

# eConsult CPT Codes

## **Specialist CPT Codes – new in 2014**

- 99446, "Interprofessional telephone/Internet assessment and management service provided by a consultative physician including a verbal and written report to the patient's treating/requesting physician or other qualified health care professional; 5-10 minutes of medical consultative discussion and review,"
- 99447, "11-20 minutes of medical consultative discussion and review,"
- 99448, "21-30 minutes of medical consultative discussion and review,"
- 99449, "31 minutes or more of medical consultative discussion and review."

## **PCP CPT Codes**

- 99354 Prolonged service in the office or other outpatient setting requiring direct patient contact beyond the usual service first hour (List separately in addition to code for office or other outpatient Evaluation and Management service)
- 99355 Prolonged service in the office or other outpatient setting requiring direct patient contact beyond the usual service ; each additional 30 minutes (List separately in addition to code for prolonged service)
- 99356 Prolonged service in the inpatient setting or observation setting, requiring unit/.floor time beyond the usual service ; first hour (List separately in addition to code for inpatient Evaluation and Management service)
- 99357 Prolonged service in the inpatient or observation setting, requiring unit/floor time beyond the usual service; each additional 30 minutes (List separately in addition to code for prolonged physician service)
- 99358 Prolonged evaluation and management service before and/or after direct patient care; first hour 99359 Prolonged evaluation and management service before and/or after direct patient care; each additional 30 minutes (List separately in addition to code for prolonged service)

# Specialist Payments

## Methods to value specialist effort

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### RVU

e.g.  $0.5 \text{ wRVU Specialist} + 0.5 \text{ wRVU PCP} = \$57.47$

Source: Nathaniel Gleason, UCSF Structured Referrals and eConsults: Downstream Impact on Access, Utilization and Cost Utilization, and Cost in a Fee-for-Service Setting

### Hourly Rate

$\$ \text{ hourly wage} \times \text{Time to complete eConsult}$

e.g.  $\$200/\text{hr} \times 10 \text{ min (1/6hr)} = \$33$

### Office Visit

$\text{Office Visit Cost} \times \frac{\text{Time to complete eConsult/}}{\text{Time of Office Visit}}$

e.g.  $\$125 \times \frac{10 \text{ min}}{15 \text{ min}} = \$83$

### Percent of program savings/quality improvement

% of Reduction in admissions, ED visits, improvement in wait times, physician satisfaction

### Reimbursement Arrangements

- Per Consult
- PMPM
- Designated portion of salary

# PCP Payments

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### Hourly Rate

$\$ \text{ hourly wage} \times \text{Time to complete eConsult}$

e.g.  $\$150/\text{hr} \times 10 \text{ min (1/6hr)} = \$25$

### Reimbursement Arrangements

- Per Consult
- PMPM
- Designated portion of salary
- Tiered per consult volume based incentives

### Percent of program savings/quality improvement

% of Reduction in admissions, ED visits, improvement in wait times, physician satisfaction