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REPORT

TRAINING PROGRAM ON "MEDICAL CODING"

School of Pharmacy has conducted a 3-day Online Training Program on "Medical Coding" for the students of B.Pharmacy III and IV year from 27th to 29th September 2021 in association with TASK through online mode at Nalla Narasimha Reddy Education Society's Group of Institutions, Hyderabad.

Day 1 – Training Program on "Medical Coding"

The trainer started the session by explaining the importance of the training in medical coding, the trainer said that:

Medical coding is the process of translating important medical information into simple codes for the purpose of documenting medical records and for medical billing.

Medical billing and medical coding fall under many state and federal guidelines. Perhaps the most significant is the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

Medical coding is used to;

- Collect data and conduct statistical analysis
- Help in disease management
- Control healthcare cost and provide quality health care
- Provide value based services
- Avoid fraud and abuse
- Helps in research and reimbursement

He also covered few details about history of medical coding where he mentioned that, the medical coding system originated in England during the 17th century. Statistical data was collected from a system called the London Bills of Mortality, and the data was organized into numerical codes.

Day 2 – Training Program on "Medical Coding"

Medical Coding Syllabus

- Anatomy Structure of the human body to increase your understanding.

- Physiology on the human body functions.
- Medical definitions and terminology Includes pronunciation and use of medical prefixes.
- Coding medical procedures, what to code and how to prepare the forms.
- Professional claim information on how to set up medical claims for Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance companies, HMOs, PPOs, workers' compensation and personal injury cases.

  The scope for medical coding is improving as India is the favorite upcoming off shore destination for medical coding and there is a massive gap between the demand and supply of Medical Coders. Medical Coding can create millions of jobs for medical enthusiasts and the life sciences students in India.

  Trainer mentioned the benefits of choosing medical coding as a career as,

- Medical coding is highly in demand- The statistics show employers looking for medical coders and healthcare technicians is much more than any other sectors.
- Flexible hours of work- In this life full of stress, maintaining a work life balance is tedious. As a medical coder, you can work both as a part-time employee or a full time professional with 40 hours of weekly work time.
- You have the freedom of working in multiple settings- You can have multiple options in terms of picking which setting you wish to work on.
- You can stay away from clinical visits- If you wish to work in the medical field, but you are afraid to work long hours, you have the soft side of working as a medical coder.
- You can start your career at an early stage- The medical coding training program is only for 6 months. So, in less than a year's time, you can become a medical coding trainer and can look to work in a good company either in India or abroad.

Day 3 – Training Program on "Medical Coding"

The trainer explained few codes with examples;

- 00100-01999. Anesthesia.
- 10004-69990. Surgery.
- 70010-79999. Radiology Procedures.
- 0001U-89398. Pathology and Laboratory Procedures.
- 90281-99607. Medicine Services and Procedures.
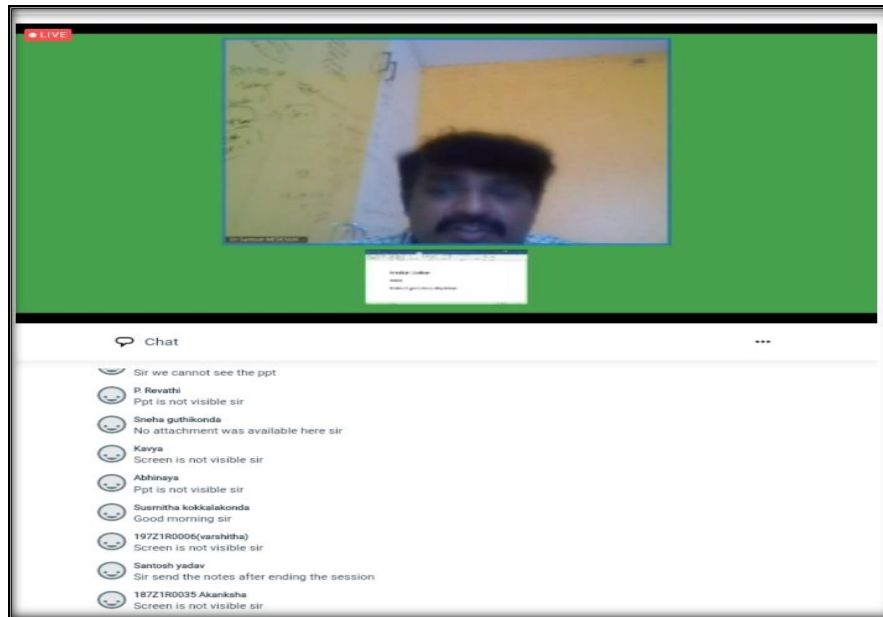- 99091-99499. Evaluation and Management Services.

3 Books Every Medical Coding Student Needs to refer for medical coding which were mentioned by the trainer;

- CPT AMA Professional. Learn the ins and outs of medical coding and billing procedures and services with the CPT AMA Professional.
- ICD-10-CM. This books helps you select diagnosis codes and is fully colored.
- HCPCS Level II.

He explained the certification programs which are to be written by the graduate students;

- Certified Professional Coder (CPC) credential is the benchmark for medical coding where the candidates will get better packages when applying for medical coder job. To pass CPC exam, you have to score 70 percent: of 150 questions, total, you may miss 45 answers and it is an open book test. The exam costs around Rs 32,000/-. The certificate is valid worldwide, where the candidates can explore their career out of India.
- Certified Coding Specialist (CCS) and the Certified Medical Coder (CMC) are the other two certified exams which can be opted by the students.
- The CCS exam is thought to be significantly more difficult than the CPC exam, with just 56% of people earning a passing score on the first attempt. The exam fee is around Rs 24,000/-.
- The CMC exam is also only offered in a live, proctored setting. The CMC exam consists of approximately 133 questions. Examinees must earn a minimum of 70 percent in order to become certified. The exam fee is around Rs 32,000/-.

The trainer concluded the sessions by saying that medical coding is a good career opportunity for ant science graduate student. Total **71** students from B. Pharmacy III and IV year have attended the program.

Training program on "Medical Coding"

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