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The Medicare Handbook National Academies Press

This book reviews the surgical techniques currently employed for the management of astigmatism, with the aim of providing a clear, comprehensive, step-by-step guide that will help practitioners to optimize outcomes. The book is divided into two sections covering the cutting-edge surgical approaches in cataract and refractive patients. Renowned experts with many years of clinical experience describe options such as incisional techniques, toric intraocular lenses, femtosecond and excimer laser technology. In addition, guidance is offered on preoperative evaluation of astigmatism, candidate identification and classification, and surgical management following penetrating keratoplasty. Supplementary videos of informative sample cases are included to further aid everyday practice.

Mastering Refractive IOLs SLACK Incorporated

Cataract surgery is one of the most commonly performed procedures worldwide. In traditional cataract surgery, the surgeon uses handheld instruments and a scalpel blade. This manual approach limits predictability and precision, potentially affecting visual outcomes and complication rates. Femtolaser surgery allows surgeons to access and remove a cataract with far greater accuracy, much faster and causing little or no discomfort to the patient (Omni Eye Services). This book is a comprehensive guide to femtolaser cataract surgery. Beginning with an introduction to the procedure, the following chapters examine various laser systems currently used in practice, comparing their technologies, techniques, benefits and potential complications. Written by an internationally recognised author and editor team, this invaluable manual includes more than 400 clinical photographs, illustrations and tables. Key points Complete guide to femtolaser cataract surgery Describes and compares different laser systems used in daily practice Internationally recognised author and editor team Includes more than 400 clinical photographs, illustrations and tables

Medical and Dental Expenses JP Medical Ltd

Femtosecond cataract surgery is the next step in the evolution of cataract surgery. In Femtosecond Cataract Surgery: A Primer, Dr. Louis E. Probst and Dr. Clara C. Chan lead the way by bringing together current technology and clinical experience to provide a concise yet comprehensive overview on this ground-breaking technique. Femtosecond Cataract Surgery: A Primer is composed of clinical chapters written by 18 of the world's leading experts who have pioneering, hands-on experience performing the procedure paired with chapters on the technology of each of the 4 current systems. Intraoperative and clinical photographs further showcase the most up-to-date techniques and clinical experiences in each of the systems, as well as illustrations of their unique and common characteristics. Features include the following: - New data presented in a companion table format to evaluate the different technologies - Consistent representation of each system - First-hand knowledge from expert international surgeons Additionally, a comparison table has been constructed with the most recent information offering clear differentiation on the techniques and technologies of each system. The table also tracks each system's progression in the approval system in the United States and Europe. The final chapter in Femtosecond Cataract Surgery: A Primer serves as an update on the current investigations of presbyopia treatment with femtosecond lasers. Providing a wealth of new data in a concise and organized format, Femtosecond Cataract Surgery: A Primer is an indispensable resource for ophthalmologists, cataract surgeons, optometrists, and other professionals in the eye care industry.

Fiscal Year 1990 Budget Issues Relating to Payment for Outpatient Hospital Surgery Under Part B of the Medicare Program Springer Nature

An exposé on Big Pharma and the American healthcare system's zeal for excessive medical testing, from a nationally recognized expert More screening doesn't lead to better health—but can turn healthy people into patients. Going against the conventional wisdom reinforced by the medical establishment and Big Pharma that more screening is the best preventative medicine, Dr. Gilbert Welch builds a compelling counterargument that what we need are fewer, not more, diagnoses. Documenting the excesses of American medical practice that labels far too many of us as sick, Welch examines the social, ethical, and economic ramifications of a health-care system that unnecessarily diagnoses and treats patients, most of whom will not benefit from treatment, might be harmed by it, and would arguably be better off without screening. Drawing on 25 years of medical practice and research on the effects of medical testing, Welch explains in a straightforward, jargon-free style how the cutoffs for treating a person with “abnormal” test results have been drastically lowered just when technological advances have allowed us to see more and more “abnormalities,” many of which will pose fewer health complications than the procedures that ostensibly cure them. Citing studies that show that 10% of 2,000 healthy people were found to have had silent strokes, and that well over half of men over age sixty have traces of prostate cancer but no impairment, Welch reveals overdiagnosis to be rampant for numerous conditions and diseases, including diabetes, high cholesterol, osteoporosis, gallstones, abdominal aortic aneurysms, blood clots, as well as skin, prostate, breast, and lung cancers. With genetic and prenatal screening now common, patients are being diagnosed not with disease but with “pre-disease” or for being at “high risk” of developing disease. Revealing the economic and medical forces that contribute to overdiagnosis, Welch makes a reasoned call for change that would save us from countless unneeded surgeries, excessive worry, and exorbitant costs, all while maintaining a balanced view of both the potential benefits and harms of diagnosis. Drawing on data, clinical studies, and anecdotes from his own practice, Welch builds a solid, accessible case against the belief that more screening always improves health care.

