

August 2015

President's Message

Greetings!! Can you believe summer is almost over? I can't believe how much time flies.

It seems like just yesterday I was planting flowers and our garden, and now I am in the heart of getting ready for winter by freezing and canning vegetables. I am pretty excited this year as I have decided break out of my normal routine and try something new. I am going to try and make homemade sauerkraut. I am nervous, but keeping my fingers crossed it works!

Speaking of breaking routine and trying something new....56 more days until the implementation of ICD-10-CM/PCS is upon us. Can you believe it? Are you ready? If you answered NO, here are just a few tips that might help you to feel more at ease:

- Brush up on your Medical Terminology, Anatomy, Physiology, and Disease Process
- Attend training sessions or CEUs regarding ICD-10-CM/PCS
- Get ICD-10-CM/PCS books or manuals to start helping you prepare
- Continue to contact your congressmen regarding the importance of ICD-10 implementation
- Start educating your providers on ICD-10-CM/PCS, especially in documentation best practices
- Start dual coding

Remember...time flies and October 1st will be here before you know it. Summer is almost over, so make the most of it. Relax and enjoy the beautiful weather before it's gone!!

Sincerely,



NHIMA President

NHIMA Delegates Attend Leadership Symposium

Each July, AHIMA holds a Leadership Symposium in Chicago to share ideas and also gain valuable input regarding what is happening with the HIM profession. This year's theme for AHIMA is "Realizing Our Vision: HIM Without Walls". Six members of NHIMA were represented at the symposium. The agenda was packed full of valuable information that we hope to bring back and share with our NHIMA members. Topics included:

- AHIMA Strategy: Looking forward to 2017
- HIM: A Blueprint for the Public Good
- Promoting Patient Advocacy
- Information Governance
- ICD-10-CM/PCS
- CSA Functions and Opportunities

This August the NHIMA Board will be taking this valuable information and creating our own Strategic Plan. To help us realize our strategic plan, we are still looking for volunteers. If you are interested in helping to serve on a committee or are interested in one of the topics listed above, please contact me at Dirkschneider@Clarksoncollege.edu.

Board members attending Symposium (top to bottom): Jen Anderson, Carla Dirkschneider, Michelle Shimmel, Marilyn Blunck, Dawn Goodsell & Chris Lee



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Dates to Remember : April 13-15, 2016 - NHIMA Annual Convention, Younes Conference Center, Kearney, NE