

News & Views



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April NHIMA Convention Update

We have created a page on our website (www.nhima.org) dedicated to our 1st Annual Convention. Please check it out periodically as we will continue to update as the agenda and convention activities are finalized.

NHIMA Election

If you are interested in running for NHIMA President-elect, Secretary, Director or serving on the Nominating Committee, please contact Sue Hamilton, Nominating Committee chair, at 308-696-7570 or hamiltons@mail.gprmc.com.

Hurry – time is running out!

Member News

NHIMA would like to extend our congratulations to **Christine Lee, RHIA** of North Platte, NE. Christine was awarded the AHIMA Foundation Graduate Merit Scholarship for \$2500 in December 2009. Christine is pursuing her Masters of Healthcare Administration at Clarkson College, in Omaha, NE. We applaud your hard work and wish you continued success as you complete your degree!

"The Physician Quality Reporting Initiative: Secrets to Success" in the January/February issue of Family Practice Management was authored by NHIMA's **Sally Roland**. Click [here](#) to read the article.

RHIT and RHIA Exam Development Committee

AHIMA is currently recruiting for the RHIT Exam Development Committee and the RHIA Exam Development Committee. Volunteers must be able to attend the in-person meeting in our Chicago office (February 18-19 for RHIA and March 4-5 for RHIT). All meeting-related expenses will be paid. Volunteers must also be able to participate in several conference calls throughout the year, and are required to sign a confidentiality agreement and a conflict of interest form. Interested candidates can send their resumes to lisa.chernikoff@ahima.org and contact her regarding any questions. The deadline for RHIA candidates is 2/1/10.

Have you Been RAC'd?

The NHIMA coding roundtable met in Omaha on Tuesday January 26th to review and discuss the AHIMA webinar titled Auditing your RAC results; what it means for your organization. The session provided attendees with information on what RAC is, what RAC does, and how to manage RAC audits and appeals in various settings. The importance of partnerships in HIM, Case management, UR and compliance were discussed. The rather lively audio session provided attendees with a few giggles while introducing process changes that facilities have adopted during the recent RAC demonstration project. The group shared facts and ideas that could be used to further educate co-workers in their own facilities. In addition to the benefit of networking with some great minds and friendly HIM professionals those in attendance received 2 free CEU credits.

The Webinar is available for check out to AHIMA members throughout Nebraska to be used to share RAC information. We are looking for sites to host this same session throughout the state. If someone in your facility is interested in hosting a session, please contact Michelle Ilsley at milsley@nebraskamed.com to check out the webinar and obtain a resource packet. The packet includes the webinar, slide packet, discussion questions and a pre and post test. The only equipment needed to host a session is a computer with a projector and speakers, and a room large enough to accommodate attendees. The host would be asked to lead discussion based on the resources provided. Please consider hosting this enjoyable and informative roundtable session in your area!

Helpful Link: HDI Posted 560 RAC DRG Validation issues plus several outpatient issues in December. Click [here](#).

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Dates to Remember:

April 21-22-23, 2010 – NHIMA Annual Convention in Kearney