Cataract in Adults OECD Publishing

The book is provided open access under a CC BY 4.0 license. This book covers all aspects of minimally invasive glaucoma surgery (MIGS) and provides detailed information on each MIGS device, including its mechanism of action; patient selection; implantation techniques; post-operative management; and a review of the existing literature. Step-by-step descriptions are provided for the surgical technique used in implanting each MIGS device, accompanied by clear photographs of each surgical stage. Other areas covered include intra-operative gonioscopy (with tips on optimising the view of the anterior chamber angle) and the management of the intra-operative and post-operative complications. Essential information on the anatomy and physiology of the different aqueous outflow pathways is also included. A separate chapter addresses the introduction of MIGS globally, including the consideration of different reimbursement environments and the different types of glaucoma, e.g. angle closure glaucoma. This book will assist both glaucoma surgeons and general ophthalmologists in overcoming the learning curve involved in performed MIGS, by providing valuable and practical clinical pearls.

Making Eye Health a Population Health Imperative SLACK Incorporated

With the United States and other developed nations spending as much as 14 percent of their GDP on medical care, economists and policy analysts are asking what these countries are getting in return. Yet it remains frustrating and difficult to measure the productivity of the medical care service industries. This volume takes aim at that problem, while taking stock of where we are in our attempts to solve it.

Report to the Congress, Reimbursement Under Part B of Medicare for Certain Services Provided by Optometrists DIANE Publishing

Americans praise medical technology for saving lives and improving health. Yet, new technology is

often cited as a key factor in skyrocketing medical costs. This volume, second in the Medical Innovation at the Crossroads series, examines how economic incentives for innovation are changing and what that means for the future of health care. Up-to-date with a wide variety of examples and case studies, this book explores how payment, patent, and regulatory policies—as well as the involvement of numerous government agencies—affect the introduction and use of new pharmaceuticals, medical devices, and surgical procedures. The volume also includes detailed comparisons of policies and patterns of technological innovation in Western Europe and Japan. This fact-filled and practical book will be of interest to economists, policymakers, health administrators, health care practitioners, and the concerned public.

The Healthcare Imperative BiblioGov

GAO discussed its review of the Medicare payment approach for hospital outpatient cataract surgery. GAO found that: (1) Medicare hospital payments for outpatient cataract surgery were significantly higher than for ambulatory surgical centers; (2) hospitals base beneficiary or co-insurance payments on service charges, rather than on Medicare-computed costs, and many beneficiaries pay more than the intended 20 percent; (3) hospitals generally allocate administrative and general overhead costs to their outpatient service charges to offset anticipated losses; and (4) Medicare cost-based methods do not ensure that payments are cost-efficient for services delivered to Medicare beneficiaries. GAO also found that: (1) Medicare reimbursement methods for intraocular lens (IOL) implants did not provide hospitals an incentive to negotiate for lower prices; (2) hospitals failed to adequately document the need for surgery in about 45 percent of the cases it reviewed; (3) the Department of Health and Human Services proposed limiting clinical reimbursements for IOL implants to \$200 and hospital reimbursements to acquisition costs plus a flat rate; and (4) the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) contracted with peer review organizations to preapprove outpatient cataract surgeries. GAO believes that HCFA needs to collect data on IOL acquisition costs and procurement practices to ensure savings to Medicare and beneficiaries.

Budget Reconciliation National Academies Press

Immediately Sequential Bilateral Cataract Surgery (ISBCS): Global History and Methodology is a comprehensive guide for the safe and efficient performance of ISBCS. It provides an overview of the history, recommended protocols, necessary precautions, exclusion criteria, benefits and risks associated with this procedure, organizational standards, and more. Written by the most prominent ISBCS surgeons in the world, chapters recount the arguments for and against bilateral surgery that have been made throughout the ages, up to the present, and deliver achieved and proposed resolutions to all problems discussed. Topics such as ethics and medico-legal issues surrounding ISBCS are also discussed, and a chapter on the global evolution of bilateral cataract surgery provides readers with a complete overview of the development of ISBCS practices in countries from all continents. - Provides a comprehensive history and current status of ISBCS globally - Provides step-by-step recommendations and precautions necessary to perform ISBCS safely, including detailed discussion of surgical infection prophylaxis with antibiotics delivered into the eye at surgery - Reviews and explains the patient benefits associated with ISBCS - Covers development of ISBCS practices worldwide

Medicare's Prospective Payment System Academic Press

The IOL technical specifications, the clinical data, and the necessary clinical and surgical skills comprise the scientific foundation for achieving a "premium" refractive outcome. To consistently achieve patient satisfaction, however, requires mastering the art of patient and IOL selection, communicating and counseling effectively, and providing a "premium" patient experience. This is a nontraditional book in which multiple experts are separately asked to discuss controversial subjects in a reader-friendly format. There is balanced coverage of all of the available refractive IOLs, as well as those that may become available in the near future. A major emphasis is placed on avoiding and managing complications or potentially dissatisfied patients. There are more than 200 chapters that are organized into 14 major sections, over 300 images, 100 tables, and 12 sidebars that cover every aspect of refractive IOL clinical practice. This is a comprehensive educational resource addressing the most demanding and rapidly evolving area in cataract and refractive surgery today and the first book to cover both the clinical and nonclinical aspects of offering refractive IOL services.

