

Documenting & Billing for IM[®] within the Healthcare Setting



Course Description:

The purpose of this course is to advance your clinical knowledge & implementation of the Interactive Metronome (IM) within the healthcare setting. As you are already aware, how you document and bill for your services determines to a large extent whether you will be reimbursed. Here, we will focus on specific terminology for documentation & the creation of functional & measurable therapy goals/objectives for IM[®]. CPT codes for OT, PT, SLP, & PSYCH services will also be discussed within the context of IM service delivery. *This course is not offered for contact hours/CEUs.*

Target Audience:

This course welcomes the following professionals who have completed the Interactive Metronome Certification Course.

- Speech and Language Pathologist
- Speech and Language Pathology Assistant
- Audiologist
- Occupational Therapist
- Occupational Therapy Assistant
- Physical Therapist
- Physical Therapy Assistant
- Athletic Trainer
- Licensed Medical, Rehabilitation or Mental Health Professional
- Music Therapist

Instructional Level:

Intermediate

Learning Outcomes:

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

- Create functional & measurable therapy goals/objectives for patients who are receiving IM[®] training;
- Document IM[®] training sessions in a manner that demonstrate skilled level of care to facilitate 3rd party payor reimbursement;
- Assign appropriate CPT codes when billing 3rd party payors for IM[®] training, taking into consideration the patient's specific therapy goals/objectives.

**Note: This course covers information that pertains to licensed therapists and therapy assistants. OTA and PTA professionals must practice IM under the supervision of a licensed OT or PT.*

Specific Learning Outcomes for Speech-Language Pathologists & Audiologists:

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

- Create functional & measurable therapy goals/objectives for patients who are receiving IM[®] training that address speech, language, and/or cognitive-communicative abilities;
- Document IM[®] training sessions in a manner that demonstrate skilled level of care to facilitate 3rd party payor reimbursement for SLP services;
- Assign appropriate CPT codes when billing 3rd party payors for IM[®] training, taking into consideration the patient's specific speech, language, and/or cognitive-communicative goals/objectives.

**Note: This course covers information that pertains to licensed therapists and therapy assistants. SLPA professionals must practice IM under the supervision of a licensed SLP.*

Instructor:

Dara Coburn, MS, CCC-SLP received her undergraduate and masters degree from the University of Central Arkansas and holds the Certificate of Clinical Competence issued by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. Dara served as the National Program Champion for Interactive Metronome within the HealthSouth Corporation. She currently serves as Interactive Metronome's Clinical Support contact person for Life Care Centers of America. Dara has been teaching IM

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Certification Courses since 2007 and has contributed to the development of the Adult Best Practice Certification Course and Fall Prevention Protocol. With expertise and experience in the field of neurological disorders, Dara has been able to accept this new treatment tool and successfully integrate it into her practice by modifying it to individually meet her patient's needs.

Disclosures:

Instructor Financial Disclosure(s): Dara is an active member of Interactive Metronome's Clinical Advisory Board, for which she receives an annual honorarium from Interactive Metronome, Inc. She is the author/co-author of educational offerings on the clinical application of Interactive Metronome technology, for which she has received honoraria from Interactive Metronome, Inc. She does not receive royalties or any other form of compensation for the continued publication and use of educational materials she has authored/coauthored. Dara is also an instructor for Interactive Metronome, for which she receives a fee for teaching each course and reimbursement of travel expenses from Interactive Metronome, Inc. Dara provides clinical consultation to IM providers and receives a consulting fee from Interactive Metronome for these extended educational services. She currently serves as Interactive Metronome's Clinical Support contact person for Life Care Centers of America and is compensated for this by Interactive Metronome, Inc. Dara does not sell or receive compensation for the sale of Interactive Metronome products.

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Agenda (60 minutes):

- Speaker introduction & disclosure
- Goal vs Objective: What's the Difference?
- Long-Term IM® Training Goals
- Short-Term IM® Training Objectives
- Documentation of IM® Training Sessions: Examples
- Documenting Skilled Aspect of Care for Reimbursement: Key Terminology
- Connecting Intervention to Function: Key Terminology
- Helpful Tips for Reimbursement
- Billing for IM®: CPT Codes for SLP, OT, PT, & PSYCH
- Q & A
- Online post-test & course evaluation

Contact Hours/CEUs:

This course is not offered for contact hours/CEUs.