Anesthesia Time: Stop Common Errors, Start Coding Accurately

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Agenda

• Anesthesia Time
  – Time Basics
  – Know Your Contracts
  – Time Definitions and Common Issues

• Medical Direction
  – Care Team and Medical Direction Requirements
  – Modifier Selection
  – Incomplete Medical Direction

• Ancillary Services

• Obstetric Services
Induction/Emergence

• When is induction?
  – General – Onset of the anesthesia
  – Block/Epidural – Insertion of the needle or medicine delivered
  – MAC – no induction

• When is emergence?
  – Defined as a span of time
ASA OB Recommendations

• Base Units + Face to Face contact time
• Base Units + Time Units for insertion through delivery with a reasonable cap
• Flat Fee
• Incremental Fees Base Units + Insertion Time + One unit per Hour or services 2-4 hours, 4-6 hours, 6-8 hours, or greater than 8 hours
• Most Importantly – Choose a method that represents the intensity of the service delivered