Guidelines for Nuclear Medicine Resident Case Log Entry
Review Committee for Nuclear Medicine

Many specialties track resident experience with Case Logs to provide valuable data to the Review Committee and individual programs. These data allow the Review Committee to use realistic, evidence-based benchmarks for establishing requirements. Individual programs are able to compare their residents' experiences, and, by using national data, compare their residents' experiences to those of residents in other programs. This information in turn enables program directors to fine tune their programs and optimize individual resident educational experiences.

Tracking resident experiences in the Case Log System is a new concept to the nuclear medicine GME community, and this change represents a compromise between obtaining important data and adding burden. The Review Committee appreciates programs' patience and cooperation during this transition.

The ACGME Case Log System is HIPAA-compliant, and there are agreements, created by the ACGME, in place between the covered entities and Sponsoring Institutions.

Program directors are expected to ensure that:

- residents understand how to use the system

- entries are accurate and complete

- Case Logs are reviewed with residents during semi-annual evaluations

Guidelines

It is the responsibility of the individual residents to enter their case data accurately and in a timely manner. The data entered will be monitored by the program directors, and ultimately analyzed by the ACGME Review Committee for Nuclear Medicine. Separate analysis reports are created annually for the Committee, program directors, and residents.

Residents should enter ALL specified procedures performed during their residency education into the ACGME's Resident Case Log System. Inaccurate data entry will impede the Committee's ability to set accurate and realistic benchmarks.

Required Key Index Areas/CPT Codes to be Tracked:

- ~~PET/CT~~ (No longer required)

- Parenteral Therapy (79101, 79445, 79403)

- Radioiodine Therapy (79005): Type Descriptions of

    - Malignant - less than or equal to 33 millicuries (mCi) I-131

    - Malignant - greater than 33 millicuries (mCi) I-131

    - Benign - less than or equal to 33 millicuries (mCi) I-131

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- Cardiac Stress Test: Pharmacologic or Exercise (93015)

- Pediatric (0-18 years of age):

    - No specified CPT codes; would result in a frequency count only

    - Log all pediatric cases using generic code **78999**

    - Residents may enter the specific name of procedure/therapy in the comment box

    Note: Several "Other" CPT codes in the system grouped under "Non-Required Additional Procedures"

Modifications to the System (June 2014)

- The "Attending" field -- REMOVED

- The "Case ID" field -- NOT REQUIRED

E-mail Case Log questions to ADS@acgme.org.