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Program Description
Today, the fee-for-service model dominates health care reimbursement. Physicians are incentivized to perform a greater volume of services. When we perform a service or a procedure, we prepare a bill with an ICD-9 code and a CPT code, submit it to the payer, and get reimbursed for it regardless of quality of care or outcome. As a result, the United States health care system is the most expensive in the world even though its health care quality among comparable countries is only average at best.

We now live in a period of transition. To improve our current health care system, payers are changing the incentives of physicians to reward value (roughly defined as quality of care divided by cost) instead of volume of care. Whether these new programs ultimately succeed is an open question, but it is clear that thriving in tomorrow’s health care system requires understanding today’s drivers of change and preparing to adapt to such changes. The course will first offer a broad overview of the changing health care landscape, then provide a deeper look into three crucial elements of new health care systems: new payment models, quality measures, and improving the patient’s experience. Faculty will direct attendees to resources for continuing education/updates on these topics and show how the AAN is helping neurologists navigate the new health care system through education and advocacy.

Learning Objectives
Upon completion of this program, participants will learn about the Triple Aim of health care reform: improving patient experience and improving patient health, while reducing the cost of care. They will better understand the intent of new government programs aimed at accomplishing these goals, and faculty will comment on how the programs may or may not succeed as intended. By the end of the session, participants will learn about the design of new payment models and the opportunities they present for specialists, the need to measure and maintain a high level of quality while participating in these payment models, and how engagement of patients may directly improve patient satisfaction while also facilitating the other aims.

Recommended Audience
Trainees, General Neurologists, Specialist Neurologists, Neurology Practice Managers, and Billing Staff

Core Competencies
Patient Care, Interpersonal and Communication Skills, Professionalism, Medical Knowledge, Practice-Based Learning and Improvement, Systems-Based Practice

Schedule

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| 1:00 p.m.–1:50 p.m. | **Health Care: From Volume to Value**  
**Neil A. Busis, MD, FAAN, Pittsburgh, PA** |
| 1:50 p.m.–2:40 p.m. | **Evolution and Impact of New Payment Models**  
**David A. Evans, MBA, Dallas, TX** |
| 2:40 p.m.–2:55 p.m. | **Break**                                  |
| 2:55 p.m.–3:45 p.m. | **Quality of Care: How Is It Measured and Why Is It Necessary?**  
**Eric M. Cheng, MD, MS, FAAN, Los Angeles, CA** |
| 3:45 p.m.–4:35 p.m. | **Patients as Partners in Change Management**  
**Daniel B. Hoch, MD, PhD, FAAN, Boston, MA** |
| 4:35 p.m.–5:00 p.m. | **Panel Discussion**  
**All Faculty** |