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THIS WEEK'S TOP INDUSTRY & AHIMA NEWS

COALITION FOR ICD-10 TO HOST CAPITOL HILL BRIEFING

Next Tuesday, September 23, at 1:30 p.m. in the Rayburn House Office Building, Room B-318, the Coalition for ICD-10 will host a Capitol Hill briefing on the critical importance of the ICD-10 transition. Members of Congress and their staff will hear presentations by Sue Bowman, MJ, RHIA, CCS, FAHIMA, senior director, coding policy and compliance at AHIMA, in addition to:

- Jeffrey F. Linzer, Sr., MD, professor of pediatrics and emergency medicine, Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA
- Gail Eminhizer, CMM, CGCS, HITCM-PP, practice administrator, Digestive Health Associates of Northern Michigan, PC, Traverse City, MI, and national advisory board member of the Professional Association of Health Care Office Management
- Sandra J. Wolfskill, FHFMA, director, healthcare finance policy, revenue cycle MAP, Healthcare Financial Management Association, Chardon, OH
- John S. Hughes, MD, professor of medicine, Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, CT
- Dennis Winkler, director, technical program management and ICD-10, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Rochester Hills, MI
- Thomas Pacek, vice president of information systems and chief information officer, Inspira Health Network, Bridgeton, NJ

A recording of the briefing will be made available through E-Alert in the near future. [Learn more at the Coalition website.](#)

LEADERSHIP SKILLS A FOCUS AT AHIMA CONVENTION

Healthcare leaders will gain tools to advance their leadership skills at AHIMA's 86th Convention & Exhibit, September 27-October 2 in San Diego, CA. Monday, September 29, the Professional Practice Roundtable, "Achieving Work-Life Balance," will provide tips to help drive employee engagement, achieve better time management, stress less, and manage change. The General Session Panel, "Leading the Way: Creating Common Ground through Health Intelligence," on Tuesday, September 30, will provide a glimpse of the future of HIM and how it will build on current skills sets and relationships with related disciplines. A variety of leadership topics will also be addressed in educational tracks on Tuesday, September 30 and Wednesday, October 1.

[Browse the Convention schedule](#) or [register](#) at the AHIMA website.



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NEW AHIMA TOOLKIT SUPPORTS DATA ANALYTICS

AHIMA has released an updated *Health Data Analysis* Toolkit. Free to members, the toolkit provides resources for healthcare professionals performing data analysis tasks, including trending data, quality measures, or working with financial data. Included is a glossary of terms, annotated bibliography, and five appendices: a sample data dictionary, report and request form, data definitions, meaningful use information, and clinical quality measures. [Download the toolkit with your member log-in.](#)

AN ANALYSIS OF HIE'S EVOLVING OPERATIONAL MODELS

With health information exchange (HIE) still an embryonic domain, with a swirling array of various public, private, and robust electronic health record models, the upcoming October issue of the *Journal of AHIMA* features analysis by a subgroup of AHIMA's Health Information Exchange Practice Council of the current state of HIOs and their operational models. Get a preview of the October issue. [Read "Tracking HIE's Ever Evolving Operational Models."](#)

In addition, read ["Roles for HIM Professionals in HIOs"](#) from the August issue of the *Journal*, for a look at how HIM professionals are working in HIE organizations (HIOs).

SYMPATHY FOR DOCTORS STRUGGLING WITH 'CLUNKY' EHRs

The American Medical Association has released a new "framework for electronic health record (EHR) usability"—eight capabilities it wants to see in future technology, including better physician-patient engagement; better support for medical decision making, and automated mechanisms for post-implementation user feedback. The group plans to use the list as a framework for working with vendors, policymakers, and others.

AHIMA CEO Lynne Thomas Gordon, MBA, RHIA, FACHE, CAE, FAHIMA, told the *Wall Street Journal* EHRs are undoubtedly still going through growing pains, comparing them to early cell phones. "Remember... how big and clunky they were? We are in the clunky phase with EMRs."

Access the [framework](#), or [read the Wall Street Journal article](#) (subscription required).

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AHIMA members are encouraged to [call](#) or [write](#) your members of Congress and let them know you support the Department of Health and Human Services' announcement of the October 1, 2015, compliance date to transition to ICD-10, and oppose any future efforts to delay the codes sets legislatively.



DOWNLOAD THE CONVENTION APP – YOU MAY WIN A GIFT CARD



Registered Convention attendees who download the [Convention app](#) before September 26 will be entered to win a gift card. After download, enter the e-mail address you used to register for Convention and password AHIMA14 to complete setup. Find full [instructions](#) at our website under "Convention App."

And during Convention, be sure to stop by the **Appy Hour event, Monday, September 29, 3-4 p.m.**, in the AHIMA Booth. If you have an AHIMA app on your device or download one during the event, you will be entered to win a new iPad Mini.

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View a list of [all events](#), including **Peer Reviewer Training, Monday, September 29, 2-4 p.m.**, on gaining career-building experience on the Foundation's scholarly journals, and **I Want to Teach—Next Steps for HIM Professionals, Tuesday, September 30, 3-4 p.m.**, for anyone considering a career in HIM education.



FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN VOLUNTEER WITH AHIMA



If you are attending AHIMA's Annual Convention and Exhibit in San Diego, CA, join us for the **Volunteer Opportunity Session, Tuesday, September 30, from 3:15-4:15 p.m.** Get an introduction to the appointed and elected opportunities available at the national level, submit a nomination form, meet current and former Board members, and more.



HELP SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT BLUE BUTTON

Through October 6, AHIMA is participating in an Office of the National Coordinator campaign to raise



the public's awareness of the [Blue Button Initiative](#). You can help spread the word by sharing a series of public service announcement videos about Blue Button, available at myPHR.com.

STUDENTS, YOUR APPLICATION IS DUE SOON



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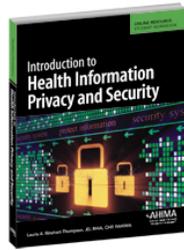
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[Keeping Compliant: HIPAA, the Omnibus Rule, and Data Privacy, Confidentiality, and Security](#)

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[Introduction to Health](#)

improvement, compliance risks, ICD-10 readiness, electronic health records, and more. Don't miss this important event—register today.



[Information Privacy and Security](#)

Upcoming Exam Prep Workshops

[Certified Health Data Analyst \(CHDA\) Exam Prep Workshop](#)

September 27-28

San Diego, CA

In conjunction with the [AHIMA Convention & Exhibit](#)

[Certified in Healthcare Privacy and Security \(CHPS\) Exam Prep Workshop](#)

December 1-3

Las Vegas, NV

By Laurie A. Rinehart-Thompson, JD, RHIA, CHP, FAHIMA

This text provides an overview of health information privacy and security, outlining the requirements of the HIPAA Privacy and Security Rules, as well as other laws and organizations that regulate health information. It outlines the basic concepts related to HIPAA, and it introduces themes such as threat identification, data security mechanisms, and business continuity.

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