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Patient: 1	Date of Service: 11/13/06	Doctor: X
<p>Original Coding RVU's</p> <p>27130-5836.93</p> <p>Total..... 36.93</p>	<p>The Coding Network Coding RVU's</p> <p>27132-58-RT42.99</p> <p>Total42.99</p> <p>Difference.....-6.06 undervalued</p>	<p><u>Discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wrong code: Per AAOS guidelines, removal of Prostalac device and reimplantation of total hip implants is reported with code 27132, not 27130 (source- AAOS Bulletin, June 2006). • Modifier: Side modifiers (LT/RT) should be used.
<p><u>Diagnoses</u></p> <p>998.59</p>	<p><u>Diagnoses</u></p> <p>996.66</p>	<p><u>Discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wrong diagnosis: Infection due to prosthetic implant is reported with code 996.66, not 998.59.

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Patient: 3	Date of Service: 11/13/06	Doctor: X
<u>Original Coding</u> _____ RVU's 27447-LT39.88 Total..... 39.88	<u>The Coding Network Coding</u> _____ RVU's 27447-LT39.88 Total39.88 <i>Difference.....0.00</i>	<u>Discussion</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correct.
<u>Diagnoses</u> 715.16	<u>Diagnoses</u> 715.36 717.81	<u>Discussion</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wrong diagnosis: Per guidelines issued by the AHA Central Office on ICD9CM, localized osteoarthritis not specified as being primary or secondary is reported with code 715.36. • Missed diagnosis: Lateral collateral ligament deficiency (717.81) is documented.

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Patient: 4	Date of Service: 11/8/06	Doctor: X
<u>Original Coding</u> _____ RVU's 27759-RT26.46 Total..... 26.46	<u>The Coding Network Coding</u> _____ RVU's 27759-RT26.46 Total26.46 <i>Difference.....0.00</i>	<u>Discussion</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note: <i>Modifier -22 may be indicated to reflect the increased complexity associated with performing this surgery on a morbidly obese patient.</i>
<u>Diagnoses</u> 823.20	<u>Diagnoses</u> 823.20 278.01	<u>Discussion</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Missed diagnosis: Morbid obesity (278.01) is documented.

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Patient: 5	Date of Service: 11/20/06	Doctor: X
<u>Original Coding</u> RVU's 24000-RT 12.21 20225-59-RT 3.22 Total 15.43	<u>The Coding Network Coding</u> RVU's 24000-RT 12.21 20225-51-RT 3.22 20605-51-RT 1.12 Total 16.55 <i>Difference -1.12 undervalued</i>	<u>Discussion</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Missed procedure: Aspiration of the elbow (20605) is documented. • Modifier: Because code 20225 does not bundle with code 24000, modifier -51 should be used rather than modifier -59.
<u>Diagnoses</u> 711.02	<u>Diagnoses</u> 711.92	<u>Discussion</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wrong diagnosis: When the underlying cause of the sepsis is not known, code 711.92 should be report rather than 711.02.

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Patient: 7	Date of Service: 11/20/06	Doctor: X
<u>Original Coding</u> _____ RVU's 28476-RT8.90 Total..... 8.90	<u>The Coding Network Coding</u> _____ RVU's 28606-RT10.41 Total10.41 <i>Difference.....-1.51 undervalued</i>	<u>Discussion</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wrong code: Percutaneous pinning of a fracture-dislocation at the TMT joint is reported with code 28606, not 28476.
<u>Diagnoses</u> 825.25	<u>Diagnoses</u> 838.03 825.25	<u>Discussion</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Missed diagnosis: Dislocation of the first TMT joint is documented.

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Patient: 8	Date of Service: 11/7/06	Doctor: X
<p><u>Original Coding</u> RVU's</p> <p>28715-LT25.02</p> <p>Total..... 25.02</p>	<p><u>The Coding Network Coding</u> RVU's</p> <p>28705-LT34.32</p> <p>20975 4.82</p> <p>Total39.14</p> <p><i>Difference.....-14.12 undervalued</i></p>	<p><u>Discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Billed but not performed: Triple arthrodesis (28715) does not describe the complete procedure performed. • Missed procedure x 2: Dr. Below has documented pantalar arthrodesis (28705) - fusion of the tibiotalar, subtalar, talonavicular, and calcaneocuboid joints. Application of an internal bone stimulation device (20975) is documented.
<p><u>Diagnoses</u></p> <p>715.17</p>	<p><u>Diagnoses</u></p> <p>715.37</p> <p>736.79</p>	<p><u>Discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wrong diagnosis: Per guidelines issued by the AHA Central Office on ICD9CM, localized osteoarthritis not specified as being primary or secondary is reported with code 715.37. • Missed diagnosis: Valgus deformity (736.79) is documented.

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Patient: 9	Date of Service: 11/28/06	Doctor: X
<u>Original Coding</u> RVU's 27681-RT13.89 Total..... 13.89	<u>The Coding Network Coding</u> RVU's 27612-RT14.56 28230-51-RT 8.32 Total22.88 <i>Difference.....-8.99 undervalued</i>	<u>Discussion</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Missed procedure x 2: Posterior capsular release of the ankle (27612) is documented. Tenotomy of the foot flexors (28230) is documented. • Billed but not performed: Tenolysis of the left or ankle flexors (27681) is not documented.
<u>Diagnoses</u> 718.47	<u>Diagnoses</u> 736.71 727.81 438.9	<u>Discussion</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Missed diagnosis x 2: Equinovarus deformity (736.71) and late effect of CVA (438.9) are documented. • Wrong diagnosis: Tendon contracture is reported with code 727.81 not 718.47.