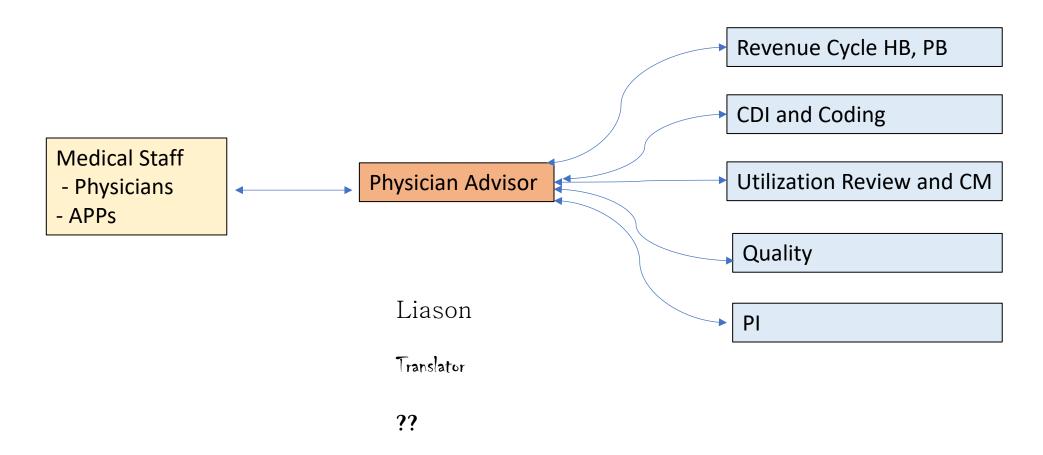
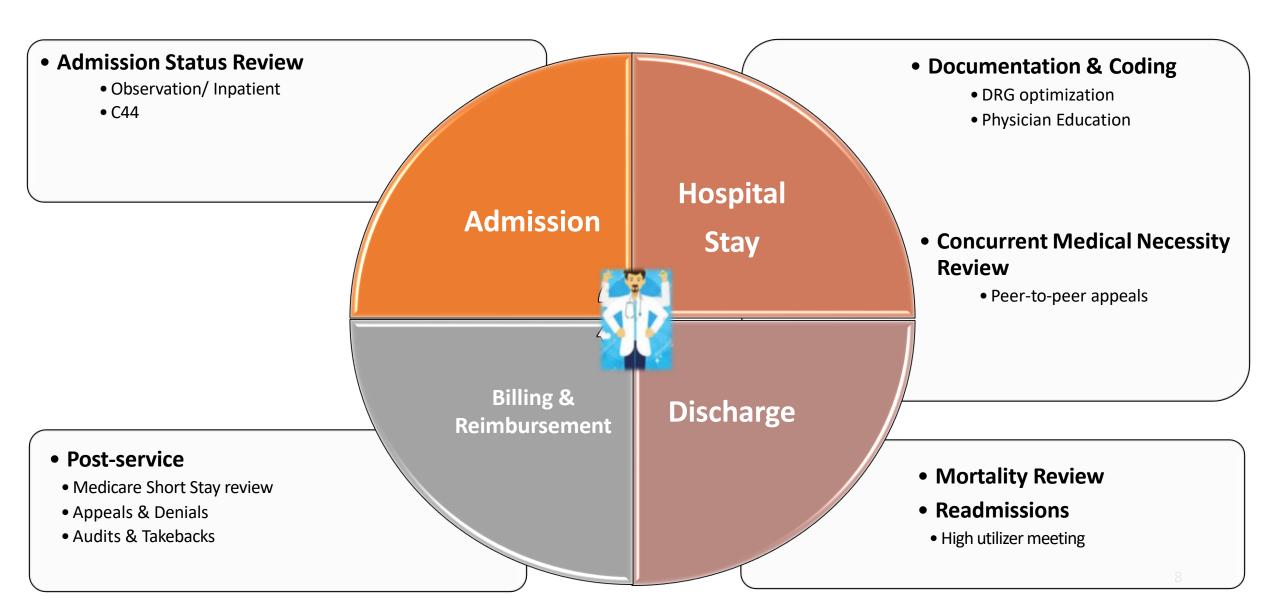
CRMC's Physician Advisor Program: Progress and Success

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Who is a 'Physician' Advisor?



