



MHIMA Uplink

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Welcome to December 2011 Uplink

Welcome to the December 2011 issue of our MHIMA member and corporate partner e-newsletter, *Uplink*. Happy Holidays to all!



Remember, we are always looking for authors of articles of broad interest to our 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 available under the UPLINK E-NEWSLETTERS button on our MHIMA website.

Regional Fall Meetings Continue

- Region G (Metro) will meet on Thursday, December 8 at Tria Orthopaedic Center, 494/France Ave South in Edina. (This is a change in date.)

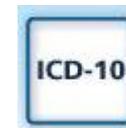
Mark your calendars. Visit the [MHIMA website Calendar](#) for detailed information. Regional meetings are open to all MHIMA members, HIM/HIT students and credentialed non-members.

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ICD-10 Tip of the Month

- **Coding**

Tip:
ICD-10 CM now includes codes specifying laterality.



- **Planning Tip:** One of the single most important

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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

Gina Sanvik, RHIA



Gina Sanvik, RHIA
AHIMA Certified ICD-10
Trainer

Happy Holidays Everyone!

What a joyous season but surely a busy one with all the holiday activities to accomplish – putting up and decorating the Christmas tree, baking Christmas cookies, wrapping presents, and decorating the yard and house. Yes, I was one of those crazy shoppers out on Black Friday trying to get good deals and a jump on buying presents! I enjoy shopping and I am thankful that my husband enjoys decorating the yard and also writing the Christmas letter because those are not my favorites.

This past year has been a busy year for MHIMA and our volunteers. In the spirit of Christmas, here are a few things from the past year to reflect on.

“C” – is for all the Collaboration we’ve had this past year. We’ve really worked together to get things accomplished.

“H” – is for Hurray – let’s celebrate for we had a fantastic MHIMA Annual Meeting held at Treasure Island Casino in April.

“R” – is for all the Regional meetings held. Great job Regions for holding successful meetings!!

“I” - is for ICD-10. The coder in me had to throw that one in there! There has been great ICD-10 education done and more to come this next year.

“S” - is for all the Success. We don’t celebrate enough all the success of our teams and ourselves.

measures of ensuring a smooth(er) and successful implementation of ICD-10 is clear, concise and consistent communication. Develop a communication strategy early and use all of your organizational communications tools to get your messages out. Consider adopting a thematic "mascot" for project recognition and engagement of your readers.

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MHIMA Promotional Items

It's that time of year to



show your MHIMA cheer and keep warm in the process. Through the end of December, we're offering a sale on our MHIMA logo navy crewneck sweatshirt and our navy button down shirt. Click [here](#) for sale details.

Then, visit our [MHIMA Store](#) on our website to order. Our MHIMA logo items would make a great gift for yourself, a colleague, or to honor someone's achievement.

"T" – is for winning the Triumph Award. We're so proud of the MHIMA Advocacy Team for this accomplishment.

"M" – is for Meetings held. This has been a year of many productive meetings. We've met together to share ideas and knowledge. From the Strategic Board Meeting, other BOD Meetings, Regional Meetings, Committees - Legal Manual, Marketing, Coding, ICD-10, Annual Meeting, e-HIM. As well as our Standing meetings of Audit, Finance, Nominating, and Scholarship.

"A" - is for Attending MHIMA Lunch and Learn Webinars. What a great way to get your CEUs. Please take a look at webinars scheduled in the coming months.

"S" – is for Save the date postcards sent out for the annual meeting April 25-27, 2012. Be sure to mark this date on your calendars.

During the next few weeks of this busy holiday season please take time to enjoy life and time with family and friends. Also take a moment to reflect on all you've accomplished this past year and celebrate those accomplishments. You deserve it!

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a joyous holiday season!!

Gina

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2012 MHIMA Annual Meeting



"Mapping the Future of HIM"
April 25-27, 2012
Bloomington, MN

It's not too early to start thinking about the 2012 MHIMA Annual Meeting! The speaker line-up includes many great local and national speakers such as Jeanne Sexson, Mitch Kusy, Dr. James Kennedy, Michelle Dougherty,

AHIMA's new CEO, Lynne Thomas Gordon, Anne Tegen and more.

The meeting will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Bloomington, MN.

Click [here](#) to view the current Program Agenda, which is nearly final.

You can book your room online now through April 7, 2012 with MHIMA's [room reservation](#) block.

