THIS WEEK’S TOP INDUSTRY & AHIMA NEWS

IOM RELEASES REPORT ON SHARING CLINICAL TRIAL DATA

The Institute of Medicine recently released four recommendations addressing practices that often leave relevant medical research unpublished and therefore useful data unattainable by independent researchers. The guidelines could represent a drastic change in how the research enterprise thinks about its responsibilities according to advocacy groups, ethicists, and academic researchers. Read the complete report.

FEBRUARY IS INFORMATION GOVERNANCE MONTH

This month, AHIMA’s website, communications, and activities are focused on information governance (IG). IG is vital to assuring healthcare information can be trusted, and critical to meeting the Triple Aim: Quality care for individuals, population health, and lowering the per capita cost of healthcare. Stay tuned for new infographics, information at ahima.org, and these IG events:

- Join our Twitter chat on February 20, at noon CT, using hashtag #IGNow
- Register for a free webinar on February 25, "Results and Implications of the First Survey of Information Governance Practices in Healthcare," conducted by Deborah Green, MBA, RHIA, EVP and COO and leader of AHIMA’s IG initiatives.

Learn more about information governance at our website.

REPORT IN MEDICAL CARE JOURNAL EXPLORES HIT USE

A recent study published in the Medical Care journal explores the use of health information technology to coordinate care. The article, “The Role of Health Information Technology in Care Coordination in the United States” explores whether physicians receive the necessary patient information to coordinate care. The study found that although a higher percentage of physicians using HIT received patient information necessary for care coordination than those who did not use HIT, more than one third did not routinely receive the needed patient information at all. Read the full article.

GET INVOLVED

COME TO WASHINGTON, DC, AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Join us for an #ICD10Matters Twitter Rally on February 4 from noon-2 p.m. CT. The 114th Congress convened on January 3, and many new legislators need to hear from you about the importance of ICD-10 implementation. Find current Twitter handles for members of Congress posted on Engage.

NEXT FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION DUE DATE

Don’t miss your chance to become a FAHIMA. The next quarterly application deadline is February 27. Apply online today.

ICD-10 CODING SCENARIOS FOR PHYSICIANS

While the coming transition to ICD-10 on October 1 seems burdensome to some physicians, the new levels of specificity will allow physicians to capture meaningful information on patients and promote
Register now for the 2015 Leadership & Advocacy Symposium, March 23, and Hill Day, March 24 in Washington, DC. (Note two separate registrations are required.) Online registration and hotel reservations close February 16. Don't delay—both events are first come, first served, with limited spaces. Look for announcements in E-Alert about upcoming webinars to help familiarize you with current legislative initiatives before Hill Day. Questions? E-mail nia.bailey@ahima.org.

SHARE YOUR EXPERTISE – CALLS FOR SPEAKERS

AHIMA invites you to submit a proposal to speak at our 2015 events. Calls for speakers are open for the following meetings:

**Data Summit: Beyond ICD-10**
July 13–14, 2015, Baltimore, MD
*Proposals extended to February 9*

**Long-Term and Post-Acute Care Health IT Summit**
June 21–23, Baltimore, MD
*Due date extended to February 6*

**2015 Clinical Documentation Improvement (CDI) Summit: Leading the Documentation Journey**
August 6-7, Alexandria, VA
*Proposals due February 9*

**Information Governance: The Value Proposition**
November 12-13, 2015, Chicago, IL
*Proposals due March 15*

**The Privacy and Security Institute**, celebrating its ninth year
September 26-27, 2015, New Orleans, LA
*Proposals due March 16*

HELP CLOSE THE EDUCATIONAL GAP

The AHIMA Foundation, the charitable affiliate of AHIMA, would like to close the gap between qualified scholarship applicants and the number of scholarships we have to award. Help the Foundation address this gap with your donation. Support future professionals while giving back to the profession that has given you so much.

A National Public Radio report, "Sure You Can Track Your Health Data, But Can Your Doctor Use It?" explores wearable health tracking devices such as FitBit. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) doesn't plan to regulate these "low-risk devices," intended mostly for "general wellness." But patients are bringing the data these devices collect to their physicians.

