Reporting
- Sample Reimbursement Summary for Prostate IMRT

October-November 2007: Volume #7 2007, Issue 76

- Major Changes for 2008
- No Imaging – OPPTS 2008
- Freestanding IGRT
- Conversion Factor Final
- Final 2008 Rates
- Sample Reimbursement Summary
- RAC: Medicare's Latest Tool
- How Does a RAC Audit Occur?
- Will You Survive a RAC Audit?
- SRS-77334 per Arc Line
- Brachytherapy OPPTS
- Weekly Physics
- Pin Numbers

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August-September 2007: Volume #6 2007, Issue 75

- Major Changes for 2008
- Packaging Imaging
- DRA Cap – 2007
- Reimbursement Change
- Facility vs. Non-Facility
- Room Charges
- Room Charges Policy
- Aetna Physics Settlement
- Criterion for 77470 vs 77263

July 2007: Volume #5 2007, Issue 74

- Theranostics
- Patient Positioning
- New Fiducial Code: C9728
- New HDR Electronic Code: 0182T
- T-Codes: Category III
- Deleted Brachytherapy Sources Codes
- Brachytherapy Sources
- CT Data Acquisition with 2D

May-June 2007: Volume #4 2007, Issue 73

- Management with Brachytherapy
- SRS Edits Corrected
- UPIN – Are You at Risk?
- Simulations – Are You Billing Too Many?
- No Such Thing as Weekly Sim!

April 2007: Volume #3 2007, Issue 72

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- Global Period Removed from HDR
- Stereotactic Radiosurgery
- Simulation with IMRT
- Basic Dosimetry with IMRT
- Devices with IMRT
- Billing for Fiducial Markers

February - March 2007: Volume #2 2007, Issue 71

- Three (3) IGRT Codes in 2007
 - ⇒ When is IGRT Appropriate?
 - ⇒ What is the Physician's Role?
- Coding Question: 77014

January 2007: Volume #1 2007, Issue 70

- Conversion Frozen
- 2007 E&M Rates
 - ⇒ APC Room Charges
- Simulation & Devices
- Immobilization Devices
- Beam Splitter - Level
- 77014 Utilization
- Summary of Changes
- DOS: 77336
- Guest Column by Louis Potters, MD
- MammoSite: 77295 and/or 77290?
- Smoking Cessation Counseling
- Clarification: Room Charges