



MHIMA Uplink

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Welcome to April 2011 Uplink

Welcome to the April 2011 issue of our MHIMA member and corporate partner e-newsletter, *Uplink*.



Remember, we are always looking for authors of articles of interest to our broad MHIMA membership: about 500 words, worth **two (2)** CE credits for your original work. Contact [MHIMA Executive Director](#).

Current and past issues of our e-newsletter are always available under the UPLINK E-NEWSLETTERS button on our MHIMA website.

Keep your AHIMA Profile Current

When is the last time you reviewed the information in your AHIMA profile? Have you changed positions? Have a new email address? Have you recently moved? These are just a few of the data elements in your AHIMA profile, and MHIMA uses this information on a regular basis.

The AHIMA member profile was recently updated and has a bit of a new look. Take a minute or two right now, visit the [AHIMA Website](#), log in with your 7-digit AHIMA member number and your last name (capitalize the first letter!), and click on "My Profile/Dues Renewal." Review all of the sections and update the information as appropriate.

In the section for **Component State Association (CSA) Selections**, may we ask that you check "YES" to select E-mails about products and services and

If you would like to unsubscribe to our newsletter, please contact [Executive Director](#).

MHIMA Vision & Mission

Vision: The Minnesota Health Information Management Association, together with AHIMA, will set the standard and be the recognized leader in health information management practices, technology, education, research, and advocacy.



Mission: MHIMA is committed to the professional development of its members through education, networking, and life-long learning. These commitments promote high quality health information and benefit the public, health care providers, and other clinical data users.

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President's Message

Sue Jensen, RHIT MHIMA President



Sue Jensen, RHIT

In less than one month, MHIMA is holding its 2011 Annual Meeting at Treasure Island Casino, near Red Wing. The MHIMA Board members and Annual Committee Co-Chairs are thrilled to invite you to attend this meeting. We are looking forward to seeing all of you there.

So, "Are you ready for the question?" Looking forward to our Annual Business Meeting on Thursday, April 28th, at 11:15 am, this will be a phrase that will be heard throughout that meeting. I admit, it's a new phrase for me!

On March 18th, the MHIMA Board gathered for a day of business discussion, education, committee updates, and networking. During our meeting, we received training regarding Parliamentary procedures and Robert's Rules of Order. It was an excellent presentation and truly put into perspective how utilizing and applying Robert's Rules can assist everyone who leads meetings to keep them "on track and organized." I am

looking forward to utilizing this training at our annual business meeting. We will post some meeting procedure tips and our business meeting agenda on our website, under the Members Only page, prior to the meeting. MHIMA will also have a Parliamentarian present at our business meeting to assist us with meeting procedure, so feel free to ask for clarification at the meeting if you have any

Postal Mailings. CSA stands for the state that you want to be associated with as an AHIMA member. MHIMA uses email and occasionally land mail as our primary means of communication, and if you check "NO" in the email or postal mail boxes, you won't receive either type of communication from us. Thank you!

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AHIMA 2011 Ballot

The AHIMA 2011 ballot has been confirmed. The AHIMA nominating committee met in February to prepare the ballot for the Association leadership and CCHIIM commissioners positions in 2012. The nominating committee increased the number of candidates on the ballot in compliance with the AHIMA bylaws and nominating committee procedures.

The May *Journal* of AHIMA will have the candidate's brief bio, job description and photo. The AHIMA Candidate CoP allows members to interact with the ballot candidates and the CoP will include a more detailed profile of the candidates, and their position statement. The Candidate CoP will be open April 18 at 9 a.m. to April 29, 5 p.m. (CDT).

questions.

The following week, Gina Sanvik, Cathy French, and I attended AHIMA's Winter Team Talks in Washington, DC. We received information regarding the six (6) Practice Councils and the work that has been accomplished by all Councils this year. We also discussed the HIM Professional Model and the key 2011 Initiatives. At the end of the day, we spent time with the AHIMA Legislative staff receiving instructions regarding Capital Hill Day on Tuesday. After a warm and hearty breakfast on Tuesday, the three of us, along with 170+ members of AHIMA, converged on the Capitol. We had a great time meeting with the Legislative staff members and discussing the needs of HIM professionals. If you are interesting in reviewing this information, please log onto the "State Leaders" Communities of Practice (CoP) and look for Winter Team Talks and Capital Hill. There are multiple attachments for you to review.



