

Coding and Reimbursement Digest

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[Town Hall – IR and DR: Better Together or ...?](#)

SIR Launches RUC Surveys for January 2024 Meeting

The Society of Interventional Radiology (SIR) will circulate an American Medical Association/Relative Value Scale Update Committee (AMA/RUC) survey for Percutaneous Radiofrequency Ablation of Thyroid. The data acquired through the survey process will be aggregated and analyzed to build value-based recommendations presented at the January 2024 meeting. If you receive the survey, please complete it as soon as possible.

Help us help YOU to update Medicare physician payments!

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. These data have not been updated since last collected over 15 years ago, and it is critically important to update these data to ensure accurate payment. [Mathematica](#), a well-regarded consulting firm, is helping the AMA run this survey. Your practice may receive an email from ppisurvey@mathematica-mpr.com and a USPS priority mail packet from Mathematica that contains a link to the survey as well as supporting information. **We urge you to speak with your practice management colleagues to determine if they have received these communications and ask them to complete this critical survey.** In the coming weeks or months, your practice, or Mathematica, may ask you to complete a brief survey on the number of weekly hours spent on direct patient care. We urge you to complete this 2-minute survey. If you were among the randomly selected recipients to take the survey, [let us know by filling out this online form](#). SIR strongly encourages all recipients to participate to ensure IR data is well-represented. For more information, contact economics@sirweb.org.

Denial taskforce [OEIS Society](#) has established a joint Insurance Denial Task Force in conjunction with [Society for Cardiovascular Angiography & Interventions](#), [Society of Interventional Radiology](#), and [Society for Vascular Surgery](#) to look into the increase in insurance denials for lower extremity endovascular revascularizations and subsequent impact on patient access to care. You can help by reporting your denials to the following [link](#).



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

- [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](#)

IR Quarterly

- [Summer 2023 intravascular ultrasound \(IVUS\)](#)
- [Fall 2023 IR Category III CPT® codes](#)

SIR members, we are here to help

- [Submit your coding question to our experts.](#)
- [Submit your denied IR procedure.](#)