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EYE PHYSICIANS  
& SURGEONS

# Codequest™ and More 2025

The best way to protect your practice from claim denials and audits.

Washington Academy of Eye Physicians & Surgeons in collaboration with the American Academy of Ophthalmology and American Academy of Ophthalmic Executives presents:

## Codequest Plus: Fundamentals in Coding 2025

Thursday March 13, 2025 at the Meydenbauer Center, Bellevue WA

Coding Doesn't Get Easier so Professionals Get Better!

Join the most knowledgeable coding experts in ophthalmology for professional coding education vital to your success. We'll map out the latest coding updates, review key competencies, test your knowledge through live polling and steer you towards successful solutions for appropriately maximizing reimbursements.

Developed by the American Academy of Ophthalmology, Fundamentals of Ophthalmic Coding & Codequest™ provide unparalleled instruction for practices of every size and every specialty.

Fundamentals and Codequest are the best way to protect your practice from claim denials and audit recoupments.

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Ophthalmologists who are responsible for their practice's revenue, plus technicians, scribes, billers and coders, compliance officers, practice managers/administrators.

### TOPICS FOR FUNDAMENTALS OF OPHTHALMIC CODING (3-HOUR COURSE)

- Establishing a Foundation: Build and Strengthen Your Ophthalmic Coding Knowledge Base .
- Name That Modifier: Review challenging case studies to develop proficiency and confidence in applying modifiers.
- Code This Not That: Utilize Trusted Resources to Ensure Proper Coding and Reimbursement .
- Compliance Matters: Recognize the hot topics related to audits, compliance and investigations of ophthalmic practices and steps to take to avoid.

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- 2025 Coding Updates, financial impact and crucial payer policy changes.
- Myth-busters 2.0: Debunk this year's top coding myths and confirm with trusted guidance.
- Code this OP Report: Recognize the ten steps for surgical coding and apply them to real-life OP reports to level-up your skills.
- Coding Competency Challenge: Master frequently asked coding questions by submitting your answer through live polling.
- E/M: Decipher the definitions hidden within the medical decision-making table.

### SCHEDULE:

#### • Session 1: Fundamentals of Ophthalmic Coding

7:00 – 8:00 am	Registration/Breakfast
8:00 – 9:30 am	<b>Fundamentals</b> begins
9:30 – 9:45 am	<i>Break</i>
9:45 – 11:15 pm	<b>Fundamentals</b> ends

#### • Session 2: Codequest 2025

11:15 am – 12:15 pm	Registration/Lunch
12:15 pm – 1:45 pm	<b>Codequest</b> begins
1:45 pm – 2:00 pm	<i>Break</i>
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm	<b>Codequest</b> ends

## REGISTRATION FEES (PER PERSON)

WAEPS Member physicians & employees:	\$375
Non-Member physicians & employees:	\$545
Residents / Medical Students:	\$100

## CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellations received in writing by February 28, 2025, will receive a full refund minus a \$50 cancellation fee. No refunds will be made after that date. If your practice needs to substitute a different employee for a paid registrant from your practice, those changes may be made up to the day of the program. Contact our office for assistance.

Call 206-956-3648 or email: [waeps@waeps.org](mailto:waeps@waeps.org).

## HAVE A SPECIFIC CODING CONUNDRUM?

Email questions to [codequest@aao.org](mailto:codequest@aao.org) before the course and get answers to your personal coding challenges.

## YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO MISS CODEQUEST

Register today.

[www.WAEPS.org/annual-meeting](http://www.WAEPS.org/annual-meeting)

You can pay online or request an invoice that can be paid by check or with credit card.

## ATTENDANCE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Attendance is limited to members of the Academy, AAOE, and/or state ophthalmological societies and individuals directly employed by these members.

## AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT STATEMENT

WAEPS supports the Americans with Disabilities Act. Should you require a specific accommodation or service to facilitate your participation in a Codequest coding course, please email [waeps@waeps.org](mailto:waeps@waeps.org).

## ABOUT YOUR CODEQUEST INSTRUCTOR



### JOY WOODKE, COE, OCS, OCSR

Ms. Woodke is the Academy's director of coding and reimbursement. Her 30+ years of experience in ophthalmology includes all aspects of practice management, accounting, coding and billing. She is the author of The

Profitable Retina Practice series, a contributing author of the Academy coding product line and provides private consultation services. Ms. Woodke is a recipient of the Academy's Secretariat and Achievement Awards.

## ABOUT YOUR CODEQUEST MODERATOR

Michael Gilbert, MD is the WAEPS Coding Seminar Chair and Moderator. Dr Gilbert has co-authored the original AAO Ophthalmic Coding Specialist series and certification program.

## ACCREDITATION STATEMENT

### SESSION I: FUNDAMENTALS OF OPHTHALMIC CODING

#### Accreditation Statement

The American Academy of Ophthalmology is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

#### Designation Statement

The American Academy of Ophthalmology designates this live activity for a maximum of 3 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

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Ophthalmic allied health professionals receive 3.0 IJCAHPO Group "A" CE Credits for completion of this course.

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