



## **Teri Romano, RN, MBA, CPC Consultant and Speaker**

Teresa Romano has over twenty-five years of consulting and teaching experience in the health care field. Ms. Romano works with physician groups and hospitals combining a background in clinical systems with solid approaches to operational and organizational problem solving.

Ms. Romano is an instructor for the national coding and reimbursement workshops sponsored by the American Association of Neurologic Surgeons and the Society for Vascular Surgery conducted by Karen Zupko & Associates, Inc. She also provides customized coding and reimbursement courses to physician and hospital groups, specializing in neurosurgery, spine, vascular, and vein surgery. Ms. Romano also provides evaluation and management chart review and surgical operative note review to assist physician groups in their compliance activities.

Most recently, Ms Romano has worked extensively with neurosurgeons, neurologists, interventional radiologists and hospitals in the development of Neurovascular, Stroke and Vascular Centers. She recently designed and conducted two nationwide studies to develop baseline criteria for neurovascular and vascular center development.

Ms. Romano has held executive positions with a state public health department, a health research and consulting firm, (for which she founded the consulting division,) and a national provider of continuing medical education. As Operations Director and one of the founders of the Illinois Trauma System, Ms. Romano was instrumental in establishing the first statewide system of trauma centers and the Illinois paramedic program. In this capacity she originated a new nursing specialty, the Trauma Nurse Specialist, now nationally recognized. She acted as a consultant to the federal Division of Trauma and Emergency Services in facilitating trauma center development throughout the country. She was co-investigator of the federally funded Trauma Salvageability Project, one of the earliest attempts to distinguish injury severity in trauma.

Ms. Romano is a member of the Chicago Health Executive Forum and the National Association of Health Care Consultants, is a regular presenter at health care seminars, and has published a wide variety of articles on health care topics.

Ms. Romano received a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from the University of Illinois and a Masters of Business Administration from the University of Chicago.