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THIS WEEK'S TOP INDUSTRY & AHIMA NEWS

ONC PUBLISHES 'VISION FOR BETTER HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE'

Last week, the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC) released a paper, "Health IT Enabled Quality Improvement: A Vision to Achieve Better Health and Health Care" describing ONC's "vision for advancing the use of health IT to support transformational improvement in health care quality and value." The paper looks at how to combine clinical decision support (CDS) and clinical quality measurement (CQM) tools to achieve the goal of clinical quality improvement (QI) over the next 10 years, and invites health IT stakeholders—clinicians, consumers, hospitals, public health, technology developers, payers, researchers, policymakers and many others—to join ONC in shaping the future.

[Access the paper.](#)

EHEALTH INITIATIVE CHARTS '2020 ROADMAP' FOR HEALTH IT

Last week the eHealth Initiative released its "2020 Roadmap," addressing what it calls "the slow pace of improving the care quality and achieving cost reductions" in healthcare. Described as "not a set of answers" but "a framework for discussion," the group says the Roadmap's primary objective is to "craft a multi-stakeholder solution to enable coordinated efforts by public and private sector organizations to transform care delivery through data exchange and health information technology." The 2020 Roadmap focuses on:

- Interoperability
- Clinical Motivators and Incentives
- Data Access and Use

The paper emphasizes that it is a broader plan than the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology's "10 year interoperability roadmap," in development now and due out in January, but says the documents will overlap and both groups will work together in 2015.

[Access the roadmap.](#)

IOM CALLS FOR MORE SOCIAL, BEHAVIORAL DATA IN EHRS

A new report by the Institute of Medicine (IOM) recommends the addition of social and behavioral health domains to electronic health record (EHR) workflows. The report says capturing this information would improve healthcare delivery as well as research. It advocates for capturing information



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such as patients' census data in order to estimate income, financial strain, physical activity, and stress, as well as educational status, symptoms of depression, domestic violence, social connection, and sense of isolation. The recommendations will go to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology for consideration in the development of Stage 3 Meaningful Use requirements.

[Read the report.](#)

NEW YORK TIMES EXPLORES PATIENTS' MEDICAL RECORDS HEADACHES

An analysis piece in *The New York Times* describes one patient's experience with obtaining his own medical record from a hospital. "He wanted a copy because he enjoys adventurous travel and he needed a record of the surgery in case of injury...Hospitals are computerized, and patients have a right to their own records, so I assumed getting the chart would be easy," the author writes. What follows is the description of six weeks of mailed requests, phone calls, consent forms, and \$100 in photocopying fees.

The article discusses ways that providers are seen as distorting the intent of HIPAA, as well as what an American Hospital Association official describes as difficulties caused by the healthcare system having "one foot in the paper world and the other in the electronic world."

[Read the article.](#)

HAWAII AND WEST VIRGINIA TAKE TO ENGAGE FOR THE WIN

Congratulations to the Hawaii Health Information Management Association, winner of the Engage Joinboree, a contest that challenged component state associations (CSAs) to increase the percentage of their members using their [CSA's Engage community](#) October 1-November 15.

In addition, congratulations also go to the West Virginia Health Information Management Association, winner of the Engage Post-A-Thon. This contest challenged CSA members to increase the percentage of unique discussions and library items they posted to their [CSA's Engage community](#) October 1-November 15.

Both winners will receive a \$150 American Express gift card.

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Join us online December 2, noon-1 p.m. CT for the HIM Careers Twitter Panel. Follow hashtag #HIMCareers on [Twitter](#) and get advice from a recruiter, an AHIMA mentor, AHIMA staff, and others on how to kick-start your HIM career. Don't miss this discussion—especially those attending [AHIMA's Virtual Career Fair](#) on December 4 (more information below).



"Post HITECH: The Landscape of Health Information Exchange," a report from the eHealth Initiative, notes that, while federal funding and grants for state-run **health information exchanges (HIEs)** is coming to an end, a number of HIEs have increased the number of services they are providing and are operating successfully, according to an eHI survey of 106 HIEs. [Read more at the Journal of AHIMA website.](#)



Visit AHIMA's [Engage](#) online communities in November; it could be worth your while. Use the Engage site's networking, sharing, and discussion features enough and you might earn a chance to win a \$75 prize. Throughout the month of November, AHIMA is charting the most active users on the site. The top five will each receive a \$75 discount off any AHIMA product in the AHIMA online store. Visit [engage.ahima.org](#) to start talking.

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DON'T MISS AHIMA'S VIRTUAL CAREER FAIR - DECEMBER 4



You are two weeks away from what could be the next level in your career. [Register](#) for AHIMA's Career Assist Virtual Career Fair on December 4, 1-4 p.m. ET. Companies you'll find at the online fair include Texas Health Resources, Baptist Health South Florida, Logix Healthcare Search Partners, Health Information Associates, Daymarck by The Corridor Group, and HRS Coding. Registration is free.

Don't forget, Engage has a mobile app. Download it from [iTunes](#) or the [Google Play](#) store, or scan the QR code below.



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You don't have to be a world leader or a billionaire to give back. #AHIMAGivingTuesday, December 2, is the perfect time for the HIM profession to come together to say "thank you." On December 2, make [a donation to the AHIMA Foundation](#) to thank a member, mentor, educator, or leader for making a difference.

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

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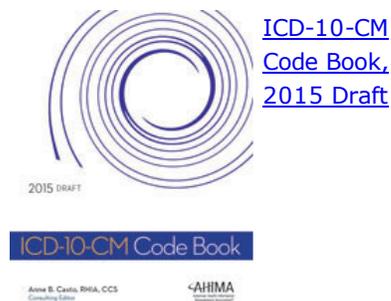
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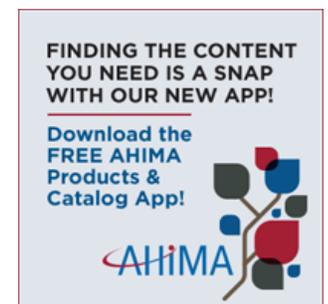
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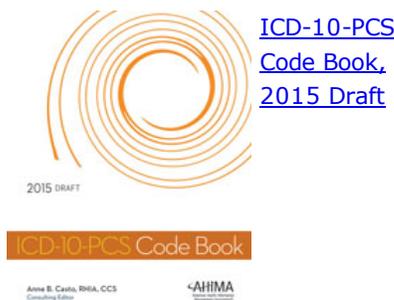
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