Navigating Periodontal Care with 2018 Perio Protocols Flow Chart©
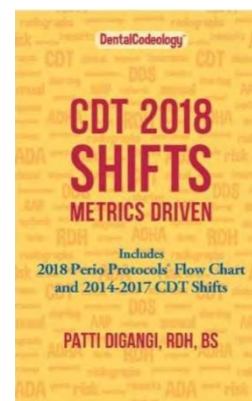
Periodontal disease starts with a biofilm-based infection that creates a wound that, in turn, induces the inflammatory cascade responsible for the disease. This wound must be taken seriously and treated at the earliest possible stages. The American Academy of Periodontology (AAP) Classification of Periodontal and Peri-Implant Diseases and Conditions 2017 defines 4 levels of periodontal health and includes staging and grading system for periodontitis as well as classification of peri-implant disease. This along with recent changes in CDT codes create the necessity for an update. This interactive workshop introduces the 2018 Perio Protocols Flow Chart© to provide a framework to meet the individualized needs of the patient.

Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this course, the participant will:

- Learn and review the ADPIED dental hygiene process of care to identify the causative and influencing factors that can be reduced, eliminated, or prevented.
- Identify the difference between treatment case types and disease classifications
- Determine the most accurate risk assessment, diagnosis and treatment codes
- Define the difference between D4355, D1110, D4346 and D4910
- Create simple and effective "Twitter-Style" dental-medical necessity narratives

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Patti believes dentistry is no longer just about fixing teeth; dentistry *is* oral medicine. As a navigator and long-time clinician, she guides audiences through the rough waters of coding. Her efforts have assisted thousands of professionals to code more accurately and efficiently. In fact, the American Dental Association recognized her expertise by inviting her to write a chapter in its *CDT 2017 Companion* book and again for *CDT 2018 Companion*. Patti holds publishing and speaking licenses with ADA for *Current Dental Terminology©*2018 and a license for *SNODENT©*2018 diagnostic coding.

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