



Case Study: INAPPROPRIATE TREATMENT

CASE DETAILS

- Patient presented with symptoms of hyperopia.
- Doctor submitted a claim for keratectomy (SL701P) and collagen crosslinking (SL704C) under the diagnosis of keratoconus.



- SL704C (3B)** Collagen crosslinking for corneal ectasia
- SL701P (3B)** Photorefractive/therapeutic keratectomy

PANEL DECISION

The panel assessed that the claim was inappropriate as:

- 1** Cross-linking is used to treat keratoconus, however there was no confirmed diagnosis of keratoconus in this case.
- 2** Instead, the patient had bilateral cataracts which should have been managed with cataract surgery and intraocular lens implant.
- 3** In addition, treatment of the refractive error with keratectomy before cataract surgery was unnecessary as the error could have been corrected by choosing the appropriate intraocular lens power.

Total charges from inappropriate items/codes: **>\$5,600**

KEY LEARNING POINTS

- ✓ Doctors should not perform procedures that are medically unnecessary, nor submit claims for such procedures.