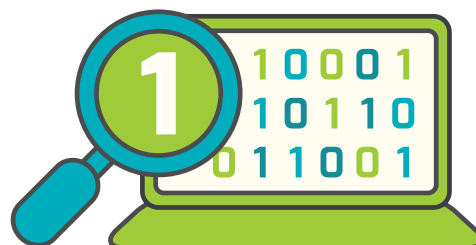


AAPM&R Registry Holds First All-Site Participant Call

Earlier this year, AAPM&R's Registry Steering Committee held its first ever all-site registry participant call. We welcomed clinicians, leadership, IT personnel and administrators from our seven early adopter sites to join in on discussions regarding AAPM&R's Registry build and hear directly from them on what they would like to see moving forward.

Based on feedback during the first call, we learned valuable information about how this group of early adopters want to work together and how best to receive their feedback. AAPM&R's Registry will now hold separate quarterly all-site calls for the Ischemic Stroke sites and Low Back Pain sites. The next round of education will focus on data elements, clinical workflows and patient-reported outcomes.

We are actively recruiting for additional sites to join us on this journey. Please reach out to Academy staff at registry@aapmr.org to learn more.



“ AAPM&R's Registry is a collaborative project. Our mission is to create a registry that physiatrists and their partners find not just easy-to-use, but adds value to their practices and helps to improve quality-of-care for all. Holding all-site calls quarterly to hear their feedback was a 'no brainer.' We look forward to having these calls quarterly to keep everyone involved fully engaged in the registry development. ”



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Chair, AAPM&R Registry Steering Committee

AAPM&R's Registry thanks the following specialty champions for being the first to participate in this data and outcomes collection effort.



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- CMS announced that 24 audiology and speech language pathology codes will be newly authorized for provision via telehealth through the end of the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE). These reflect nearly all the codes we requested be added to the telehealth list. This effort was led by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA).
- Supported the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD) letter on COVID vaccine access to the Office of Civil Rights.
- Supported a coalition effort requesting that CMS rescind its Interim Final Rule (IFR), "Temporary FMAP Increase During the Public Health Emergency for COVID-19," which would weaken beneficiary protections in the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) that prevent cuts and reductions to Medicaid services and eligibility during the PHE.
- Submitted comments to the National Center for Health Statistics on creating an ICD-10 code for Long COVID.
- AAPM&R has been meeting with high-level officials in the Administration and key offices on Capitol Hill to advance our Call to Action on Long COVID. Our efforts have resulted in federal officials beginning conversations on addressing this issue. PASC will also be prioritized during AAPM&R's June 17 Hill Day.