

Coding and Reimbursement Digest

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[CMS removed CPT® code 76937 from the NCCI Policy Manual](#)

Have you received the AMA Physician Practice Information Survey?

The American Medical Association (AMA) [Physician Practice Information \(PPI\) Survey](#) is underway, and we urgently need all selected physicians to actively engage in this effort. If you were among the randomly selected recipients to take the survey, a reminder is heading your way to complete the survey as soon as possible. **The email's subject line will be "Reminder: The AMA needs your input to support fair and accurate physician payment" and the email will come from PPIsurvey@mathematica-mpr.com.** SIR strongly encourages all recipients to participate to ensure IR data is well-represented. For more information, contact economics@sirweb.org.

AMA CPT® Editorial Panel meeting

SIR's CPT Advisor Ammar Sarwar, MD, FSIR; CPT Alternate Advisor Ashok Bhanushali, MD, MBA; and CPT member Julie C. Bulman, MD, along with SIR staff, attended the American Medical Association (AMA) CPT® Editorial Panel meeting Feb. 1–3. SIR with collaborating societies, proposed a Category III code for placement of an implant for bone marrow sampling and code descriptor revisions to existing Category I codes for endovascular therapy 61624 and 61626. We also requested retaining ten Category III codes for another 5 years. More info: [AMA Summary of Panel Actions](#)

AMA Relative Value Scale Update Committee (RUC)

SIR's RUC Advisor Minhaj Khaja, MD; RUC Alternate Advisor Robert Kennedy, MD; RUC Member Cane Hoffman, MD, and SIR staff attended the AMA RUC meeting on Jan. 17–20. With collaborating societies, SIR presented two codes for evaluation for thyroid ablation. RUC meetings are confidential. CMS will address these value recommendations in the 2025 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule rule. At that time, all RUC recommendations, minutes, and votes are [publicly available online](#). Survey preparations for the April 2024 RUC meeting have begun. If you receive a RUC survey from SIR for a procedure that you perform, please complete it as soon as possible.

IR Revenue Cycle Management: What Every Practice Should be Addressing Today" at RBMA 2024

SIR, in partnership with the Radiology Business Management Association (RBMA), proudly presents a masterclass session in revenue cycle management on April 14 at the [2024 RBMA meeting in Las Vegas](#). This interactive, in-depth, and dynamic session, featuring SIR's economics leaders, will take a deep dive into the current AMA processes for creating and valuing procedure codes, authoritative guidance creation, and real-world opportunities for improving operational processes and reimbursement.



IR books and resources

- [IR Coding Update book and charge sheets](#)
- [2024 Navigator® Interventional Radiology Procedures](#)
- [2024 Navigator® Evaluation and Management Services for Radiology](#)
- [IR Common Missed Coding Revenue](#)

IR billing and coding courses

- [2023 SIR Revenue Cycle Management course](#)
- [2023 Coding Update On-demand](#)

IR Carrier advocacy coverage letters

- [Endometrial Biopsy prior to uterine artery embolization\(UAE\)](#)
- [Endovascular arteriovenous fistula \(EndoAVF\)](#)
- [Liver-directed therapy \(SIRT/TARE\)](#)
- [Ovarian and internal iliac vein embolization](#)
- [Percutaneous bone cryoablation](#)
- [Percutaneous renal cryoablation](#)
- [Prostate artery embolization \(PAE\)](#)
- [Pulmonary cryoablation](#)
- [Uterine fibroid embolization \(UFE\) and uterine artery embolization \(UAE\)](#)
- [Varicocele/gonadal embolization](#)
- [Venous angioplasty and stent placement](#)

IR Quarterly

- [Fall 2023 IR Category III CPT® codes](#)
- [Winter 2024 CPT coding changes](#)

SIR members, we are here to help

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[Submit your denied IR procedure.](#)