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Codequest™ and More 2026

The best way to protect your practice from claim denials and audits.

**Washington Academy of Eye Physicians & Surgeons in collaboration with the American Academy of Ophthalmology
and American Academy of Ophthalmic Executives presents:**

Codequest Plus: Fundamentals in Coding 2026

Thursday March 5, 2026 at the Meydenbauer Center, Bellevue WA

Coding Doesn't Get Easier so Professionals Get Better!

Codequest™ and Fundamentals of Ophthalmic Coding provides expert coding instruction for practices of every size and specialty. Ophthalmologists and their staff all play a crucial role in patient care and your practice's financial health. Join the most knowledgeable coding experts in ophthalmology for six hours of professional coding education essential to your success. We'll map out the latest critical updates, review key competencies, crosswalk to all subspecialties, and steer you towards successful solutions for appropriately maximizing reimbursements.

Fundamentals and Codequest are the best way to protect your practice from claim denials and audit recoupments.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

The entire ophthalmic practice team, including the physicians, technicians, scribes, billers and coders, compliance officers, front desk team, and administrators.

TOPICS FOR FUNDAMENTALS OF OPHTHALMIC CODING (3-HOUR COURSE)

- Explore the Key Rules of Ophthalmic Coding
- Build the Pillars of Coding Competency
- Assess Your Coding Foundation with Common Scenarios
- To Bill or Not to Bill: Make confident billing decisions with practical examples from current hot topics ensuring compliance and patient trust.

TOPICS FOR FUNDAMENTALS OF CODEQUEST (3-HOUR COURSE)

- 2026 Coding Updates, Medicare Physician Fee Schedule changes, including an E/M and Eye visit code comparison and crucial payer policy changes
- Connect with the "Why": See how your understanding of coding improves efficiencies, contributes to stronger compliance, and pays off in real-world outcomes.
- Own Your Audit Strategy: Stay ahead of payer scrutiny related to modifier 25 and down coding, sharpen your documentation, and turn audit insights into accountable action.
- Coding Competency Challenge: Test your skills and gain expert insights into frequently encountered coding questions to enhance your expertise and drive better outcomes.

SCHEDULE:

- Session 1: Fundamentals of Ophthalmic Coding

7:00 – 8:00 am	Registration/Breakfast
8:00 – 9:30 am	Fundamentals begins
9:30 – 9:45 am	<i>Break</i>
9:45 – 11:15 pm	Fundamentals ends

- Session 2: Codequest 2026

11:15 am – 12:15 pm	Registration/Lunch
12:15 pm – 1:45 pm	Codequest begins
1:45 pm – 2:00 pm	<i>Break</i>
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Codequest ends

REGISTRATION FEES (PER PERSON)

WAEPS Member physicians & employees:	\$375
Non-Member physicians & employees:	\$545
Residents / Medical Students:	\$100

CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellations received in writing by February 20, 2026, will receive a full refund minus a \$50 cancellation fee. No refunds will be made after that date. If your practice needs to substitute a different employee for a paid registrant from your practice, those changes may be made up to the day of the program. Contact our office for assistance.

Call 206-956-3648 or email: waeps@waeps.org.

HAVE A SPECIFIC CODING CONUNDRUM?

Email questions to codequest@aoe.org before the course and get answers to your personal coding challenges.

ABOUT YOUR CODEQUEST INSTRUCTOR



JOY WOODKE, COE, OCS, OCSR

Ms. Woodke is the Academy's director of coding and reimbursement. Her 35+ years of experience in ophthalmology includes all aspects of practice management, accounting, coding and billing. She is the author of The Profitable Retina Practice series, senior editor of the Academy's coding product line, and provides private consultation services for the Academy. Ms. Woodke is a recipient of the Academy's Secretariat and Achievement Awards.

ACCREDITATION STATEMENT

CME and CEU credits available

The American Academy of Ophthalmology is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

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The American Academy of Ophthalmology designates this live activity for a maximum of 3 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

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CME Designation Statement for Fundamentals of Ophthalmic Coding (On-Demand Recording)

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ATTENDANCE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Attendance is limited to members of the Academy, AAOE, and/or state ophthalmological societies and individuals directly employed by these members.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT STATEMENT

WAEPS supports the Americans with Disabilities Act. Should you require a specific accommodation or service to facilitate your participation in a Codequest coding course, please email waeps@waeps.org.

ABOUT YOUR CODEQUEST MODERATOR

Michael Gilbert, MD is the WAEPS Coding Seminar Chair and Moderator. Dr Gilbert has co-authored the original AAO Ophthalmic Coding Specialist series and certification program.

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