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Dear Colleague:

At its Annual Meeting being held on Wednesday, May 13, 2009, the Massachusetts Association of Practicing Urologists (MAPU) will be holding a coding seminar that focuses on the appropriate utilization of modifiers. The program will be held at the Westin Hotel, 70 Third Avenue, Waltham MA. Our panel includes M. Ray Painter, MD, David Kauder, MD, and Stephanie Stinchcomb, CPC, CCS-P, ACS-UR. The title of the program is "**Urology Coding Challenges – Modifiers Simply Put.**"

For program planning purposes, complex or unusual coding cases that may have been denied for inappropriate coding due to the omission of modifiers are now being solicited. Cases should be emailed to Ginny DuLong at [vdulong@mms.org](mailto:vdulong@mms.org) and include the following information:

- β Title of case
- β Contributor with email and phone number
- β Type of clinical problem/case description in 100-200 words
- β How case was originally coded

Acceptance of cases will be based entirely upon complexity of appropriate coding using modifiers. Cases will be formatted into a PowerPoint presentation.

Registration, a reception and dinner for all attendees will begin at 5:30 p.m.; followed by the panel of experts discussing the cases, requesting audience input, and disclosing how they would code the cases at 7:30 p.m.

We encourage you to participate in this program. A registration form and return envelope are enclosed for your convenience in registering for the program. Should you choose to submit a case, a form is included on the reverse side of this letter. We look forward to seeing you at what promises to be a very informative program.

Sincerely,

Thomas Kingston, M.D.  
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