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THIS WEEK'S TOP INDUSTRY & AHIMA NEWS

TRACING THE CAUSES OF MEDICAL IDENTITY THEFT

Fortune reports a "surge" in medical identify theft, tracing it to "a decentralized US health system, increasing digitization of records, and demand in the black market."

Electronic health records are attractive to criminals, says *Fortune*, because in addition to health information, they include names, addresses, social security numbers, credit and debit card information, as well as information on physical characteristics that can be used in a variety of fraudulent activities. Fragmentation in healthcare is also cited as creating opportunity for theft.

The article suggests consumers monitor for fraud by watching their Explanation of Benefits from insurance companies and watching out for calls or credit report alerts from debt collectors.

[Read the article at the *Fortune* website.](#)

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WITH ICD-10 COMING, CAC GROWTH PREDICTED

HIMSS Analytics' 2014 "Essentials of the U.S. Hospital IT Market" report says that computer-assisted coding (CAC) tools have the highest growth potential out of 25 support service applications, writes *FierceHealthIT*. CAC tools will become "increasingly important" as hospitals get ready for the October 1, 2015 transition to ICD-10. The report found that less than 20 percent of hospitals have installed CAC applications, with the market "ripe" for vendors.

[Read the *FierceHealthIT* article.](#)

STUDY: PATIENTS EAGER TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK ON EHR MEDICATION LIST

A recent study finds that patients given access to their medication lists in their electronic health records (EHRs) were eager to give physicians feedback, which helped prevent harmful interactions. Researchers from the University of Chicago, Geisinger Health System, and the University of Massachusetts—Amherst set out to determine if patients can improve the accuracy of their medical records if effectively engaged using a networked personal health



On **October 30**, join AHIMA's [#ICD10Matters Twitter rally](#). Any time between noon and 2 p.m. CT, tweet at Congressional leadership and your [members of Congress](#) using the hashtag [#ICD10Matters](#).

In the meantime, [call](#) or [write](#) Congress and let them know you support the October 1, 2015, compliance date.

EVENTS ON THE 'ROAD TO 10'

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services is offering [free live, regional events](#) to help physicians, clinicians, healthcare professionals, office managers, billing managers, and coders—particularly those working in smaller offices and rural areas—plan and prepare for the October 2015 transition to ICD-10.

AHIMA supports these events and invites you to [view the schedule for your part of the country](#) and share it with the small physician groups in your area. *Note: AHIMA-certified professionals who*

record, and if patient feedback can improve the accuracy of their health record. The study was published in *Generating Evidence & Method to improve patient outcomes (eGEMS)*.

[Read more at the Journal of AHIMA website](#), or access the [study](#).

NEW CAREER PREP WORKBOOK AIMS TO SIMPLIFY THE JOB HUNT

A new Career Prep Workbook from AHIMA is now available to members. The workbook walks job-seekers through the steps of preparing for and launching a job search, including building a resume, writing a cover letter, and making contacts. Job seekers are taken through the process from the start: Mapping out your career, preparing to go after the perfect job, beginning the search, and finally, accepting the job you deserve.

[Access the free workbook](#). (After download, be sure to save the file to your computer before beginning your work.)

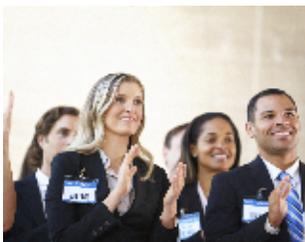
AHIMA FOUNDATION DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT APPOINTED TO HIT POLICY COMMITTEE

Michelle Dougherty, MA, RHIA, the AHIMA Foundation's senior director of research and development, has been invited to serve on a Health IT Policy Committee federal advisory committee, the Workgroup on Health IT Implementation, Usability and Safety. This is one of six subcommittees that make recommendations to the Health IT Policy Committee; the workgroup will provide input and make recommendations on policy issues and opportunities for improving how health IT is designed, certified, implemented, and used to minimize safety risks and leverage data to support improvements in patient care and health outcomes.

[Learn more about the workgroup](#). The [meetings and meeting materials](#) are open to the public.

GET INVOLVED

SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT FOR NEXT YEAR'S ANNUAL CONVENTION



Submissions are being accepted now for AHIMA's 87th Convention & Exhibit, September 26–30, 2015, in New Orleans, LA, including the Clinical Coding Meeting, educational tracks and panels, pre-convention tutorials, or poster showcase. [Learn more and submit your abstract](#) by December 1.

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attend are eligible to self-report attendance for one CEU.



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The **International Hospital Federation (IHF)** will hold its 39th World Hospital Congress October 6-8, 2015, in Chicago, IL, hosted by the American College of Healthcare Executives and the American Hospital Association.

To be considered to present at the event, submit your abstract by December 1.

[Learn more](#).



[Call](#) or [write](#) your members of Congress and let them know you support the October 1, 2015, compliance date for the transition to ICD-10, and oppose any future efforts to delay the codes sets legislatively. And don't forget to Tweet at Congress during the [#ICD10Matters Twitter rally](#), next Thursday, October 30 between noon and 2 p.m. CT.

NEW JOBS ON CAREER ASSIST: JOB BANK

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Log on to your next job opportunity during AHIMA's free online Career Assist Virtual Career Fair, back by popular demand, December 4, 1-4 p.m. ET. Connect with employers looking for candidates and even participate in on-the-spot interviews. [Register for free.](#)

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Are you a recent graduate interested in getting more involved with AHIMA? Apply for the New Graduate Leadership Council. You'll help AHIMA develop new tools and resources geared toward new graduate members and improve engagement among this group. [Applications](#) are due October 31.



PARTICIPATE IN A STUDY ON ICD-10'S STRATEGIC VALUE



The AHIMA Foundation is seeking members with dual-coded data to participate in a [research study](#) on the strategic value of ICD-10. Your participation supports evidence-based research that can assist decision-making by healthcare provider organizations in understanding the value of ICD-10 data. Interested in participating? E-mail michelle.dougherty@ahimafoundation.org.

EDUCATION & NETWORKING

CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

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[Healthcare Code](#)



Experience the **AHIMA Academy for ICD-10**, a dynamic training program that teaches proficiency in the ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS coding systems and prepare to train other coding professionals in these systems.

Upcoming Academies:

(CM only)
[November 17-18](#)
[Chicago, IL](#)

(CM/PCS)
[November 17-19](#)
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New! Advanced ICD-10-PCS Skills Workshops

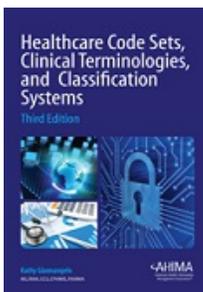
Take your skills and competency to the next level. These three-day, hands-on training workshops are designed for individuals who have had basic ICD-10-PCS education, allowing attendees to enhance and refine their abilities. Workshops are instructor-led, using complex cases commonly encountered in an inpatient setting.

2014 Dates and Locations:

[November 12-14](#)
[Chicago, IL](#)

December date and location, as well as 2015 dates, coming soon.

Visit our [EVENTS CALENDAR](#) for more upcoming events.



[Sets, Clinical Terminologies, and Classification Systems, Third Edition](#)

Available for pre-order

By Kathy Giannangelo, MA, RHIA, CCS, CPHIMS, FAHIMA

This book includes ICD-9-CM, ICD-10-CM/PCS, CPT, HCPCS, CDT, SNOMED CT, LOINC, and DSM-5, and even a chapter on ICD-11, providing students and practitioners in health information management and informatics with an overview of each system.

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