

# News & Views



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Greetings NHIMA Members!

The NHIMA Board has officially started off our year with a very energizing meeting to revise our strategic plan. So many great ideas and thoughts were discussed! At the end of the day we felt that we emerged with a great document to assist the members with education, advocacy, networking, and professional growth.

The Board has added some goals for the NHIMA committees to work on in the coming year to help our members. The professional promotions team will be encouraging students as potential members, as well as encouraging existing members to move into the ACE role (Action Community for Excellence) by going through the application process with AHIMA and volunteering to speak on topics of expertise. By spotlighting a member in a "Networking Nook" in the News and Views, we hope to help the member feel more connected to other members. NHIMA is planning to again offer I-10 related topics via webinars through the coding roundtable. In addition, the roundtable will be partnering with the Nebraska Hospital Association to sponsor an ICD-10 coder training session closer to implementation time. The Advocacy Committee will continue to monitor any legislative issues and share information on any changes. And of course the Convention Committee will once again offer a great variety of educational and informative sessions at the yearly convention in Kearney. It seems to get better every year, and this year promises to uphold this tradition!

NHIMA Board Delegates will be traveling to Chicago the first week of October for House of Delegates and the AHIMA national convention. At the national level, the structure of the House Leadership team with the Envisioning Collaborative team will be discussed, as well as a thorough review of the latest environmental scan, and further discussion on a resolution vs. a best practice for the "Advocating for Complete Documentation and Adherence to Official Coding Guidelines" document. There will be no parliamentary or on-site formal voting during this year's session, to allow for more delegate engagement in strategic discussions and collaboration related to governing and advancing in the profession. Please watch for an update from the House meeting and convention in the November News and Views.

NHIMA President



## The Future of HIM Needs You

Today's HIM professionals play an important role in bridging the gap for the next generation of HIM professionals. Professional practice experience (PPE) is a way to strengthen the academic experience for students. Every year HIM students begin the search for a field-based PPE. This typically involves the student being assigned to a site for a set period of time in order to blend theory (what was learned in the classroom) with practice (real world application).

To assist students, the AHIMA House of Delegates on Higher Education (HOD HE) has developed a comprehensive guide for students, programs, and affiliation sites that outline the process for HIM students to have meaningful exposure to the HIM practice environment. In addition to the new PPE Guide, the HOD HE is trying to streamline the process for the academic institutions by creating a PPE site manager database to be shared with only CAHIIM accredited schools.

By becoming a PPE site manager, we can ensure HIM students receive a thorough orientation to their new profession, and that our HIM workforce grows smarter, more informed, and better prepared to deal with the emerging issues of HIM practice.

**Did you know??** Being a PPE site manager is a great way for AHIMA credential professionals to add to their annual CEU requirement while fulfilling a fundamental obligation of the profession. AHIMA-credentialed professionals that provide direct supervision (substantive oversight and involvement) of students are eligible for 5 continuing education units (CEUs) per year or 10 CEUs per two-year cycle by participating in the PPE experience. In addition, other AHIMA-credentialed professionals assigned as mentors from the same site are eligible for 1 CEU for every 60 minutes of direct contact with a maximum of 5 CEUs (five hours of contact) per student, and a maximum of 10 CEUs allowed in each recertification cycle.



To become a PPE site manager; [click here](#) to sign up today.



**NHIMA Contact Information:**  
**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 Opportunities**

Topic	Date/Time	CSA	Link
Anatomy and Physiology Refresher for ICD-10-CM/PCS Audio Conference Series	8 Topics currently available as recordings – 4 coming up live.	PHIMA - Pennsylvania	<a href="http://phima.org/APAudioSeries.htm">http://phima.org/APAudioSeries.htm</a>
<b>Mamma Mia! ICD-10 OB Coding Principles</b>	<b>On Demand</b>	<b>NHIMA</b>	<a href="http://knowledgeconnex.com/NHIMA/mamma/register.html">http://knowledgeconnex.com/NHIMA/mamma/register.html</a>
2012 Wound Care Coding: CPT Updates, Documentation Requirements, and Billing Rules	On Demand	GHIMA - Georgia	<a href="http://ghima.org/hccondition44.htm">http://ghima.org/hccondition44.htm</a>
Condition Code 44: Best Practices for a Compliant Process	On Demand	GHIMA - Georgia	<a href="http://ghima.org/hccondition44.htm">http://ghima.org/hccondition44.htm</a>
12 series program on ICD-10-PCS Root Operations	Begins June and concludes in May 2013	PHIMA - Pennsylvania	<a href="http://www.phima.org/RootOperationsAudioSeries.htm">http://www.phima.org/RootOperationsAudioSeries.htm</a>
IT Lingo 101: Getting to the Table	November 28, 2012	PHIMA – Pennsylvania	<a href="http://phima.org/Register112812.asp">http://phima.org/Register112812.asp</a>



**NHIMA Delegates in Chicago**

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