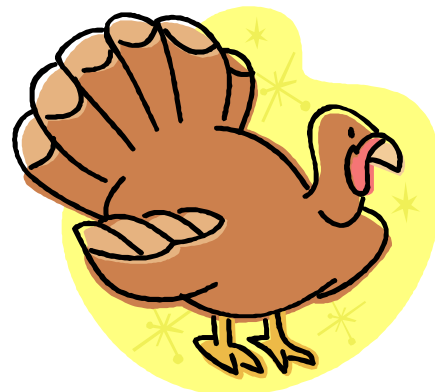


News & Views

November 2012

President's Message

September 2012 is in the history books for an eventful 84th annual AHIMA Convention in Chicago. The official theme was "Next stop to Health Innovation". Many sessions were held on the hottest of topics in the industry. Some of which included data governance, privacy and security, CDI, Computer assisted coding, Electronic Health Records, Information Integrity, Health Information Exchange, revenue cycle, healthcare innovation, leadership, advocacy, POA indicators in determining hospital acquired conditions, quality measures, observation coding, physician office and mental health coding, and a list of others. In addition several specialty forums were held on Physician practice, Critical Access Hospital, Education, Cancer Registry, Reality 2016, Advocacy and Health Information Innovation. The single common thread of these sessions was the importance of reliable clinical documentation.



During the main session, AHIMA's Board President Patty Thierry Sheridan and AHIMA's CEO Lynne Thomas Gordon shared ways that AHIMA is investing resources to help members be recognized as the leaders in the governance of health information. They encourage AHIMA members to prepare themselves to be the best in this arena and to take action to make it happen! We are encouraged to take that next career step, wherever you are now- move to the next level. As we learn more, we earn more- more respect, more knowledge, and possibly more income. Many awards were presented to individuals for their contributions to the industry. The 1st ever Grace Award, created in honor of our founder Grace Whiting Meyers for recognition of Excellence in Health Information Management was awarded to The University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics.

Immediate influences such as Meaningful Use, the transition to ICD-10 and emergence of Accountable Care Organizations had session rooms full of attentive HIM professionals wanting to learn tips, tricks and the latest information on these topics. The theme of several sessions seemed to be HIM is on the move, with ICD-10 on the horizon. Through the sessions I noted that we are in the process of creating yet another industry acronym... CCC- Clinical Documentation, Computer Assisted Coding, and CDI- which will all be major players in the HIM move.

The 66th annual House of Delegates meeting brought together the group for collaboration and implementation of a new structure. There are essentially two teams that now break off from the general house. The House Leadership team will be the team charged with overseeing Mega issues. They will implement task forces for Mega issues that are presented but need industry experts to address. Each state has 1 representative on the House Leadership team- for Nebraska it is the President. The Envisioning Collaborative team is the second team. They are charged with identification, validation, prioritization and trends to guide AHIMA and the CSA strategy. Nebraska's representative for this team is the President Elect. The majority of the day was spent discussing the new structure, with advocacy and leadership discussions also taking top spots on the agenda.

AHIMA has a call out for Abstracts for those interested in speaking at the 2013 convention which will be held in Atlanta. If you are interested, you may submit a formal proposal at www.ahima.org/events/speaking_opps.aspx. Speaking options include workshops, educational track lectures, or graphic presentations in the poster showcase.

Michelle Staley

NHIMA President



The Value of Reporting External Causes of Injuries and Poisoning Codes

Although reporting external causes of injuries and poisonings codes is considered optional in terms of reimbursement from payors, accurately reporting these codes does have a significant financial impact on health care. These code categories can impact quality reporting initiatives, never events, and pay for performance initiatives. Additionally, these codes are used to measure and assess causes of injuries so that preventive measures can be implemented to try to reduce these potential health hazards. Go to www.nhima.org and click on "News" to learn more.

NDHHS External Cause of Injury Report

Nebraska Hospitals are required by a state law (NAC 186 chapter 3) passed in 1993 to report external cause of injury information to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (NDHHS).

http://www.sos.state.ne.us/rules-and-regs/regsearch/Rules/Health_and_Human_Services_System/Title-186/Chapter-3.pdf
NEBRASKA HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES REGULATION AND LICENSURE 186 NAC 3
TITLE 186 HEALTH REGISTRIES AND RELEASE OF INFORMATION
CHAPTER 3 EXTERNAL CAUSE OF INJURY REGISTRY

The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services in conjunction with the Nebraska Hospital Association have created reports from the hospital discharge data system on the quality and completeness of these E codes from each hospital in the state. The reports are designed to help identify potential problems, and to improve E-code data quality.

The team has reached out to NHIMA to help find valid contacts from each hospital who would be able to review the report and update staff or make improvements within their respective facility. If you are a director or manager of a specific hospital medical records (or HIM) department would like to receive this report- which can be sent electronically, please contact Ying Zhang at Ying.Zhang@nebraska.gov or Matt Garai at Matthew.Garai@nebraska.gov.

Comments or questions regarding this report may also be answered at (402)471-4377 or (402)471-0379.



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Dates to Remember:

[Board Members](#) - [Committee/Task Force Chairs](#)

April 17-19, 2013 – NHIMA Annual Convention – Kearney, NE

April 16-18, 2014 – NHIMA Annual Convention – Kearney, NE

Virtual Education

Topic	Date	CSA
Leverage the Value of Your EHR <i>Improve Quality and Ensure Meaningful Use Incentive Payment</i>	October through December 2012	NHIMA / HCPro
IT Lingo 101: Getting to the Table	November 28, 2012	PHIMA - Pennsylvania
Anatomy and Physiology Refresher for ICD-10-CM/PCS Audio Conference Series	8 Topics currently available as recordings – 4 coming up live.	PHIMA - Pennsylvania
Mamma Mia! ICD-10 OB Coding Principles	On Demand	NHIMA
2012 Wound Care Coding: CPT Updates, Documentation Requirements, and Billing Rules	On Demand	GHIMA - Georgia
Condition Code 44: Best Practices for a Compliant Process	On Demand	GHIMA - Georgia
12 series program on ICD-10-PCS Root Operations	Begins June and concludes in May 2013	PHIMA - Pennsylvania

NHIMA MEMBERS:
Watch for an email the first week of November regarding another free webinar titled “ICD-10-CM Introduction” which will be available during November and December to NHIMA members only. If you do not receive the email by 11/11/12, email kim@consulthi.com.