Sue, Don Asmonga (AHIMA), Cathy and Gina

Finally - Will you make a difference in the life of a HIM student? This last month I have shared with several HIM students my HIM story and if you look on the AHIMA CoP, it would appear this is a popular assignment this time of year. There are many students looking for a HIM professional to share their story. I challenge all professionals to share their HIM story with our students. It is a great opportunity to get to know our up and coming members and meet new friends.

Hoping to see you at Treasure Island!
Sue

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2011 MHIMA Annual Meeting

"Health Information: Innovation and Quality in a Time of Health Care Reform." We are just a few short weeks away from our 2011 Annual Meeting April 27-29, 2011, at Treasure Island Resort & Casino Convention Center near Red Wing. TI's Convention Center is brand new, and totally smoke free, as is their new tower hotel suite. The convention center and hotel rooms all have complimentary wireless internet as well. Your 2011 Annual Meeting planning team, led by Karen Teufer and Christina Wallner, welcome you to this year's meeting.



Early registration remains open through April 10th. Check out our Annual Meeting page from

The polls will open May 2, 2011 at 12:00 am CST and close on May 20, 2011 at 11:56 pm CST. Members will be able to cast their vote via the myAHIMA web page. All active members will be eligible to vote.

LaVonne Wieland, RHIA, CHP, a MHIMA member, is on this year's ballot for Commissioner for the Commission on Certification for Health Informatics and Information Management (CCHIIM). MHIMA congratulates LaVonne on this nomination!

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Staying Up To Date with MN e-Health

If you aren't receiving the weekly electronic MN e-Health Update newsletter, consider signing up for it. This will keep you up to date on issues related to e-Health, including HITECH, Meaningful Use, Privacy & Security and others, as well as provide links to e-Health resources available for your use. To subscribe, click [here](#).

Recently, the Glossary of E-Health Terms was announced. To download and print the printer friendly version document, click [here](#)

our [website](#), where you can find the Program of Events overview, a detailed Program Description, hotel accommodation information, and travel directions. Save money and register today!

Join us on Wednesday evening for some Cosmic Bowling, or just socializing and cheering on the bowlers, in Treasure Island's Xtreme Island Bowl. Great fun and an opportunity to network!

Thursday's events include our annual business meeting at 11:15 am. We'll recognize our 2011 MHIMA Scholarship recipients as well as our 2011 Distinguished Member, Diane Larson, and ratify the election of our new officers and board member at this meeting.

Do you have .JPG photos of MHIMA events of this past year? Would you like to share them with our annual meeting attendees in a continuous PowerPoint at various spots in our meeting? Email them to [MHIMA's Executive Director](#) for inclusion in the photo presentation.

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2011 MHIMA Election Results

Steph Luthi-Terry, MHIMA Nominating Committee Chair

The 2011 MHIMA Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the results of our electronic voting for MHIMA Officers and Board Members for 2011-2012:

- **President-Elect:** Ranelle Bauer, RHIT
- **Secretary:** Katie Miller, MA, RHIA
- **Treasurer:** Kristi Lundgren, RHIA
- **Delegate Director:** Jean MacDonell, RHIA

Congratulations! These individuals will be recognized at our MHIMA annual business meeting on Thursday, April 28, 2011 at Treasure Island, when the official results of the election will be declared. They will assume office on July 1, 2011.

MHIMA had a 25.1% voter response among our active members. This was an increase over last year and we thank everyone who voted.

The MHIMA Nominating Committee also thanks the other candidates on this year's ballot: Laura Blabac (President-Elect), Stacy Carlson (Secretary), Andrea Jaeckels (Treasurer) and Ilene Estabrook and Megan O'Neill (Delegate Director).

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2011 MHIMA Distinguished Member

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MHIMA Job Bank

Are you seeking a job? Are you an employer looking for a potential employee? Is your facility looking for someone with a skill set of MHIMA members? Be sure to check out the MHIMA Job Bank Network on our website, which continues to be very popular and new positions are being posted on a regular basis. Here, you'll find information about registering as a "Job Seeker" or as an "Employer". New positions are posted frequently, so check us out often!

Job Seekers: There is no fee to register.

Employers: Job posting fees are very reasonable and reach all of our MHIMA membership. E-blasts of job announcements are also available for purchase.

[Click Here](#) to visit the MHIMA Job Bank.

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Diane M. Larson, MA,
RHIA, CHPS

The MHIMA Nominating Committee and the Board of Directors announce the recipient of our 2011 Distinguished Member: Diane M. Larson, MA, RHIA, CHPS. Diane is the Director of Health Information Management at St. Luke's in Duluth and a Past President of MHIMA. She'll be recognized at our annual business meeting on Thursday, April 28th, and we'll celebrate this honor with her at our Distinguished Member reception that evening at Treasure Island. Congratulations to you, Diane!

