



# New York Society of Interventional Pain Physicians

## NYSIPP Meeting Minutes 3/17/2025

### AMA coding Meeting in May

- CPT code differences for Sacroiliac joint fusion likely to be clarified.
  - Codes 27278, 27279, 27280 all cover differing types of SIJ fusion procedures
  - May meeting AMA will seek to consolidate codes.
  - Hemant to create a Doc Matter post clarifying the definitions of CPT codes 27278, 27279, and 27280 for SI joint procedures.
- CPT code for PNS likely to change.
  - Integrated vs. non-integrated devices will have differing codes.
  - Time for a trial was brought up.

### New York Workers-Compensation

- Robert and Hemant to compile a list of unpaid procedures within Worker's Comp guidelines
- Ken to set up a phone call with Joe Canovas (AFL-CIO to discuss NY state workers comp issues.
  - Goal to strategize before setting up this meeting on topics covered.
- Robert and Hemant to prepare a PowerPoint presentation with data on Workers' Comp issues for future meetings.

### Cigna

- Robert suggested setting up a meeting with Cigna to discuss Intracept policy changes (multiple levels allowed now down to 0 levels)
- This led to discussing Evicore and suggestions on how to make them accountable.
- Hemant, Madi, Sam and Robert to collaborate on creating a social media schematic outlining the process of procedure approval and appeal for Evicore (owned by Cigna) and Workers' Comp.
- Sam will lend illustration capabilities to the above project.

### Fidelis/NY state Medicaid

- Group should consider compiling inappropriately denied procedures (epidurals and SIJ injections specifically mentioned) and imaging.
- Goal of holding them accountable.
- Robert sends Fidelis denials directly to the medical directors e-mail.

### Next Meeting

- Ed to send out calendar invite for the next meeting on May 19th at 6 PM.