

IRM Supported RMD Case Study

Surgical Prep Charges for Dermagraft Application	
TOPIC/PROCESS	Surgical prep charges for Dermagraft applications by Wound Care were not being made per misinformation from the attending physician. This began in October 2003.
GOAL(S)	Initiate surgical prep charges.
INITIAL FINDINGS: PLAN	It was discovered via the failed claims report that the charges were not being made. Researchers found that the physician performing the procedure had incorrectly told the staff to discontinue surgical prep charges. This began in October 2003.
ACTIVITIES PERFORMED DO	We conducted training session with staff to correct their misinformation and begin charging surgical prep charges on all future cases.
RESULTS/OUTCOMES CHECK	In FY03 222 Dermagraft procedures were performed. Research done in Trendstar. The surgical prep charge that was being omitted is \$593.75. Annual gross revenue impact is \$131,812. Net reimbursement impact is \$78,087. Will be recognized over 12 months at \$6,591 monthly.
RECOMMENDATIONS/ FUTURE ACTIONS ACT	Future monitoring via failed claims report.
COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM	Meeting with Wound Care staff.
<p>CHECK WHICH JCAHO FUNCTIONS ARE ADDRESSED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Patient rights/Organization ethics <input type="checkbox"/> Patient Assessment <input type="checkbox"/> Care of Patients <input type="checkbox"/> Continuum of Care <input type="checkbox"/> Patient/Family Education <input type="checkbox"/> Performance Improvement <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership <input type="checkbox"/> Management of Information <input type="checkbox"/> Management of Human Resources <input type="checkbox"/> Management of Environment of Care <input type="checkbox"/> Infection Control 	<p style="text-align: center;">TEAM MEMBERS NAME/POSITION</p> <p>CDM Coordinator & Wound Care staff</p>