



**14th Annual**  
*Gastroenterology Coding, Reimbursement  
and Practice Management Workshop*  
*April 9 & 10, 2024*

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## About Our Workshop

AskMueller Consulting, premier experts in Gastroenterology practice management, presents our 14th Annual Gastroenterology Coding, Reimbursement and Practice Management Workshop. This course is specifically designed not only for coding specialists, but practice managers, physicians, advanced practitioners, and billing specialists. We have designed a comprehensive agenda including latest updates, overview of both basic and advanced endoscopy procedural billing, review of E&M services, screening colonoscopy overview, compliance issues, and plenty of time to get all your questions answered. This course is specifically designed not only for coding specialists, but practice managers, physicians, advanced practitioners, and billing specialists.

## Location

Nashville, Tennessee, the site for our 2024 workshop, Known as Music City, Nashville has an abundance of things to do.. With dozens of unique shops, boutiques, restaurants, bicycle and walking trails in Nashville, there is a plethora of things to do. The AskMueller Consulting Workshop will be located at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Nashville Airport. which provides a full cook-to-order breakfast and evening social as part of your sleeping room rate. AskMueller is offering a full lunch each conference day and has arranged for a special room block at discounted rates at \$149.00 nightly for attendees and the group rate will be honored Sunday April 7 through Wednesday April 10, 2024.

For room reservations go to [www.askmuellerconsulting.com](http://www.askmuellerconsulting.com) and click on **Hotel Link**.

Reservations for hotel must be received by 03-15-24, to guarantee the conference rate.

## Travel

Nashville, TN, is serviced by Nashville International Airport (BNA) by all major airlines including

# Welcome

AskMueller Consulting, premier experts in the gastroenterology practice, presents Gastroenterology Coding, Reimbursement and Practice Management Workshop. The AskMueller Consulting team have designed a comprehensive training course in Gastroenterology coding including all important updates as well as featured sections for a better Practice. Kathy and the AskMueller Consulting team are nationally renowned speakers and coding experts. Kathy has assembled a team that are experts in their respective fields to best educate on the intricacies of coding, compliance, reimbursement and practice management. This course is specifically designed not only for coding specialists, but practice managers, physicians, advanced practitioners, and billing specialists.

## Meet Our Speakers



**KATHLEEN MUELLER, CPC, CCS-P, QMGC, QMC, ICD-10 Proficient**, Kathy is a health care consultant with over 45 years in health care experience including ICU/CCU nursing, physician office administration, GI claims submission and adjudication and seminar instruction. She is the President of AskMueller Consulting, LLC, providing consulting services for physicians nationwide. Kathy is a nationally known speaker and the author of many multi-specialty medical and surgical coding workbooks. She has a great amount of experience in gastroenterology, surgical subspecialties and pediatric subspecialties. She is the co-editor of the ASGE Coding Primer and her company answers the coding hotline for the ASGE. Kathy has written coding columns for ASGE, NASPGHAN and AGA. Her presentations have included the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG), American Gastroenterological Association (AGA), North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition (NASPGHAN), Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates Inc., American Pediatric Surgical Associations (APSA), Decision Health and the Coding Institute.



**KRISTIN VAUGHN, CPC, QMGC, QMC, CPMA, ICDCT-CM**, Kristin is a national consultant with 20 years of coding and billing experience. This includes Gastroenterology, Pulmonary, Critical Care, Immunology/Rheumatology, Hematology, and Hospitalist specialties, plus seminar instruction, auditing and on-site consulting. Her background includes extensive experience in a teaching university. She currently is a full-time consultant/trainer with AskMueller Consulting, LLC. Her presentations have included multiple organizations and meetings such as: ASGE (American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy), AGA (American Gastrointestinal Association), DDW (Digestive Disease Week), and multiple GI state society meetings. She is a Certified Professional Medical Auditor and Certified ICD-10 trainer. She is the co-author of several workbooks and programs specific to Gastroenterology. She also answers the coding hotline for the ASGE.



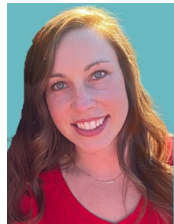
**ARLENE MORROW, CPC, CMM, CMSCS**, Arlene is a nationally recognized speaker, consultant, McVey seminar leader and author of many Multi-Specialty Coding & Reimbursement workbooks based in Tampa with over 40 years of experience. She has consulted with hundreds of Physician practices nationwide with specific expertise working with Gastroenterology, Hospitalist, Infectious Disease, OB/GYN, Orthopedics and Pulmonary/Critical Care/ Sleep Medicine practices. Her national presentations have included AAPC, ACG, AGA, NASPGHAN and PAHCOM. She is the Healthcare Coding Consultant for the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG).



**MICHAEL G. WARSHAW, DPM, CPC, FACFAOM**, Dr. Mike is a practicing podiatrist and a certified coder with over 25 years of successful coding, management, and training experience for podiatric practices. His national and local views come from active participation as a practicing podiatrist, having the distinction of being a certified podiatric coding specialist, and years of serving as a national lecturer concerning coding issues. Dr. Warshaw's experience is unique and comprehensive. He has the additional advantage of being an "Expert Witness" in all facets of the Medicare Appeal Process, having participated in "Redeterminations," "Reconsiderations," "Administrative Law Judge Hearings," and the actual court system.



