

# Integrating & Growing an Intracept® Program: Best Practices Checklist

## Upfront Billing/Coding/Portal Confirmation:

- Identify biller/coder

Facility: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact information: \_\_\_\_\_

Physician: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact information: \_\_\_\_\_

- Explore current contracts with SoS to ensure viability of Intracept® program with Relevant RBM
- Identify a portal coordinator with practice familiarity and experience. Who? \_\_\_\_\_

## Team Alignment/Buy In and Onboarding Timeline:

- Physician
- APP (NP/PA)
- MA/Scribe
- Portal Coordinator
- Surgical Scheduler
- Front Desk
- Call Center
- Coder/Biller

Ensure each team member understands:

- The procedure and patient indications
- Procedure goals and fit in care pathway
- Procedure impact to patients and the overall practice
- Respective program roles and responsibilities
- Patient Access Program and Approval timeline (can take 30-120 days)

Discuss Onboarding and Integration Timeline. Ideal Training Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- 1<sup>st</sup> Case Date & Number of Patients: \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Case Date & Number of Patients: \_\_\_\_\_

## Operationalize Patient Identification:

Screen new and existing patients

- Consider having patient fill out 'Intracept Patient Intake Form' to support medical necessity

Review MRI Images

- Does Physician/APP currently review MRI images: **YES** or **NO**
  - If yes, who? \_\_\_\_\_
  - Does MD/APP know how to identify Modic changes: **YES** or **NO**
  - If NO, schedule MRI review sessions, Date(s): \_\_\_\_\_
- Add "evaluate for Modic changes" on new MRI orders
- Identify Radiology groups for educational opportunities: \_\_\_\_\_
- MRI addenda responsibility: \_\_\_\_\_

Physician utilizes Peer-to-Peer resources

- Teleconsult- Date/Faculty: \_\_\_\_\_
- DocMatter Community

APP program engagement

- Attend training or Peer-to-Peer program
- Distribute APP playbook
- Join APP DocMatter Community
- Participate in APP Webinars



## Patient Discussion:

Review the 4 Key Components of a Successful Patient Consult

- Show patient their Modic and explain anterior column pain (*Reason to Believe*)
- Highlight Intracept Procedure durability (*Treatment Credibility*)
- Review the process and sign authorization form (*Set Expectations*)
  - Insurance process typically takes 30-120 days
  - Who obtains signed patient authorization form? \_\_\_\_\_
  - Where are forms kept? \_\_\_\_\_
- Share supportive information (patient brochure, Intracept.com, etc) (*Move forward*)

Leverage key resources: Talk track flip book, video book, patient consult tear pad

## Strong Patient Documentation:

- Discuss importance of good documentation
- Review medical necessity checklist- includes sample office note
- Confirm patient meets procedure indications- utilize M54.51 Vertebrogenic Low Back Pain code
- Ensure ability to create Intracept template in EMR

## Program Reviews:

- Schedule program review every 90 days - coordinate full practice team with Relievent team (TM, RBM, MKTG)

## Maintain Team & Patient Communication:

- Reimbursement
  - Review Patient Access Program- Schedule RBM meeting to assist with discussions as needed
  - Complete portal training after patients have been identified and patient authorization signed
- Determine how to track the progress of submitted patients
- Engage patients throughout process (via exam, phone/email), to:
  - Maintain up to date medical records
  - Reinforce treatment plan. Who is responsible? \_\_\_\_\_
- Schedule patients immediately upon approval. Who is responsible? \_\_\_\_\_

## Educate Referral & Patient Communities:

(once program is fully integrated and operationalized)

- Leverage multiple channels to educate referral and patient communities
  - Digital (website, social media)
  - Marketing Communications (press release, referral letters)
  - Education Symposia (patient and referral education)
- Schedule a call with Relievent marketing to review and determine the Relievent resources practice will use
- Identify potential targets to educate:
  - PCPs
  - Surgeons
  - Radiologists
  - Pain Specialists
  - PT / Chiro
  - Hospital (general)