

Speakers 2021 Expo

Dr. Dan Hunt Dr. Dan L Hunt is the Corporate Medical Director for AF Group. Dr. Hunt practiced as a General Surgeon in Michigan for 28 years prior to joining AF Group in 2014. He earned a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from Michigan State University, is a Fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Surgery and is a board certified general surgeon through the American Board of Osteopathic Surgery. Current areas of interest are telemedicine, telerehabilitation, evidence-based medicine, prescription drug monitoring programs, understanding the appropriate roles of opioids, marijuana and alternative treatments for pain in workers compensation.

Dr. Hunt has presented on these topics before the NWCDC, NCCI, Insurance Fraud Management National meeting, FDA, Department of Labor, National Prescription Drug Abuse Conference, IAIABC, NICB, AIA and numerous legislative and university groups. His most recent papers published in the Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine in May of 2016 regarding the effects of evidence-based medicine on the outcomes of injured workers and May of 2019 regarding The Association of Opioid, Anti-depressant and benzodiazepines with Workers' Compensation Cost

Brenda Edwards, CPC, CDEO, CPB, CPMA, CPC-I, CEMC, CRC, CPMS, CMRS, CMCS has been involved in the business side of healthcare for over 30 years. She is currently the Director of Auditing for Crossroads Health Resources. She has presented for AAPC, AMBA, and Decision Health conferences as well as local chapter meetings and seminars. Brenda has written many articles on coding, auditing, billing and compliance. She is a current board member for AMBA and past board member and chair for AAPCs local chapter association. For fun, Brenda likes to ride her Harley Davidson and spend family time by the pool.

Shannon DeConda, CPC, CPC-I, CEMC, CMSCS, CPMA® is the founder and president of the National Alliance of Medical Auditing Specialists (NAMAS) as well as the President of Coding & Billing Services and a Partner at DoctorsManagement, LLC. Ms. DeConda has more than 16 years of experience as a multi-specialty auditor and coder. Since founding NAMAS in 2007, Ms. DeConda has developed the NAMAS Medical Auditing Certification Training, written the NAMAS Medical Auditing Study Guide, and launched a wide variety of educational products and web-based educational tools to help coders, auditors, and medical providers improve their efficiencies.

Margie Scalley Vaught, CPC, CPC-H, CCS-P, MCS-P, PCE, ACS-EM, ACS-OR serves as the primary contact person for clients and is a licensed instructor (PMCC) for the American Academy of Professional Coder teaching their Coding Curriculum. She has served as a National Board Advisory Member for a three year term for the Academy, and continues to provide education and training workshops around the States for the Academy. She is also a National Advisory Member for the Board of Advanced Medical Coding (www.advancedmedicalcoding.com). Along with her associates she is also a certified Medical Compliance Specialist which provides extra support and knowledge for her clients regarding HIPAA and OIG Compliance issues. Some of her associates include Certified Coders, Providers, Nurses, Healthcare Attorneys and other healthcare professionals to provide the 'complete package' to clients. Margie Scalley Vaught and associates are nationally known Healthcare Consultants providing ongoing support and help to providers and facilities around the States. Margie is known for her strong emphasis in training and education regarding correct coding, billing and documentation requirements. She is known for her 'black and white' approach making sure that official sources are supplied and followed. This has allowed her to be a major resource for physicians, clinics, facilities, medical societies and healthcare attorneys.

Jill Young, CPC, CEDC, CIMC Jill brings with over 30 years of medical experience. This includes a diverse background in all areas of medicine from clinical to billing and she has worked with many physician specialties. Her consulting company provides auditing and the usual consulting services but additionally provides both education and training from front office to back.

Ellen Berra, Specialist Outreach & Education – Certified Professional Coder (CPC) – Over 36 years of Medicare Experience Ellen joined Medicare in 1984 and Provider Outreach & Education (POE) in 1996. Ellen's Medicare experience includes departments such as Claims, Appeals, Customer Service, Congressional Inquiries, Reconsiderations, and POE. She participates in many teams to develop Medicare education. She concentrates on education to assist the physician and non-physician practitioner community to understand the Medicare rules and regulations. Her goal with any education endeavor is for physician and non-practitioner community to learn something new and receive appropriate Medicare payment.