**CHRISTINE VALDEZ, CPC, CPMA, CGIC**, is a Certified Professional Coder, Certified Professional Medical Auditor and Certified Gastroenterology Coder through the AAPC. She has over 18 years' experience in Gastroenterology. She also has experience with business office management, coding, auditing, billing, edits, and collections. She has worked with both Colorectal/general surgery, primary care/family practice, urgent care, pain management, inpatient and outpatient, ASC professional and facility. She is currently employed with AskMueller Consulting, LLC, as an auditor/consultant.



**TARA HUGHES, CGIC, CPMA** is a Certified Gastroenterology Coder through the AAPC. She has over 15 years' experience in medical office coding and billing with over 7 years' experience in Gastroenterology coding and practice management.. She is currently employed with AskMueller Consulting, LLC, as an auditor/consultant.

## Tuesday, April 9, 2024 (All times are Central Time Zone)

Welcome and Introduction to the AskMueller team	8:00 am - 8:05 am
Late Breaking News and New Codes & Regulations for GI Practices Effective 2024 Kathleen A Mueller, RN, CPC, CCS-P, QMC, QMGC ICD-10 Proficient	8:05 am - 8:45 am
2024 Update on Split-Shared Services and “Incident-to” Services: Reality Check Kristin Vaughn, CPC, QMGC, QMC, CPMA, ICDCT-CM	8:45 am - 10:00 am
<b>BREAK</b>	10:00 am - 10:15 am
<b>BREAKOUT SESSIONS</b> <i>Attendees will have the choice of attending the Basic or Advanced Endoscopy module</i>	10:15 am - 12:00 pm
<b>Basic Endoscopy</b> Introduction to GI Endoscopy and ERCP Kristin Vaughn, CPC, QMGC, QMC, CPMA, ICDCT-CM Arlene Morrow, CPC, CMM, CMSCS	
<b>Advanced Endoscopy And Ancillary Services</b> Endoscopy Overview for Advanced GI Procedure Kathleen Mueller, RN, CPC, CCS-P, QMC, QMGC ICD-10 Proficient Tara Hughes CPC, CGIC, CPMA Christine Valdez CPC, CGIC, CPMA	
<b>LUNCH BREAK: LUNCH PROVIDED BY ASKMUELLER</b>	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
<b>Dr. Mike the Coder Presents: Top Compliance Issues</b> Michael G. Warshaw, DPM, CSFAC, CPC, CPODCS, COCS, CMSCS	1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
<b>Round Table Sessions (Four 30-Minute Sessions)</b> <b>Topics:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Strategies to Minimize Compliance Risks in Your Practice (Arlene and Dr Mike)</b></li><li>• <b>Why Did This Get Denied? (Christine)</b> <i>In-person attendees are encouraged to bring in redacted EOBs and case studies. Virtual attendees can submit redacted EOBs and case studies no later than March 30, 2024.</i></li><li>• <b>HIPAA Compliance: BAA's, Email security, Telehealth, etc. (Kristin and Don)</b></li><li>• <b>How Do I Bill This? Complex Billing and Coding Issues (Kathy and Tara)</b> – <i>In-person attendees are encouraged to bring in redacted case studies. Virtual attendees can submit redacted case studies no later than March 30, 2024.</i></li></ul>	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
<b>Questions and Answers Open Forum</b> Panel Discussion: Kathy, Kristin, Arlene, Dr. Mike, Tara, Christine	4:00 pm - 4:15 pm

## Wednesday, April 10, 2024 (All times are Central Time Zone)

Screening Colonoscopy 101 Screening vs. Diagnostic Colonoscopy Incomplete Colonoscopies Visit Prior to Screening Colonoscopy Kathleen Mueller, RN, CPC, CCS-P, QMC, QMGC ICD-10 Proficient Arlene Morrow, CPC, CMM, CMSCS	8:00 am - 9:30 am
Top ICD-10-CM Issues: Excludes 1, Combination Codes, Sequencing and other examples Panel Discussion: Kathy, Kristin, Arlene, Tara, Christine	9:30 am - 10:00 am
Break	10:00 am - 10:15 am
Medical Necessity: The Overarching Criteria for Payment Do You Have What You Need to Support Your Services? Kathleen Mueller, RN, CPC, CCS-P, QMC, QMGC ICD-10 Proficient	10:15 am - 11:00 am
Navigating the Modifier Maze with Emphasis on New Modifiers Arlene Morrow, CPC, CMM, CMSCS	11:00 am - 12:00 pm
<b>LUNCH BREAK: LUNCH PROVIDED BY ASKMUELLER</b>	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Medical Decision Making: Defining Patient and Procedural Risk with Examples Kristin Vaughn, CPC, QMGC, QMC, CPMA, ICDCT-CM	1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
<b>BREAKOUT SESSIONS</b> <i>Attendees will have the choice of attending the E&amp;M or ASC module</i>	2:00 pm—4:00 pm
<b>E&amp;M Module</b> Top E&M Documentation Issues in Gastroenterology Kristin Vaughn, CPC, QMGC, QMC, CPMA, ICDCT-CM Arlene Morrow, CPC, CMM, CMSCS Christine Valdez CPC, CPMA, CGIC	
<b>ASC Module</b> Top Issues for Ambulatory Surgery Centers & Endoscopy Centers Kathleen Mueller, RN, CPC, CCS-P, QMC, QMGC ICD-10 Proficient Tara Hughes CPC, CGIC, CPMA	
Conference Wrap-up Kathy, Kristin, Arlene, Tara, Christine	4:00 pm—4:15 pm

**Please note: This agenda is subject to change.  
Changes may occur up until the start of the meeting.**

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- EMAIL REFUND REQUESTS TO: [don@askmmuellerconsulting.com](mailto:don@askmmuellerconsulting.com)

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