Online attendee registration is now open. Click [here](#) to register securely online. Early registration closes on 4/7/12.

Visit our 2012 Annual Meeting [webpage](#) for more details.

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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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Staying Up To Date with MN e-Health

If you aren't receiving the weekly electronic MN

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MHIMA's Lunch & Learn Webinars



MHIMA's Lunch & Learn Webinars continue. You can find the complete schedule of events by clicking [here](#).

Registration remains open until December 12th for our December 15th webinar on **ICD10-CM Chapter 6: An In-Depth Look at Diseases of the Nervous System** presented by our ICD-10 Trainer, Katrina Marthaler.

Katie Miller and Meghan Judd from Hennepin County Medical Center will present two webinars in early 2012: "**Achieving Stage 1 Meaningful Use: HCMC's Story**" on January 11th, and "**Stage 2 and 3 Meaningful Use Preparation: HCMC's Story**" on February 22nd. Registration is open for both.

All webinars presented this year, and those from the past year, have been recorded and a DVD is available for purchase if you could not attend the live event. Visit the MHIMA website and click on the [HIM Education button/Online Learning](#) for complete details on signing up for live webcasts or ordering recorded webinars.

Archived versions are now available for \$49 for members, or a package of three for \$129. If you're looking for some basic information to acquaint you with ICD-10 and its impact on our coding environment, consider our archived webcasts.

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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MHIMA Call for Volunteers

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- Are you interested in getting more involved in the MHIMA community?
- Do you feel like you want to help out wherever help is needed?

We have three committees that are searching for individuals who would like to volunteer for several exciting and challenging projects. Check out the opportunities below, and contact the project leads to let them know you'd like to be involved!

Attracting Students: The group involved with Attracting Students is in need of volunteers interested in contacting and visiting schools in your area to educate students about our profession.

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](#).

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Staying Connected with MHIMA

Want to stay connected with MHIMA? Be sure your AHIMA profile information is 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.

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.

Resource materials will be provided. Please contact [Joy Schmitt](#) and/or [Chris Bushaw](#) to join.

Marketing & Communications: The Marketing & Communications Committee is in need of volunteers interested in helping to update our current website, gather or write articles for our e-newsletter, *Uplink*, and improve/create our MHIMA branding. Writing an article earns two CEUs! Please contact [Amanda Maas](#) and/or [Jon Cloutier](#) to join.

2013 Legal Manual Committee: The MN 2013 Legal Manual Committee is in need of volunteers to help with the 2013 Revision. Please contact [Andrea Heikkinen](#) and/or [Sue Schanno-Foss](#) to join. Committed members will receive a complimentary MN Legal Manual on CD when the product is published.

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2012 MHIMA Silent Auction



It's that time of year! MHIMA's annual meeting committee is seeking your support for our MHIMA Student Merit Scholarship Program through your gifts to our not-so-Silent Auction. Auction items can include artwork, jewelry, 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.

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

Now is a great time to be thinking about what you'd like to gift to our Silent Auction. Shop the after-holiday sales! 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 26th.

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

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E-Prescribing Update from AHRQ

In a report dated November, 21, 2011, an AHRQ study reports that e-prescribing is safe and efficient, but there are still barriers. The study's focus was on the electronic exchange of prescription

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

Remind your colleagues to update their profile as well. Thank you!

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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.

data between physician offices and pharmacies. According to the study, physician practices and pharmacies generally view electronic prescribing as an important tool to improve patient safety and save time, but both groups face barriers to realizing the full benefit of technology. The study found that doctors' offices and pharmacies generally were satisfied with the electronic submission of new prescriptions. E-prescribing is used more frequently for new prescriptions than for renewals. Renewals, connectivity between the doctor's office and mail-order pharmacy, and manual entry of certain prescription information by pharmacists continues to be problematic.

The study was published in the *Journal of the American Medical Informatics Association*. You can find more information about the AHRQ report by clicking [here](#)

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Meaningful Use Stage 2 and 5010 Date Changes

In an announcement on November 30, 2011, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Kathleen Sebelius unveiled changes to the Meaningful Use program timeline.

Under the changes, doctors and hospitals who meet Stage 1 requirements this year would not need to meet the Stage 2 standards until FY 2014 (October 13, 2013). Stage 2 was scheduled to begin in FY 2013 (October 1, 2012).

