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## Get Caught Up on Coding and Billing News →

New COVID-19 vaccine status codes, changes and corrections to the 2022 CPT code set, Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) payment changes, and prior authorization code list changes — that's what's on the agenda this month. Read all about it!

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## 2021 E/M Guidelines FAQ →

Ever since the release of the new 2021 evaluation and management (E/M) guidelines for office and other outpatient services, AAPC has been conducting numerous trainings through webinars, virtual workshops, conference sessions, online courses, and multiple articles in Healthcare Business Monthly and the Knowledge Center blog.

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#### Sharpen Your Facet Joint Intervention Coding →

All along the back of the spine, at each level, a pair of small facet joints connects the vertebrae — the bony building blocks of the spine — holding the vertebral column together and providing support. These small joints may become inflamed due to a variety of conditions including osteoarthritis, disc degeneration, spinal stenosis, or from trauma such as a car accident.

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#### Don't Fall for Injury Coding Obstacles →

Put your diagnosis coding skills to the test with this patient encounter.

CC: Fall and laceration

HPI: Julia is a 65-year-old woman who was running to catch a taxi when she stumbled, fell, and struck her face on the sidewalk. She had taken the day off of work and was shopping downtown. She denies loss of consciousness, but says she was dazed for a few seconds after it happened...

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