



16th Annual

*Gastroenterology Coding, Reimbursement and  
Practice Management Workshop*

*April 8 & 9, 2026*

*Circa Resort & Casino*

*8 Fremont Street*

*Las Vegas, Nevada*



## About Our Workshop

Join us for AskMueller Consulting's 16th Annual Gastroenterology Coding, Reimbursement, and Practice Management Workshop—a premier two-day event dedicated to providing the latest updates, expert insights, and practical strategies for GI practices. Designed for coders, billers, administrators, and providers, this workshop delivers cutting-edge guidance on regulatory changes, documentation best practices, and revenue cycle optimization. Don't miss this opportunity to strengthen your compliance, improve your bottom line, and connect with industry leaders in the ever-evolving world of gastroenterology practice management.

## Location

We can't wait to see you at the 16th Annual Two-Day Gastroenterology Workshop at the stunning Circa Resort & Casino, located on the iconic Fremont Street in Downtown Las Vegas. This premier, adults-only venue offers modern luxury, top-tier amenities, and easy access to world-class entertainment—all in a vibrant, walkable setting. Experience exceptional education and networking in a one-of-a-kind location that blends comfort, excitement, and convenience.

AskMueller is offering a continental breakfast and lunch each conference day and has arranged for a special room block at discounted rates at \$179.00 nightly for attendees which includes the resort fee and the group rate will be honored Tuesday, April 7 through Thursday April 9, 2026.

For room reservations go to [www.askmuellerconsulting.com](http://www.askmuellerconsulting.com) and click on [Hotel Link](#).

Reservations for hotel must be received by 03-5-26 to guarantee the conference rate.

## Travel

Las Vegas, Nevada is serviced by Las Vegas International Airport. The hotel is located in Downtown, Las Vegas. Shuttle service, taxi and Uber available for transportation from the airport to the hotel.

# Welcome

AskMueller Consulting, premier experts in the gastroenterology practice, presents Gastroenterology Coding, Reimbursement and Practice Management Workshop. The AskMueller Consulting team have designed a comprehensive training course in Gastroenterology coding including all important updates as well as featured sections for a better Practice. Kathy and the AskMueller Consulting team are nationally renowned speakers and coding experts. Kathy has assembled a team that are experts in their respective fields to best educate on the intricacies of coding, compliance, reimbursement and practice management. This course is specifically designed not only for coding specialists, but practice managers, physicians, advanced practitioners, and billing specialists.

## Meet Our Speakers



**KATHLEEN MUELLER, CPC, CCS-P, QMGC, QMC, ICD-10 Proficient**, Kathy is a health care consultant with over 45 years in health care experience including ICU/CCU nursing, physician office administration, GI claims submission and adjudication and seminar instruction. She is the President of AskMueller Consulting, LLC, providing consulting services for physicians nationwide. Kathy is a nationally known speaker and the author of many multi-specialty medical and surgical coding workbooks. She has a great amount of experience in gastroenterology, surgical subspecialties and pediatric subspecialties. She is the co-editor of the ASGE Coding Primer and her company answers the coding hotline for the ASGE. Kathy has written coding columns for ASGE, NASPGHAN and AGA. Her presentations have included the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG), American Gastroenterological Association (AGA), North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition (NASPGHAN), Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates Inc., American Pediatric Surgical Associations (APSA), Decision Health and the Coding Institute.



**KRISTIN VAUGHN, CPC, QMGC, QMC, CPMA, ICDCT-CM**, Kristin is a national consultant with 25 years of coding and billing experience. This includes Gastroenterology, Pulmonary, Critical Care, Immunology/Rheumatology, Hematology, and Hospitalist specialties, plus seminar instruction, auditing and on-site consulting. Her background includes extensive experience in a teaching university. She currently is a full-time consultant/trainer with AskMueller Consulting, LLC. Her presentations have included multiple organizations and meetings such as: ASGE (American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy), AGA (American Gastrointestinal Association), DDW (Digestive Disease Week), and multiple GI state society meetings. She is a Certified Professional Medical Auditor and Certified ICD-10 trainer. She is the co-author of several workbooks and programs specific to Gastroenterology. She also answers the coding hotline for the ASGE.



