

# AGENDA

February 18, 19, and 20, 2004

## APC Panel Meeting

**DAY 1 - Wednesday, February 18, 2004**

**TAB**

08:30 Opening - Day 1

- a. Welcome, Call to Order, and Introduction of New Member  
(Elizabeth Richter, Director, Hospital and Ambulatory Policy Group)
- b. Opening Remarks (Elizabeth Richter)
- c. Swearing-in of New Member (Elizabeth Richter)
- d. Group Photo

09:00 Panel Organization and Housekeeping Issues  
(Edith Hambrick, M.D., Acting Chair)

09:15 Payment for Packaged Codes **A**  
(36540, 36600, 51701 thru 51703, 77790, 90471, 90472, 94760 thru 94762,  
and 97602)

- a. Tamar Spolter, CMS Staff
- b. Comments
- c. Panel's Recommendations

09:45 Removal of four codes from the inpatient-only list **B**  
(44901, 49021, 49041, and 49061—all abscess drainage procedures)

- a. Cindy Yen, CMS Staff
- b. Comments
- c. Panel's Recommendations

10:15 *Break*

10:30 Brachytherapy **C**

- a. Barry Levi, CMS Staff
- b. Comments
  - Theragenics's Written Comments
  - CAB's Written Comments
  - ACR's Written Comments (See Tabs D & P)
- c. Panel's Recommendations

**DAY 1 - Wednesday, February 18, 2004 (continued) TAB**11:00 Radiation Oncology APCs and CPTs **D**

## Presentations/Comments

- Tim Nelson, Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital & Richard J. Solove Research Institute (Free-Standing Cancer Centers)
- Jennifer McPeck, Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital & Richard J. Solove Research Institute (Free-Standing Cancer Centers)
- Panel's Recommendations
  
- Pam Kassing, ACR (See Tabs C & P)
- William T. Thorwarth, Jr., M.D., ACR
- Panel's Recommendations
  
- Wendy Resnick, ACCC
- Panel's Recommendations

12:00 *Lunch*VACANT **E**01:00 Radiosurgery **F**

- a. Deborah Hunter, CMS Staff
- b. Presentations/Comments
  - Rebecca Emerick, IRSA
  - ASTRO's Written Comments
  - Panel's Recommendations
  
  - Paul H. Loflin, Jr., Gamma Knife Center
  - Lawrence L. Chin, M.D., UMAB, Gamma Knife® Suite
  - Tim Laugh's (Director, Gamma Knife) Comments
  - Panel's Recommendations
  
  - Tricia Hill, R.N., Washington Hospital Center
  - Panel's Recommendations
  
  - Soren Johansson, Elekta, Inc.
  - Panel's Recommendations
  
  - Gail Daubert, BrainLab
  - Panel's Recommendations
  
  - International RadioSurgery Association's Written Comments
  - Panel's Recommendations

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**G**

02:00 Assignment of HCPCS to APCs

**H and I**

(The afternoon break will be at the discretion of the Chair.)

- a. APCs 0041-0042
  - Dana Burley, CMS
  - Cindy Vandebosch, Strategic Reimbursement Consulting, Inc.
  - Panel's Recommendations
- b. APCs 0097-0099, 0668, 0279, 0280, 0032, 0109, 0115, 0187, 1541, and 1564
  - Dana Burley, CMS
  - Larry Yost, VASCA
  - David Parr, C.R. Bard
  - Panel's Recommendations
- c. APC 0018
  - Dana Burley, CMS
  - Dan Trodden, Cytoc Corporation
  - Panel's Recommendations
- d. APCs 0019, 0020, and 0021
  - Tamar Spolter, CMS
  - Panel's Recommendations
- e. APC 0235
  - Tamar Spolter, CMS
  - Panel's Recommendations
- f. APC 0130
  - Tamar Spolter, CMS
  - Panel's Recommendations
- g. APC 0148
  - Tamar Spolter, CMS
  - Stuart Langbein, Written Comments
  - Panel's Recommendations
- h. APCs 0203 and 0207
  - Tamar Spolter, CMS
  - Panel's Recommendations
- i. APC 0233
  - Tamar Spolter, CMS
  - Panel's Recommendations
- j. APC 0343
  - Tamar Spolter, CMS
  - Panel's Recommendations
- k. APC 0355 and 0356
  - Tamar Spolter, CMS
  - Panel's Recommendations

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Assignment of HCPCS to APCs *(continued)*

**H**

- l. APC 0369
  - Tamar Spolter, CMS
  - Panel's Recommendations
- m. APC 0385
  - Tamar Spolter, CMS
  - Panel's Recommendation
- n. APC 0600
  - Tamar Spolter, CMS
  - Panel's Recommendations

05:00 Adjourn

**REMINDER:** Tomorrow, the APC Panel meeting starts at 10:30 a.m.; consequently, attendees may not enter the CMS complex until 9:45–10:00 a.m.

