

Title of Course: SESSION EIGHT: Step-by-Step Process for Addressing Medical Necessity and Utilization Issues as Core Components of Your PPE Process

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Target Audience: This course was designed for hospital administrators, physicians and clinicians who need to be better informed about how to manage and possibly improve their overall performance.

Objectives:

Upon completion of this activity, participants will be able to:

- **Describe the three related, but different, types of utilization issues that need to be addressed as part of a Medical Staff's peer review process.**
- **Implement a step-by-step "best practice" review process for addressing utilization concerns in a consistent, effective, and constructive manner.**
- **Modernize the role and function of a Utilization Review Committee and ensure that it is contained in the Bylaws as a Medical Staff committee.**

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