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Welcome to February 2011 Uplink

Welcome to the February 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.

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 four sections and update the information as appropriate.

In the section for **My Communication Preferences**, may we ask that you check "YES" under the CSA Selection box for emails and postal mail? CSA stands for "component state association" and it means the state that you want to be associated with as an

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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.

President's Message

Sue Jensen, RHIT MHIMA President



Sue Jensen, RHIT

Mentorship to Friendship

Being able to help others has always come easy to me, whether teaching in a classroom, assisting with meetings, providing training or working hands on with staff. As an adjunct professor, I believed and continue to believe that all HIM professionals have an obligation to mentor students within the HIM profession. I've had the privilege over the past several months to have a local HIM student complete an internship within my business. During this time, this student had to learn a wide variety of different HIM skills. As well, I continue to learn from her. In the past month, we've moved our office into a new location, had a change of staff, and in fact we have hired the student as our new billing clerk. Having a student involved in these processes has helped my staff and me grow personally and professionally. By working together, my staff has grown into a tight knit team learning that each person brings different experiences and knowledge to the group, and together we

achieve the common goal to provide personalized, caring service to our customers.

Through mentoring students over the past several years, I have come to meet many extraordinary people who have become good friends. As time has gone by, I've watched these students grow into outstanding HIM professionals. They have attained leadership positions throughout multiple healthcare organizations. I encourage all HIM professionals to work with their local colleges and HIM

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!

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](#).

MHIMA Legal Resource Manual

The 2009 Legal Resource Manual remains available



for purchase! This Manual is a complete update of the 2007 version and includes the laws and rules that address the majority of issues that may arise with

programs to engage the students in an internship setting, giving them the opportunity to utilize their skills and knowledge to their fullest potential.

Next, I'd like to note that with the Minnesota legislative elections done and a new legislative session underway, the next few months will prove to be a busy time for the Advocacy Committee. Already, MHIMA has received notice of several items regarding patient records in proposed legislative language. The Committee is looking for members to assist with reviewing the information and volunteer for several different projects. In addition, on January 31, 2011, it was announced that a Florida federal judge found the entire healthcare reform law void and unconstitutional. We have yet to see what changes, if any, this will bring to the HIM profession. Please contact [Cathy French](#) if you are interested in participating on this Committee.

MHIMA also continues to offer future webinars in the following areas. Webinars confirmed are:

- February 23, 2011: Clinical Documentation Improvement
- March 16, 2011: ICD-10 Planning and Preparation

Webinars in the planning stages at this time are:

- March 24, 2011: REACH Update
- March 31, 2011: HITECH/HIPAA

We have archived all past webinar presentations and they are available for purchase to utilize for education/training. You will receive 1 CEU for each of the webinars. Please contact our [Executive Director](#) if you would like to purchase one of these webinars. You can also order them directly from our website, under the [HIM Education/Online Learning](#) page.

Students: Please note the 2011 MHIMA scholarship applications are due by February 28, 2011. As well, REGISTRATION IS OPEN for the 2011 MHIMA Annual Meeting at Treasure Island Casino in Red Wing, MN, April 27-29th.

Happy Valentine's Day to everyone!

Until next month,
Sue

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2011 MHIMA Annual Meeting

"Health Information: Innovation and Quality in a Time of Health Care Reform." Plans are well underway for 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, are planning another great educational, exhibitor show and social event for you!

respect to health information practice. There are many new updates in every chapter. 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 it's had extensive legal review.

There will not be another update to the Legal Manual until 2011.

All HIM Departments should have this Manual in their office for ready reference. It's available on CD only and can be purchased from [the MHIMA Store button](#) on the MHIMA website.

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!

Registration is now open from our [website](#), where you can also find the Program of Events, hotel accommodation information, and travel directions.

Register early and plan to join us!

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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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.

2011 Annual Meeting 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.

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'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.

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.