Clinical Practice Guideline Springer

Outlines a comprehensive strategy for bringing sight-restoring surgical services to the world's estimated 15.8 million persons who are needlessly blind due to cataracts. Noting the need for a public health approach to this growing problem, the book presents arguments for the use of primary-health care services as the framework for case-finding, diagnosis, referral and follow-up. Now in its second edition, this text has been revised in line with recent techniques for cataract surgery and the availability of low-cost, high-quality intra-ocular lenses in developing countries.

Variations in Cataract Extraction Rates Among Medicare Enrollees World Health Organization

This book, in a concise format, explains how to perform manual small incision cataract surgery. The procedure is broken down into the chief elements and described in a step by step manner. Besides the description of the procedure, the book covers indications, necessary supplies, preparation, complication management, and postoperative care. The authors are experts from around the world, and the book will be of value both for surgeons new to this technique and for experienced surgeons who need a review of the procedure. While phacoemulsification surgery has now become the standard of care, understanding how to perform manual extracapsular cataract extractions competently is crucial when faced with complications during phacoemulsification surgery, when operating in a region of the world without access to phacoemulsification or femtosecond lasers, or when a manual approach may be a better choice for the patient.

A Progress Report to the President Beacon Press

The United States has the highest per capita spending on health care of any industrialized nation but continually lags behind other nations in health care outcomes including life expectancy and infant mortality. National health expenditures are projected to exceed \$2.5 trillion in 2009. Given healthcare's direct impact on the economy, there is a critical need to control health care spending. According to *The Health Imperative: Lowering Costs and Improving Outcomes*, the costs of health care have strained the federal budget, and negatively affected state governments, the private sector and individuals. Healthcare expenditures have restricted the ability of state and local governments to fund other priorities and have contributed to slowing growth in wages and jobs in the private sector. Moreover, the number of uninsured has risen from 45.7 million in 2007 to 46.3 million in 2008. *The Health Imperative: Lowering Costs and Improving Outcomes* identifies a number of factors driving expenditure growth including scientific uncertainty, perverse economic and practice incentives, system fragmentation, lack of patient involvement, and under-investment in population health. Experts discussed key levers for catalyzing transformation of the delivery system. A few included streamlined health insurance regulation, administrative simplification and clarification and quality and consistency in treatment. The book is an excellent guide for policymakers at all levels of government, as well as private sector healthcare workers.

Payment for Physician Services National Academies Press

The ability to see deeply affects how human beings perceive and interpret the world around them. For most people, eyesight is part of everyday communication, social activities, educational and professional pursuits, the care of others, and the maintenance of personal health, independence, and mobility. Functioning eyes and vision system can reduce an adult's risk of chronic health conditions, death, falls and injuries, social isolation, depression, and other psychological problems. In children, properly maintained eye and vision health contributes to a child's social development, academic achievement, and better health across the lifespan. The public generally recognizes its reliance on sight and fears its loss, but emphasis on eye and vision health, in general, has not been integrated into daily life to the same extent as other health promotion activities, such as teeth brushing; hand washing; physical and mental exercise; and various injury prevention behaviors. A larger population health approach is needed to engage a wide range of stakeholders in coordinated efforts that can sustain the scope of behavior change. The shaping of socioeconomic environments can eventually lead to new social norms that promote eye and vision health. *Making Eye Health a Population Health Imperative: Vision for Tomorrow* proposes a new population-centered framework to guide action and coordination among various, and sometimes competing, stakeholders in pursuit of improved eye and vision health and health equity in the United States. Building on the momentum of previous public health efforts, this report also introduces a model for action that highlights different levels of prevention activities across a range of stakeholders and provides specific examples of how population health strategies can be translated into cohesive areas for action at federal, state, and local levels.

Medical Care Output and Productivity Springer

This volume, developed by the Observatory together with OECD, provides an overall conceptual framework for understanding and applying strategies aimed at improving quality of care. Crucially, it summarizes available evidence on different quality strategies and provides recommendations for their implementation. This book is intended to help policy-makers to understand concepts of quality and to support them to evaluate single strategies and combinations of strategies.

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