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2011 Annual Meeting Silent Auction



It's that time of year! MHIMA's annual meeting committee continues to seek your support for our MHIMA Student Merit Scholarship Program through your gifts to our not-so-Silent Auction. Auction items can include artwork, jewelry, accessories, gift baskets, electronics, gift certificates, craft items, and much more. Gifts can be contributed from individuals, from a group of colleagues, or from our vendor exhibitors. All proceeds benefit our MHIMA Student Merit Scholarship Fund.

This year, our Silent Auction will be open from noon on Wednesday through 6 pm on Thursday. More time to browse, more time to bid! Remember, this is a fundraiser, so bid with enthusiasm!

Let us know about your planned gift to our Silent Auction by contacting [MHIMA's Executive Director](#). Bring your gift to the Annual Meeting Registration Desk no later than Thursday morning, April 28th.

Let's make this a year's auction proceeds the largest ever!

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MHIMA's Lunch & Learn Webinars

MHIMA Coding &

Data Quality

Roundtable Tool

Kits

The MHIMA Coding & Data Quality Committee's newest PowerPoint presentation, including case study questions, is "**Neoplasms - Carcinoid Tumor**". There is an accompanying case study answer presentation. This is one of several "tool kits" developed for use by MHIMA members to support coding education and discussion in your facilities and at your regional meetings.

Is there a tool kit topic that needs to be developed? Let your needs be known. Contact [Angela Jackson](#) or [Jessica Peterson](#).

The general "Do It Yourself" PowerPoint tool kit gives you the guidelines to set up a coding roundtable.

Additional tool kits on specific topics that have been developed and are available include Interventional Radiology, E&M, Heart Failure, updated Present on Admission (POA) and Aftercare vs Follow Up.

All are available on the [Coding and Data Quality button](#) on the MHIMA website. Watch for additional toolkits as they are developed!



MHIMA's Lunch & Learn Webinar series continues for 2011. All webinars are being recorded and a DVD is available for purchase if you cannot attend the live event. Visit the MHIMA website and click on the [HIM Education button/Online Learning](#) for complete details on the "live" events as well as ordering recorded webinars.

The next webinar on our schedule is:

- May 19: **Bridging the Gap: EDI -Electronic Document Imaging**, presented by Lisa Kampa and Heidi Onsted from Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare. This webinar targets those facilities considering implementation of EDI (scanning) to their HIM workflow. Registration remains open through May 16, 2011.

All webinars are \$59 per "live" connection for MHIMA/AHIMA members, and worth one (1) CE for everyone participating at one site connection. Multiple connections at one site require separate registrations.

Archived versions are now available for \$49 for members, or a package of three for \$129.

The MHIMA webinar series is an opportunity to pick up needed information as well as earn CEUs at a very reasonable rate, and our presentations reach our members all across the state. We hope you take advantage of our webcasts!

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ICD-10 Education

MHIMA continues to provide you information about ICD-10 educational opportunities, whether they are in-person or on-line. Our annual meeting's agenda includes an "ICD-10 Academy" on Friday morning providing you with 3.0 CEUs that meet the new CEU requirements for ICD-10 education for AHIMA credential holders.



Don't forget our archived webinar series, which can provide you with lots of basic information to get you jump started. You can access any of our archived webinars from this [link](#).

We also want to bring to your attention an opportunity for some nearby AHIMA I-10 Training Academy locations:

- The Wisconsin Health Information Association (WHIMA) will co-sponsor an AHIMA ICD-10 Academy in Milwaukee on July 7-9, 2011 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. This hotel is located close to the airport in Milwaukee. WHIMA is inviting all Minnesota HIMA members to attend. For more information, click [here](#).

And a reminder about your general coding questions: You are encouraged to use AHIMA's Coding CoPs for coding related questions. There is a general coding CoP community for coders as well as several for specific coding areas. These CoPs are a great resource for submitting coding questions and participating in the discussion threads surrounding the questions of others. To participate in these CoPs, [Click Here](#).

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MHIMA Promotional Items

Check out our [MHIMA Store](#) on our website. You'll find tailored logo button-downs, cozy crews and hoodies, and a stunning sterling silver key ring, embossed with our logo, for sale. These items would make a great gift for yourself, a colleague, or to honor someone's achievement.

You can find these items at our MHIMA booth at the upcoming Annual Meeting also!