More information on these announcements and the official news release is available on the [HHS Website](#).

On November 17, the CMS announced a delay in enforcement of compliance with the new Version 5010 and related transaction standards for electronic health care claims until March 31, 2012. Even though enforcement has been delayed, the implementation date for health care providers and trading partners remains at January 1. CMS decided to provide a 90-day discretionary enforcement period based on testing feedback that indicated low compliance among some trading partners and reports that many covered entities are still awaiting software upgrades.

According to the American Hospital Association, the 5010 standard is a key building block for transition to the new ICD-10 coding system, set for October 1, 2013. Implementing ICD-10 on schedule requires that the transition to 5010 go smoothly. It also requires that all parties be ready.

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AHIMA Volunteer Opportunity

AHIMA's 2012 election is quickly approaching and AHIMA is encouraging members of MHIMA to consider filling out the Application to Serve to become a volunteer leader.

AHIMA is seeking qualified active members to fill the roles of AHIMA President-Elect and three Directors for the Board of Directors. Additionally, three Commissioner positions are available for The

Is there a tool kit topic that needs to be developed? Let your needs be known.

Contact [Vicki Chelf](#) or [Patti Collins Smith](#). Vicki and Patti are the 2011-2012 Coding Roundtable Co-Chairs.

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!

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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Commission on Certification for Health Informatics and Information Management (CCHIIM). CCHIIM's open positions for the 2012 election are for a Privacy Professional, HIA Educator and CCS-P Professional. Nominations for President-Elect, the Board of Directors, and CCHIIM (made through the Application to Serve) are due January 31, 2012. All positions have three-year terms beginning January 1, 2013.

Members can volunteer for an AHIMA elected position by submitting your application through the [Application to Serve web page](#) no later than January 31, 2012. Applications must be submitted online to be accepted.

Before you fill out the application, be sure to take the [Volunteer Leadership Core Competencies Self-Assessment](#), which outlines the skills and abilities required for AHIMA volunteer leadership positions. This self-assessment explains the core competencies for all volunteers and specifies additional competencies for director, commissioner, and committee chair roles. Descriptions, duties, and qualifications can be found through the Application to Serve Web page. Select "Elected Groups" to submit your application before January 31, 2012.

You are encouraged to join the many AHIMA volunteers who invest their time and reap the rewards. You can gain recognition as an association leader, help recruit new professionals, and show your commitment to our profession.

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AHIMA ICD-10 Academy Coming to MN

MHIMA is pleased to announce that Minnesota has been chosen as a site for a 2012 AHIMA Academy for ICD-10 CM/PCS! The date has been set for August 8-10, 2012. The location in Minneapolis will be confirmed by December 15th.



These are very popular events for training in ICD-10 CM/PCS and tend to fill up fast. Registration is now open. Click [here](#) for registration information.

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MHIMA 2011 Legal Resource Manual is Here!

Do you have legal HIM questions? Do you wish there were a convenient reference you could have on your desk? The 2011 MN Legal Reference Manual on CD is ready to help you and available for purchase!

The manual is a great resource for everyone in the field of HIM because it pertains to all areas of HIM. Various chapters include topics such as: health care records, record retention and storage, reporting requirements, legal proceedings and requests, disclosure of health information and patient

access, consents, behavior health records, long term care records, home care and hospice records, ambulatory care records, risk management, HIPAA, research, and medical identify theft. Feel confident in your research and decision making using MHIMA's MN Legal Reference Manual.

The co-chairs of MN Legal Reference Manual Committee are Andrea Heikkinen, RHIA and Susan Schanno-Foss, RHIT. Feel free to email questions pertaining to the legal manual or suggestions for improvements to the legal manual to both [Andrea](#) and [Susan](#).

Attention Students: MHIMA supports students of HIM and is offering a special discounted rate for students who want to purchase the legal manual.

MN Legal Reference Manual Pricing:

\$150 MHIMA/AHIMA members (tax-exempt organizations)

\$200 non-members (tax-exempt)

\$90 student members of AHIMA with MN as their designated state and enrolled in a tax exempt educational program

Individuals ordering from organizations who are not MN sales-tax exempt will be charged MN sales tax in addition to the prices listed above. Tax-exempt organizations must have a copy of their MN sales tax exemption form on file.

For more information and to order, click [here](#).

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