Current Role of Internal Physician Advisors (IPAS)



Direct Cost and Savings from IPAS

	PA case review (Status+ Denials)	Medicare Short Stay Review	Sent To R1	Internal Cost (\$60/case)	Estimated cost if reviewed by a vendor (\$240/case)	Estimated Savings
2020	598	171	20	46,140	184,560	138,420
2021	639	236	19	52,500	210,000	157,500
2022	785	308	36	65,580	262,320	196,740
2023	794	281	25	64,500	258,000	193,500
Total				\$228,720	\$914,880	

IPAS saved approximately \$686,160 for reviews in last 4 years

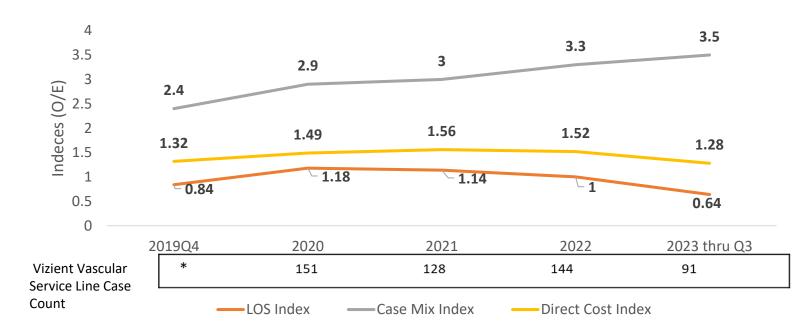
Revenue Generated From Peer-to-Peer Appeals

Time Frame	No of P-P	\$\$ Recouped		
05/2021-04/2022	35	482,327		
05/2023-04/2023		2,538,676		
2024- Yarlagadda	75	1,395,465.00		
2024-Dadana	47	994,572		

?Lessons Learnt

- UR optimization
- Physician Documentation
- PI Projects: Oxygen titration

Additional Revenue Generated via DRG optimization- Vascular Service Line



Drs Kfoury, Gkotsis, and PA Kevin Oberg underwent targeted education from September 2022 to December 2022.

Additional Revenue Generated for 91 cases (\$10,000 x .2 x 91) is \$182,000 for 2023

1 DRG give approx. \$10,000 Increase in DRG after Intervention for 2023= .2 weight

Service Line Revenue Optimization

Cardiovascular Service Line: PB, Medical Necessity Denials and Administrative Denials

Charges from 2021-01 through 2024-06; as of 2024-07

Charges from 2024-07 through 2024-12; as of 2025-02

			Straight Medicare					Straight Medicare			
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9925549	01/14/2025	12/23/2024	12/23/2024	50 - 50-Non-cvd, not deemed med neces	ssity.	H992554900	Medicare	MEDICARE	MEDICARE CRWC NUC MED	93017	0482-CARDIOLOGY - STRESS TEST
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Stake Holder: Physicians, APPS, Office Staff, Schedulers, Managers, PI Team, Data Team.

Potential IPAS role in Clinical Revenue Cycle and Quality Reporting

Revenue Cycle

 Denials Metrics and Reporting

• Denial Prevention Strategies

Cost Saving measures

Compliance

- Risk Stratification & Case Audits
- Process Monitoring & Recommendations

Utilization Management

- Case Reviews
- P2P & Appeals Support
- Regulatory Support: PEPPER
- Short Stay review



Clinical Leadership

- 2MN Rule & Regulatory Education
- Individual Case Feedback
- Documentation Improvement
 Policies
- Quality Metrics for Medical Staff

CDI

- Clinical & Coding Education
- Audit & Appeals Support
- PSI/HAC review
- DRG Optimization

Quality Improvement

- Readmissions review and Analytics
- Mortality Review Process
- Clinical Pathway Implementation

Quality Reporting

 Healthgrades/ CMS Star Rating Reporting

Managed Care(MA plans)

- Payer Escalation Strategy Support
- Collaboration with Payors in improving clinical submission process
- Contract Negotiation: Strategy & Language.

How build a IPAS

- Identify/Find
- Invest
 - ACPA- TLC modules, Physician Advisor Courses
 - CDI Physician Advisor Bootcamp
- Support and Collaborate

Questions?