SNAPSHOT
CPT codes can change every year. Practices must report codes that match the description in the most current CPT book or risk losing revenue or being cited for fraudulent billing.

KEY DATES AND DECISION POINTS
- **Jan. 1, 2014**: The 2014 CPT code manual takes effect. Early release Category III codes are published on the AMA's website with implementation in six months. Early release Category II codes are published on AMA's website with implementation in three months.
- **April 1, 2014**: Early release Category II CPT codes are published on the AMA's website with implementation in three months, including GI-specific codes 3775F (Adenoma(s) or other neoplasm detected during screening colonoscopy (SCADR)) and 3776F (Adenoma(s) or other neoplasm not detected during screening colonoscopy (SCADR)).
- **July 1, 2014**: New early release Category III CPT codes released are published on the AMA's website. Early release Category III codes are published on the AMA's website with implementation in six months.
- **October 2014**: New edition of the CPT manual is released by AMA. Early release Category II codes are published on the AMA's website with implementation in three months.

BACKGROUND
The CPT code set is the most widely accepted medical nomenclature used to describe medical, surgical and diagnostic services.
- There are three types of CPT codes:
  - **Category I**: five digit codes for services/procedures that are consistent with contemporary medical practice and are widely performed.
  - **Category II**: alphanumeric codes for performance measurement (optional).
  - **Category III**: alphanumeric codes for emerging technology.
- CPT is maintained by the AMA via the CPT Editorial Panel, which meets regularly to update the code set in order to capture new and emerging technologies and to revise the language of existing codes to reflect current medical terminology and practice.
- AGA works cooperatively with ACG and ASGE to establish and/or revise CPT codes for new/existing procedures relevant to the practice of gastroenterology.

RESOURCES
- **AGA Coding Center**: http://www.gastro.org/practice/practice-management/gi-coding
- **AGA Background on the CPT Process**: http://www.gastro.org/practice/coding/the-cpt-process