Thanks for your cooperation.

**DAY 2 – Thursday, February 19, 2004****TAB****10:30** Opening (**The public may not enter the building until 9:45 – 10:00 a.m.**)

10:35 Observation Issues

**J**

- a. Report of the Observation Subcommittee to the Full Committee
- b. Discussion of Issues Raised by Observation Subcommittee Report
- c. Presentations/Comments
  - Jennifer . Artigue, RHIT – Our Lady of Lourdes Regional MC (PRT)
  - Marion G. Kruse, BSN, RN, MBA – OhioHealth Corp. (PRT)
- d. Panel's Recommendations

12:00 *Lunch*

01:00 Evaluation &amp; Management Services

**K**

- a. Deborah Hunter, CMS Staff
- b. Comments
- b. Panel's Recommendations

02:15 Single/Multiple-Claim Issues

**L**

- a. Anita Heygster, CMS Staff
- b. Presentation/Comments
  - Jugna Shah, MPH, Nimit Consulting Inc. (Free-Standing Cancer Centers)
- c. Panel's Recommendations

03:00 *Break*

03:15 Device-Related APC Issues

**M**

Effect of Absence of Device Coding on Median Costs

- a. Anita Heygster, CMS Staff
- b. Presentations/Comments
  - Shannon Penberthy, National Hemophilia Foundation
  - Panel's Recommendations
  - Valerie Rinkle, Asante Health System (PRT)
  - Panel's Recommendations
  - Cynthia Tracy, M.D., Professor of Medicine & Chief of Cardiology  
Georgetown University Hospital
  - Panel's Recommendations
  - Russ Miller, American Medical Systems (CAPU)
  - AMS's Written Comments
  - Panel's Recommendations

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- Eva Snikin, American Medical Systems Gynecology, Inc.
- Panel's Recommendations

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Device-Related APC Issues (*continued*)

**M**

- The Medical Device Manufacturers Association's Written Comments
- Panel's Recommendations
  
- Organogenesis Inc.'s Written Comments
- Panel's Recommendations
  
- AdvaMed's Written Comments
- Panel's Recommendations

Other APC Issues

**N**

- Jim Archetto, Radi Medical Systems, Inc.
- Panel's Recommendations
  
- David Charles, M.D., Movement Disorders Clinic, Vanderbilt U.
- Panel's Recommendations
  
- Jenna Kappel, Alliance for Orthopedic Solutions
- Panel's Recommendations

05:00 Adjourn

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### **DAY 3 – Friday, February 20, 2004**

08:30 Opening

08:35 Drug Administration Coding **O**

- a. Anita Heygster, CMS Staff
- b. Presentations/Comments
  - Judith Baker, Resource Group, Inc.
  - Panel's Recommendations
  
  - Jugna Shah, Nimitt Consulting Inc. (Free-Standing Cancer Centers)
  - Jennifer McPeck, R.N., Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital & Richard J. Solove Research Institute (Free-Standing Cancer Centers)
  - Panel's Recommendations

09:15 Overview of Payment for Drugs, Biologicals, and Radiopharmaceuticals under MMA 2003 **P**

- a. Sabrina Ahmed, CMS Staff
- b. Presentations/Comments
  - Denise Merlino, Society of Nuclear Medicine
  - Panel's Recommendations
  
  - Stuart Langbein (Hogan & Hartson, LLP) for the Plasma Protein Therapeutics Association
  - Panel's Recommendations
  
  - Gordon Schatz, CORAR
  - Panel's Recommendations
  
  - Pam Kassing, ACR (See Tabs C & D)
  - William T. Thorwarth, Jr., M.D., ACR
  - Panel's Recommendations
  
  - Grant P. Bagley, M.D., J.D. (PhRMA)
  - Panel's Recommendations

10:00 *Break*

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- 10:15 Blood & Blood Products Q
- a. Cindy Yen, CMS Staff
  - b. Presentations/Comments
    - Peter L. Page, M.D., ARC
    - Panel's Recommendations
  
    - Susan Spires, M.D., College of American Pathologists
    - Panel's Recommendations
  
    - Paul Ness, M.D., Johns Hopkins (AABB)
    - Panel's Recommendations
- 11:15 Closing
- a. Summary of the Panel's Recommendations for 2004
  - b. Final Remarks
- 12:30 Adjourn\*

**NOTE: \* (If there are more issues than we can address on Wednesday and/or Thursday, the meeting may be extended until 2 p.m. on Friday.)**

<b>Interim Final Rule and Correction Notice</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>APC Cost Comparisons (2003 – 2005)</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>2Times Tables – Median Costs by APC</b>	<b>Z</b>

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