The next webinars on our schedule are:

- February 23: Clinical Documentation Improvement presented by Patti Collins Smith and Anne Tegen
- March 16: ICD-10 Planning and Preparation, presented by Brooke Palkie

Webinars in the planning stage include:

- March 24: REACH Update presented by Dr. Paul Kleeberg
- March 31: HITECH/HIPAA presented by Dwan Thomas Flowers

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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Last Call for 2011 MHIMA Scholarships Applications

Eligible Students: You only have until February 28, 2011, to have your application received for a 2011 MHIMA Student Merit Scholarship. Students who are HIM/HIT MN residents, or AHIMA members who designate Minnesota as their chosen state for affiliation, are eligible to apply when enrolled in an in-state or out-of-state program. Applicants must have completed 50% of their program in a HIT or HIM accredited program, a graduate program related to HIM in a college or university accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency, a coding certificate program, or the AHIMA Coding Basics Interactive Campus program. In addition, applicants must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 out of 4.0 and must be AHIMA members. MN students from all program levels are eligible for scholarships, which are based on merit, not financial need.



The application deadline closes on February 28, 2011 and all application materials must be received on or before that date.

More information and application materials are available on the [MHIMA website's calendar](#) as well on the [HIM education button](#) on our website. Directors of accredited HIM/HIT programs in Minnesota

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](#).

Save-the-Date for the 2011 MHIMA Annual Meeting

"Health Information: Innovation and Quality in a Time of Health Care Reform." April 27-29, 2011 at the Treasure Island hotel and conference center near Red Wing, Minnesota. Save the date!

also have the application materials.

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MHIMA Members in the News

Diana Warner, MS, RHIA, CHPS, has been named a Fellow with AHIMA. Diana, a past president of MHIMA in 2006-07, is a manager of professional practice resources with AHIMA. Congratulations on this distinction, Diana!

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MHIMA 2011 Distinguished Member

Do you know a colleague who is deserving of being named the 2011 MHIMA Distinguished Member? Your MHIMA Nominating Committee is seeking your recommendations for an individual deserving of this recognition. The 2011 Distinguished Member will be celebrated at our 2011 Annual Meeting on Thursday, April 28, 2011.



The Distinguished Member Award is MHIMA's highest award of honor. This award celebrates and honors outstanding members of MHIMA for their loyal service to our state association and their contributions to our profession. It is awarded to an outstanding individual who has been an active member of MHIMA for five (5) years or longer and whose record of contributions to our field is truly exceptional.

Qualified nominees must be MHIMA members at the time of nomination, and have made an outstanding contribution to our profession in one or more of the following leadership areas:

- Volunteer service to our association, as an officer, director, committee chair or member, project or task force chair or member, CoP facilitator, or representative of the HIM field at governmental or state healthcare associations
- Outstanding achievement in professional practice through leadership in a specialty area or innovative approaches to methods improvement
- Leadership in education through regular presentations at HIM conferences or other educational events, respected instructor in academic HIM programs, or development of teaching strategies
- Contributions in research or published materials such as authorship, editing, or service on editorial boards for journals, books and other publications that advance the HIM profession

Submit names of nominees by February 15, 2011, to [Steph Luthi-Terry](#), chair of the 2011 Nominating Committee. [Click Here](#) to view the criteria and a list of prior Distinguished Members.

[Click Here](#) to download the nomination form.

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.

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Pearson VUE and AHIMA Certification Exams

Beginning January 2011, all AHIMA certification exams will now be delivered at Pearson VUE Professional Testing Centers. (Previously, Prometric administered these exams.) Pearson VUE has a worldwide test center network, and they will provide a more convenient and efficient experience for taking your exam. They have more than 200 locations in the USA along with a state-of-the-art computer based testing experience. Their flexible cancellation and rescheduling policies will be appreciated by candidates. You can find more information by visiting [AHIMA's Certification home page](#), or by calling AHIMA's customer relations department at 800-335-5535.

ICD-10 CEU Requirements

In the December, 2010, issue of *Uplink*, we published the CCHIIM Continuing Education Requirements for AHIMA Certified Professionals. As a reminder, there are mandatory **baseline** educational experiences specific to ICD-10 CM and PCS required as part of your total CEU requirements for recertification, and you must earn these I-10 specific CEUs during the period of January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2013.



We've also placed this publication on our website's [ICD-10 page](#).

Individuals need to choose the I-10 education that supports their learning for their job position. As more information becomes available, including anything related to information to tailor your educational requirements, we'll include them on our ICD-10 website page.

MHIMA's archived and ongoing webinar series on I-10, as well as the ICD-10 Academy sessions at our annual meeting, will help you earn these required CEUs.

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