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- South Dakota will host the same Academy on August 24-26, 2011 in Sioux Falls, SD. You can find more information about this event by clicking [here](#).

Looking for some on-site I-10 education in the Fargo/Moorhead area? Minnesota State Community and Technical College is hosting an I-10 "101" class for coding professionals and other users on either April 25, 2011 from 7-9 pm or on April 30, 2011 from 8-11 am. This class is worth 2 CEUs. To download their brochure, click [here](#). You can also find information on their [website](#) and click on Upcoming Classes on the left side. (Note: Participation in this program does not imply endorsement by MHIMA.)

ICD-10 Tip of the Month:

AHIMA offers the following assessments which cover the clinical information that coding professionals will be required to know to correctly apply ICD-10-CM/PCS codes:

- ICD-10-CM Coding Assessment
- ICD-10-PCS Coding Assessment
- ICD-10-CM/PCS CDI Coding Assessment.

Descriptions of these assessments can be found on [AHIMA's web site](#). These 60-question assessments are part of AHIMA's Coding Assessment and Training Solutions (CATS) Program. Use of current codebooks or access to an encoder is required. Questions in each assessment are categorized as intermediate or advanced coding.

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MHIMA 2011 Legal Resource Manual is Coming!

Great News! The 2011 Legal Resource Manual will be available for at our annual meeting! This Manual updates the last 2009 version. It includes the laws and rules that address the majority of issues that may arise with respect to health information practice. As one member states, "This is truly a valuable resource for anyone that works with health care." It's a compilation of best practices and experience of HIM professionals and the facilities they represent in Minnesota, and again it's had legal review. All HIM Departments should have this Manual in their office for ready reference.

MHIMA thanks iod, incorporated, our corporate partner, for reproducing our 2011 Manual.

Come to the MHIMA booth at our annual meeting at Treasure Island to purchase your copy for the new price of \$150 for members, \$200 non-members, \$90 students (tax-exempt pricing). We'll have a list of the MN sales-tax exempt certificates we've received, so if you've previously purchased a 2009 manual, you won't need to provide another copy.

As soon as we have the new 2011 Manuals delivered, we'll make them available for purchase from

our website as well.

MHIMA thanks our 2011 Legal Resource Manual team led by Heidi Onsted and Chris Bushaw for their extensive work in making this updated resource available for you.

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PHR

Carolyn Gaarder

Exciting things are happening with the Personal Health Record as it is being recognized by the federal government and promoted to two of their largest populations, namely, the Medicare beneficiaries and the Veterans Administration medical patients.

I believe we can be a great resource to the Medicare beneficiaries in particular, as they are a large and diverse population. Many of these seniors are well versed in health care issues and have the desire to become more active in their own health care.

I hope that you will register and join me for a PHR session on Friday at the Annual Meeting. Part of the session will be a training for conducting PHR sessions in your local communities. Here is a wonderful volunteer activity that will truly allow you make a difference and a contribution.



Before the Annual Meeting, please check out the [myPHR website](#). Scroll down to the right hand corner and click on Blue Button Resources. On the next page, click on Medicare.gov which will take you to Medicare's Blue Button or PHR resources. Check this out.

See you later this month at Treasure Island.

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Maximum Charges for Copies of Patient Records in MN

The Minnesota Department of Health released the update to the Maximum Charges for Copies of Patient Records in March. MDH computes the maximum 2011 charges to be \$1.23 per page and \$16.24 for time spent retrieving and copying the records. The provider may charge the actual cost of reproducing x-rays. Click [here](#) to view or download a copy of this issue brief. You can also access this document from our website's Legislative Updates page.

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Minnesota Cancer Surveillance System Report

The latest report on cancer occurrence in Minnesota is now available from the Minnesota Cancer Surveillance System (MCSS). This report describes cancer incidence and cancer mortality for a 19-year period (from 1988-2006) and demonstrates real progress in reducing the burden of cancer in MN. The female breast cancer incidence rate was 13% lower in 2006 than in 2000 when it peaked. Incidence rates are also declining for colorectal and stomach cancers among both men and women, for lung and laryngeal cancers among men, and for ovarian and cervical cancers among women. Overall cancer mortality is declining significantly among both men and women in MN, primarily due to declines in colorectal, prostate and breast cancer, which together accounted for 21% of cancer deaths in MN in 2006.

The report, *Cancer in Minnesota, 1988-2006*, is available by clicking [here](#). You may also request a hard copy by contacting [Dianna Roerig](#).

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