**ARLENE MORROW, CPC, CMM, CMSCS**, Arlene is a nationally recognized speaker, consultant, McVey seminar leader and author of many Multi-Specialty Coding & Reimbursement workbooks based in Tampa with over 40 years of experience. She has consulted with hundreds of physician practices nationwide with specific expertise working with Gastroenterology, Hospitalist, Infectious Disease, OB/GYN, Orthopedics and Pulmonary/Critical Care/ Sleep Medicine practices. Her national presentations have included AAPC, ACG, AGA, NASPGHAN and PAHCOM. She is the Healthcare Coding Consultant for the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG).



**MICHAEL G. WARSHAW, DPM, CPC, FACFAOM**, Dr. Mike is a practicing podiatrist and a certified coder with over 25 years of successful coding, management, and training experience for podiatric practices. His national and local views come from active participation as a practicing podiatrist, having the distinction of being a certified podiatric coding specialist, and years of serving as a national lecturer concerning coding issues. Dr. Warshaw's experience is unique and comprehensive. He has the additional advantage of being an "Expert Witness" in all facets of the Medicare Appeal Process, having participated in "Redeterminations," "Reconsiderations," "Administrative Law Judge Hearings," and the actual court system.



**CHRISTINE VALDEZ, CPC, CGIC, CPMA, CASCC, ICD-10 Proficient**, is a Certified Professional Coder, Certified Professional Medical Auditor and Certified Gastroenterology Coder and a Certified Ambulatory Surgery Center Coder through the AAPC. She has over 22 years' experience in Gastroenterology. She also has experience with business office management, coding, auditing, billing, edits, collections and revenue cycle management. She has worked with both Colorectal/general surgery, pediatrics, primary care/family practice, urgent care, pain management, inpatient and outpatient, ASC professional and facility. She is currently employed with AskMueller Consulting, LLC, as an auditor/consultant.



**TARA WHITE, CGIC, CPMA** is a Certified Gastroenterology Coder and Certified Professional Medical Auditor through the AAPC. She has over 15 years' experience in medical office coding and billing with over 7 years' experience in Gastroenterology coding and practice management. She is currently employed with AskMueller Consulting, LLC, as an auditor/consultant.

# Wednesday, April 8, 2026 (All times are Pacific Time Zone)

Welcome and Introduction to the AskMueller team	8:00 am - 8:05 am
Late Breaking News and New Codes & Regulations for GI Practices Effective 2026 Kathleen A Mueller, RN, CPC, CCS-P, QMC, QMGC ICD-10 Proficient	8:05 am - 8:45 am
2026 Update on Telehealth Services: Commercial vs CMS Kristin Vaughn, CPC, QMGC, QMC, CPMA, ICDCT-CM	8:45 am - 9:15 am
Documentation Specificity in ICD-10-CM: Reducing Audit Risk and Supporting Medical Necessity Kristin Vaughn, CPC, QMGC, QMC, CPMA, ICDCT-CM Christine Valdez CPC, CGIC, CPMA, CASCC, ICD-10 Proficient Michael G. Warshaw, DPM, CSFAC, CPC, CPODCS, COCS, CMSCS	9:15 am - 10:00 am
<b>BREAK</b>	10:00 am—10:15 am
<b>BREAKOUT SESSIONS</b> <i>Attendees will have the choice of attending the Basic or Advanced Endoscopy module</i>	10:15 am - 12:00 pm
<b>Basic Endoscopy—Getting the Fundamentals Right</b> Kristin Vaughn, CPC, QMGC, QMC, CPMA, ICDCT-CM Arlene Morrow, CPC, CMM, CMSCS McKenzie Vaughn, CPC	
<b>Advanced GI Endoscopy: ERCP, EUS, EMR and Complex Therapeutics</b> Kathleen Mueller, RN, CPC, CCS-P, QMC, QMGC ICD-10 Proficient Tara White CGIC, CPMA Christine Valdez CPC, CGIC, CPMA, CASCC, ICD-10 Proficient	
<b>LUNCH BREAK: LUNCH PROVIDED BY ASKMUELLER</b>	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
<b>Dr. Mike the Coder Presents: Top Compliance Issues</b> Michael G. Warshaw, DPM, CSFAC, CPC, CPODCS, COCS, CMSCS	1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
<b>Round Table Sessions (Four 40-Minute Sessions)</b> Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Let's Score the MDM: A Case-Based E&amp;M Roundtable (Arlene and Kristin)</li><li>Front-End Coding &amp; AR Prevention: Building a Spreadsheet That Stops Denials Before They Happen (Christine &amp; McKenzie)</li><li>Bridging the Gap: Strengthening Communication Between Providers and Billing Teams (Dr Mike and Don)</li><li>Endoscopy Case Review Roundtable: Coding the Real-World Scenarios (Kathy &amp; Tara) – <i>All attendees are encouraged to submit redacted case studies no later than March 15, 2026.</i></li></ul>	2:00 pm - 4:45 pm
<b>Questions and Answers Open Forum</b> Panel Discussion: Kathy, Kristin, Arlene, Dr. Mike, Tara, Christine & McKenzie	4:45 pm - 5:00 pm

