

**American College of Cardiology/Medical Group Management Association  
Cardiology Reimbursement Update for 2004 /uM**

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**Abstract:**

Discover how changes in Medicare will affect your cardiologist's reimbursement and your practice operations in 2004. Participate in this live audio conference for an overview of changes in Medicare payment policies. Gain an understanding of several emerging coverage issues and how they impact your practice.

**Learning Objectives:**

Following this Audio Conference, you will be able to:

- 1) Understand the reasons for Medicare's payment policy changes;
2. Predict the impact of these changes on your practice; and
- 2) Identify coverage and other issues that may impact your practice.

**Program Outline:**

1. 2004 Physician Fee Schedule (Dr. Schaeffer)
  - a. Impact of fee changes
  - b. ACC legislative action
  - c. Outlook for the future
2. Coding Issues (Dr. Brin)
  - a. Update on ICD-10
  - b. G codes renal/iliac angiography
  - c. Cardiography issues (24-hour monitoring, heart rhythm monitoring)
  - d. E&M shared visit policy
  - e. CPT changes for 2004
3. Coverage Issues (Dr. Schaeffer except for e.)
  - a. Magnetic Resonance Angiography
  - b. MADIT II coverage for ICDs
  - c. Drug Eluting Stents
  - d. Left Ventricular Assist Devices
  - e. Issues with local carriers (Dr. Brin)