News & Views

Nebraska Health Information Management Association

September 2016

President's Message

September brings the Husker Season for Football and Volleyball as well as fall. Along with this wonder time of the year comes the crazy thunderstorms, strong winds, and roller coaster weather. Welcome to the Midwest right? Living in the Midwest, I used to feel out of the loop with the changes that were going on. Not anymore. Now that I am on the board, I see how important it is that we have representatives staying on top of health care issues and changes. We, as a board, are board are going to try and keep you up to date with new arising issues and trends as they arise.

The board worked on the 2016 NHIMA Strategic Plan at our August meeting. You are probably wondering how we go about determining what should be in the plan to begin with. Well, the plan basically is to decide what focus we would like to see each of the committee's tackle for the year. We addressed all of the committees and will finalize the plan in September at our next board meeting.

- Advocacy Committee will be working on a survey which you will see in this News & Views. Please take
 the time to answer this short survey. Your input is very important to us.
- Convention 2017 Committee is working hard on getting speakers for the April convention. If you are interested in presenting, please let the committee know.
- Professional Promotions will be attending a career fair in October. This career fair will be in Kearney and their mission is to promote the profession of HIM as well as NHIMA. They are also doing a wonderful job keeping the Facebook page going. Our student representative, Mike White, is doing an outstanding job with weekly posts. If you are not part of the NHIMA Facebook community, then please take the time to join.
- Coding Roundtable is in the final stages of getting a webinar up and running. More information will be coming. If you have time, take a trip to the AHIMA website and go under the Nebraska Engage Communities. Mary Meysenburg has been posting a great deal of insider coding information for you to read. Keep watching, for I am sure, there will be more to come.

The theme for this year nationally is promoting awareness of HIM and what we do. I challenge all those that have a Facebook page to go out and post a message on the importance of HIM. If every member posted a message on their Facebook page, imagine the thousands of people who would understand for the first time just what it is that we do. We are the ones who promote privacy, security and integrity of their health information. Keep spreading the word.

Yours truly,

Dawn Goodsell, RHIA

President NHIMA 2016-2017

NHIMA Privacy Guide Survey

The NHIMA Board of Directors and the Advocacy Committee are investigating whether the Guide to Privacy, Retention and Disclosure of Health Information (later referred to as "Guide.") should be revised, the best format for easy access and the best way to communicate updates to members. The last full revision was completed in 2011. Many changes have occurred in laws affecting health information since then and continue to evolve at a rapid pace. The Guide is currently in PDF format available free to NHIMA members by request from the NHIMA Central office.



The survey questions also address the members preferred sources for information.

Completion of this survey (https://goo.gl/forms/CTRFkkwuuaQj240x1) will help determine if a Guide is needed by the membership and if yes, how best to present it. Thank you to taking the time to complete it. It should take no longer than 10 minutes to complete.

Please send guestions about the survey or the NHIMA Guide to Ellen Jacobs at jacobs.ellen8@gmail.com.

Leadership Symposium

HIM Awareness Campaign - Inspire Big Thinking to Launch Our Future

Now is the time to share the field of Health Information Management with others so we can further "Launch our Future!" Those comments about big thinking and the future were some of the resounding words during the CSA (Component State Association) Leadership Symposium in Chicago. At the meeting in Chicago, each CSA was challenged to make efforts to educate about the HIM field and raise awareness of HIM in our communities. Some examples of this outreach can be found through discussions at a local Chamber of Commerce, High School Career Fair, Senior Center, or Economic Development Agency or partnership. Another suggestion for those technology gurus is to have everyone search for HIM instead of those Pokémon. So, if you are interested in application development or know someone who is and wants to help promote HIM in this way, put those skills to use in promoting HIM! HIM GO!!

The field of Health Information Management has so much to offer, and our skill set is needed in the changing world of healthcare. Our diverse skills and knowledge make us a valuable asset to many areas in the healthcare field ranging from traditional roles in the HIM department to Informatics and Data Analysis.

What will you do to raise awareness of Health Information Management in YOUR community? #InspireBigThinking

~ Tina Mazuch, NHIMA Treasurer

Coding Roundtable Update

During the month of August we received our first question on an ICD-10-CM code via NHIMACoding@gmail.com!

Question: What would the ICD-10 code be for subtherapeutic Dilantin or Depakote level? The patient was seen in the emergency department with a history of a fall. She also has a seizure disorder. The patient reports she normally takes Dilantin, 100 mg in the morning, in the early afternoon and at bedtime. She did not have seizure activity, but wanted her level checked.

Answer: Injuries sustained from the fall would be coded as the first listed diagnosis on the ED encounter. Secondary diagnosis is the seizure disorder.

Based on the information provided the assumption was made that the patient was taking her medication as prescribed. There is no indication the fall was due to the seizure disorder. Add Z51.81, Encounter for therapeutic drug level monitoring; Add Z79.899, Long term use of Dilantin/Depakote.

When submitting a question to the Clinical Coding Roundtable, please include information such as encounter type, history, pre-existing conditions, significant findings, and other pertinent information in order for the committee to respond to the question.

Watch for the Roundtable's first webinar in mid-September on the NHIMA website!

The Clinical Coding Community Meeting on October 15 and October 16 will be streamed live from Baltimore. If you are unable to attend in person, this is a great opportunity to "participate" in the meeting! Registration fee for streaming both days is \$785.00. The registration fee for streaming the Saturday sessions is \$545.00 and registration fee for streaming the Sunday sessions is \$305.00.

~ Mary Meysenburg, MPA, RHIA, CCS - Chairman, NHIMA Coding Roundtable

Welcome and Congratulations!

New Members in August 2016:

- Helen Bockerman
- Walker Britsch
- Sarah Buettner
- Megan Crain
- Margaret Dyer
- Diane Ellis
- Sara Green

Karen Jenson

- Connie Lester, CCS
- Ashley Lewis
- Talisha Marion
- Samantha Pitnick
- Lisa Rien
- Khelsey Rubenthaler

New CCSs and CCS-Ps since 3/2016:

- Aisha Baerde, CCS
- Jill Belzer, CCS
- Tina Mazuch, CCS
- Jamie Meister, CCS
- Alicia Cooper, CCS-P

NHIMA Contact Information: Board Members - Committee/TF Chairs

Dates to Remember: April 5-7, 2017 - NHIMA Annual Convention, Younes Conference Center, Kearney, NE