*Read the article at NPR.org.*

Help us bring you the news and information you need. Is there a current topic in HIM you hope we'll cover in an upcoming AHIMA newsletter? Tell us about it. *Send an e-mail* with your suggestion, and you'll be entered into a quarterly drawing for a $50 gift card.

As part of AHIMA's commitment to creating opportunities for the healthcare community to
VOLUNTEER FOR AN AHIMA ELECTED POSITION IN 2016

It's official. AHIMA is on the hunt for the next great volunteers to serve in 2016. Opportunities in elected positions include AHIMA Board of Directors, Commission on Certification for Health Informatics and Information Management (CCHIIM) Commissioners, and Speaker-elect of the House of Delegates. Apply through the Application to Serve by March 31.

PREPARE FOR A NEW CAREER

Whether you just finished school and are starting your first job search, or you’re looking to transition into a new job, AHIMA’s Career Prep Workbook can help. After download, save the file to your computer, then follow the steps to map out your career, prepare for the perfect job, start searching, and ultimately accept the job you deserve.

REGISTER FOR THE AHIMA FOUNDATION'S STUDENT OPEN HOUSE

The AHIMA Foundation and AHIMA invite students in the Chicago, IL, area and around the country to visit our headquarters in person or online April 17. Meet our staff, tour our offices, and learn more about services we have for you. Register now.

EDUCATION & NETWORKING

CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

Resolve to advance your career this year by earning one of the industry’s most respected credentials. AHIMA’s exam prep workshops help you prepare to sit for the exams by

ONLINE EDUCATION

Upcoming Webinars:

February 12

How a Mock Audit Can Identify Gaps in Preparedness

Visit AHIMA's Engage Online Communities for discussions and content on topics important to HIM professionals. Have a membership-related question? Visit the AHIMA Membership and Business community.

And don’t forget Engage has a mobile app. Download it from iTunes or the Google Play store or scan the QR code below.
reviewing the domains covered in each exam.

Clinical Documentation Improvement Practitioner (CDIP) Exam Prep Workshop:

- March 16–17
  Chicago, IL

- June 4–5
  Seattle, WA

- August 4–5
  Alexandria, VA

Certified Health Data Analyst (CHDA) Exam Prep Workshop:

- March 31–April 1
  Las Vegas, NV

- July 17–18
  Austin, TX

- September 26–27
  New Orleans, LA

AHIMA's Advanced ICD-10-PCS Skills Workshops are designed for those who already have ICD-10-PCS coding experience and provide three days of in-depth hands-on training of the ICD-10-PCS coding system and its application.

For a complete list of dates and locations, visit ahima.org/events.

AHIMA’s Coder Academy for ICD-10-CM/PCS is a dynamic, in-person training program providing expert instruction and hands-on exposure to coding exercises and ICD-10 coding proficiency.

Register now:

- March 30–April 1
  Las Vegas, NV

- April 22–24
  Denver, CO

- May 27–29
  Columbus, OH

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Preparing Your Organization for Round Two: Tips for Surviving Privacy and Security Desk Audits

NEW HIPAA ONLINE COURSE

Unravel HIPAA with AHIMA’s new online course. HIPAA’s complexity makes it one of the most difficult regulations to understand. This new, three-part, interactive, online course series points out HIPAA’s key components, shows how the various parts of the regulation work together, and explains the regulation in easy to comprehend terms. Learn more and preview the courses.

NEW FROM AHIMA PRESS

Healthcare Code Sets, Clinical Terminologies, and Classification Systems, Third Edition

By Kathy Giannangelo, MA, RHIA, CCS, CPHIMS, FAHIMA

PRICE: $89.95
MEMBER PRICE: $74.95
PRODUCT NUMBER: AB201913
ISBN: 9781584261049

ICD-9-CM Code Book Volumes 1, 2, and 3, 2015 Edition

By Anne B. Casto, RHIA, CCS, Consulting Editor

PRICE: $110
MEMBER PRICE: $89.95
PRODUCT NUMBER: AC242014
ISBN: 9781584264385

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