



Practice Questions for the Specialty Coding Professional – Family Practice (SCP-FP) Credential Examination

1. According to the Medicare Carrier Manual, a second X-ray interpretation is allowable when it is done for quality control purposes.
 - a. True
 - b. False
2. Returned Unprocessable Claims (RUC) are claims that are submitted to Medicare with incomplete or invalid information. Returning a claim as unprocessable does not necessarily mean that the claim is physically returned. When a claim is returned as unprocessable for incomplete or invalid information, it is not actually denied, and, therefore, has no appeal rights.
 - a. True
 - b. False
3. When a patient is admitted because of a condition that is either a complication of pregnancy or that is complicating the pregnancy, the code for the condition (ex, vomiting and dehydration) is the primary diagnosis code and the obstetric complication code (ex, 643.9x) is the secondary code assignment.
 - a. True
 - b. False
4. Codes in brackets in the Alphabetic Index (ICD-9-CM) can never be sequenced as principal diagnosis. Coding directives require that the codes in brackets be sequenced in the order as they appear in the Alphabetic Index.
 - a. True
 - b. False
5. If a Type II, uncontrolled diabetic has four chronic manifestations—renal, ophthalmic, neurological, and circulatory, for instance—list 250.42, 250.52, 250.62, and 250.72, along with the corresponding manifestation codes, such as 581.81 (nephrotic syndrome) and 366.41 (diabetic cataract).
 - a. True
 - b. False

6. An arterial blood sample is drawn from a patient at three different intervals on the same day, and the blood testing is performed three times that same day. The laboratory should report each test as the CPT code _____ on a separate line. The first test should not be coded with a modifier. Only the subsequent tests should be reported with the modifier _____.

End of Practice Questions

Answers to Practice Questions

1. b. False
2. a. True
3. b. False
4. a. True
5. a. True
6. 82803; 91