## Thursday, April 9, 2026 (All times are Pacific Time Zone)

<b>Your Guide to Screening Colonoscopy:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Screening vs. Diagnostic Colonoscopy -Tara</li><li>• When Screening Isn't So Simple: Incomplete Colonoscopies - Christine</li><li>• Pre-Screening Colonoscopy Visit: Is it Billable? - Arlene</li></ul> Panel Discussion: Kathy, Kristin, Arlene, Tara, Christine	8:00 am - 10:00 am
<b>Break</b>	10:00 am - 10:15 am
<b>GI Medical Necessity Challenges: Reducing Denials Through Better Documentation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Do You Have What You Need to Support Your Services?</li></ul> Kathleen Mueller, RN, CPC, CCS-P, QMC, QMGC ICD-10 Proficient Christine Valdez CPC, CGIC, CPMA, CASCC, ICD-10 Proficient Michael G. Warshaw, DPM, CSFAC, CPC, CPODCS, COCS, CMSCS	10:15 am - 11:00 am
<b>Modifier Strategy in GI Coding: When, Why, and How to Apply</b> Arlene Morrow, CPC, CMM, CMSCS	11:00 am - 12:00 pm
<b>LUNCH BREAK: LUNCH PROVIDED BY ASKMUELLER</b>	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
<b>GI Ancillaries in Focus: From Diagnostic Testing to Infusion Services</b> Kathleen Mueller, RN, CPC, CCS-P, QMC, QMGC ICD-10 Proficient Kristin Vaughn, CPC, QMGC, QMC, CPMA, ICDCT-CM	1:00 pm - 1:45 pm
<b>AI Is Here — Are You Ready?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• References &amp; Resources: Who Can You Trust?</li></ul> Panel Discussion: Kathy, Kristin, Tara, Christine, Arlene, Dr. Mike	1:45 pm -2:15 pm
<b>Break</b>	2:15 pm—2:30 pm
<b>BREAKOUT SESSIONS</b> <i>Attendees will have the choice of attending the E&amp;M or ASC module</i> <b>E&amp;M Module: E&amp;M Fundamentals in GI: Accurate Coding from Documentation to Code Selection</b> Kristin Vaughn, CPC, QMGC, QMC, CPMA, ICDCT-CM Arlene Morrow, CPC, CMM, CMSCS Tara White CGIC, CPMA  <b>ASC Module: Navigating the Changing Landscape: Top Issues Affecting ASCs and Endoscopy Centers</b> Kathleen Mueller, RN, CPC, CCS-P, QMC, QMGC ICD-10 Proficient Christine Valdez CPC, CGIC, CPMA, CASCC, ICD-10 Proficient	2:30 pm—4:30 pm
<b>Conference Wrap-up</b> Kathy, Kristin, Arlene, Dr. Mike, Tara, Christine & McKenzie	4:30 pm—5:00 pm

**Please note: The agenda and times are subject to change.  
Changes may occur up until and after the start of the meeting.**