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## HEALTHCARE NEEDS DATA ANALYSTS

Change is the only constant in healthcare, and much of that change now is driven by data. ICD-10, data security and audits, meaningful use, health information exchange, and electronic health record adoption all require management, analysis, and reporting of data.

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AHIMA's Commission on Certification for Health Informatics and Information Management (CCHIIM) is working diligently to reinstate the Certified Coding Specialist (CCS) exam at all Pearson VUE testing centers in the US. Although a specific date when the exam will be available has not been established yet, the exam is on schedule for redeployment this year. CCHIIM understands the impact the suspension of the CCS exam has had, and is committing significant resources to make the exam available without compromise to the exam's longstanding quality and integrity.

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## FOR THE DINOSAURS IT WAS A GIANT METEOR



For HIM professionals who don't adapt to new workforce needs, the paradigm shift that rocks their work roles will be electronic health records (EHRs). The rapid adoption of EHRs, the transition to ICD-10-CM/PCS, and intense focus on information and data governance all demand a skills upgrade and higher level education. Failure to adapt, HIM experts warn, could lead to obsolescence. But it's not too late, says a recent article in the *Journal of AHIMA*.

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Conducted by Deborah Green, MBA, RHIA, AHIMA's EVP and COO and leader of information governance (IG) initiatives, learn about findings from the first benchmarking survey on the state of IG practices in healthcare (available for download [here](#)), key recommendations based on analysis of results, and key components of the IG work plan that are completed, underway, and planned for the remainder of 2014 and for 2015.

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