



MHIMA Uplink

May 2012

## Welcome!



Welcome to the **May 2012** issue of our MHIMA member and corporate partner e-newsletter, *Uplink*. We hope you enjoy our newsletter!

Feeling creative? Looking for some CEUs? 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. There are lots of "hot topics" in today's world of healthcare, Privacy & Security, e-HIM, ICD-10, etc. If you're interested in authoring an article, please contact MHIMA's [Executive Director](#).

Current and past issues of our e-newsletter are available under the [UPLINK E-NEWSLETTERS button](#) on our MHIMA website.

## President's Message



Gina Sanvik, RHIA,  
MHIMA President  
AHIMA Certified  
ICD-10 Trainer

What a fantastic month! The recently concluded MHIMA Annual Meeting, "Mapping the Future of HIM," was an overwhelming success. The Annual Meeting Committee exceeded their goal by recording the second highest attendance rate ever with 532 attendees, which is such a compliment to our profession. The attendance also included 102 student members, a phenomenal showing. The overall attendance and involvement strongly supports the subthemes of the last couple years: "Volunteering" and "Education." We are so blessed to have such quality individuals in our profession. Again, I want to thank all those who attended the MHIMA Annual Meeting and continue to encourage you to stay involved in these types of educational and volunteer opportunities. (A special thanks to all those who took part in the planning.)

At our Annual Business Meeting, we approved several changes to the MHIMA Bylaws to be consistent with language recommended by AHIMA for Component State Associations (CSAs). With these changes comes a new membership category called "Emeritus". The changes will soon be posted to our Members Only page on the website.

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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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## 2012 MHIMA Silent Auction



Over 60 items were donated to the MHIMA Silent Auction held at



Gina and Steph Luthi-Terry, our Distinguished Member

As I serve the last couple months of my term, I'm excited to see the pride, the new involvement, and the passion for our profession. Collectively, we make MHIMA a template for future successes. Remember students, you are our future and I hope the Annual Meeting experience was one that motivates you to get involved. The annual event serves as a catalyst for many aspects in our profession, providing educational sessions and different opportunities to get involved. It also allows us to discuss professional issues and visit with known colleagues while meeting many new ones.

It is an exciting time in our profession with issues such as Meaningful Use, EHR's, Computer-Assisted Coding, CDI and also ICD-10 on the horizon. As we continue to stride forward, always keep focused on the vision and mission for MHIMA and our profession.

I could not be prouder than to be a small part of such a wonderful organization such as MHIMA. Thank you for making yourself and our organization better by the things you do – your efforts are appreciated.

Happy Summer Everyone, Enjoy!!  
Gina

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## 2012 MHIMA Annual Meeting

### "Mapping the Future of HIM"

Our 2012 Annual Meeting held April 25-27, 2012, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Bloomington--Minneapolis South was again a success. With 532 registered attendees, 102 of which were students, and 35 exhibitors, there was a lot of excitement afoot! Many excellent speakers combined with the opportunity to re-connect with fellow colleagues, making it a great meeting.

Stephanie Luthi-Terry, MA, RHIA was honored as our 2012 Distinguished

the MHIMA Annual Meeting in April. Unique and interesting items continued pouring in at the registration desk until the tables in the Silent Auction room were full. Thank you to the donors and bidders for your generosity in raising over \$4000 this year. Thank you also to the volunteers on the Silent Auction Committee who helped make the event a success.

All proceeds benefit our MHIMA Student Merit Scholarship Fund at the AHIMA Foundation and all gift donations can be considered charitable contributions to the AHIMA Foundation for the estimated fair market value of the donation.

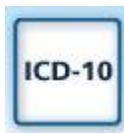
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## ICD-10

### **Coding Tip of the Month:**

In the pregnancy section, in ICD-10 CM, the number of weeks used to determine abortion, fetal death, and early and late vomiting in pregnancy has changed from 22 weeks in ICD-9-CM to 20 weeks in ICD-10 CM.



**AHIMA ICD-10 Academy is Coming to MN!**

Member. Stephanie is currently the Director of eHIM Business Solutions, at Allina Hospitals and Clinics, Minneapolis, MN.



The Silent Auction generated over \$4,000 in contributions to the AHIMA Foundation, on behalf of our MN Student Merit Scholarship Fund. We awarded \$6,000 in scholarships to six very deserving HIM students. You can read their essays in the June issue of *Uplink*.

The post-meeting survey is in process, and will continue until through May 31, 2012. All attendees received information about access to the speakers' presentation handouts from our website.

Thank you to the 2012 Annual Meeting committee co-chairs, Brielle Wolf and Jen Callendar, past co-chairs Christina Wallner and Danika Brinda, and the entire team of volunteers who spent countless hours helping to make this another great MHIMA annual meeting.

Mark your calendar for the 2013 meeting, when we'll be at the Grand Casino, Hinckley, Minnesota. The dates are April 24-26, 2013.

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## **MHIMA Thanks our Annual Meeting Platinum Level Sponsors - We Appreciate Your Support!**



### **CM Information Specialists**



### **Iod Incorporated**

MHIMA is pleased to announce that we are the conference supporter for the 2012 AHIMA Academy for ICD-10 CM/PCS. The date has been set for August 8-10, 2012. The hotel location is the Crowne Plaza Minneapolis Northstar.

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

#### **AHIMA ICD-10 Coder Workforce Training**

AHIMA is conducting an ICD-10 Coder Workforce Training in Minneapolis, MN on October 12-14, 2012. The times are 8:00 am to 5:30 pm. This is a dynamic program for coder training in both ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS. Coding professionals looking to achieve proficiency in these two systems will find this program provides a well-rounded base of knowledge as well as exposure to advanced cases in ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS. Students interested in learning ICD-10 diagnosis coding should register for the ICD-10-CM portion of the program. For more information on the pricing (with deadlines), CEUs offered or to register, click [here](#).

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#### **New MHIMA Leaders for 2012-2013**

Congratulations to the new leaders who will assume office July 1, 2012:

- President-Elect: Danika Brinda, MA, RHIA, CHPS
- Secretary: Christina Wallner, RHIA
- Delegate Director: Katie Miller, MA, RHIA
- Delegate Director: Sue Powell, RHIA
- Audit Committee: Suzy Johnson, MS, RHIA
- Audit Committee: Sarah Spoon, RHIA

They join Ranelle Bauer, President, Gina Sanvik, Past-President, Kristi Lundgren, Treasurer and Jean MacDonell, Delegate Director 2nd Year in continuing to govern your organization.

For a complete list of MHIMA's current Board of Directors, [click here](#).

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#### **AHIMA Recognizes Volunteers from Minnesota**

MHIMA and AHIMA are proud to recognize a list of 68 MHIMA members who have given their time to volunteer at AHIMA. There are too many to list on this page, so please [click here](#) to see the list. Our thanks to these volunteers for serving our profession! Hats off to you!

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#### **AHIMA Ballot for 2012**

## MHIMA Member

### Spotlight

Greetings from the Marketing and Communications Committee!

We continue this month highlighting another of our MHIMA members as a fun and interesting way to get to know our diverse and multi-talented group. Want to be in the spotlight? Know someone who should be? Please send names of individuals you would like to know more about, or volunteer yourself to "be in the spotlight" in our monthly e-newsletter.

Criteria for suggested individuals might be, but is certainly not limited to:

New MHIMA member  
New to active involvement with MHIMA

MHIMA member with an interesting or unique job

Forward your suggested name(s) to [Jon Cloutier](#) or [Amanda Maas](#).

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## Staying Connected with MHIMA

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

When is the last time you reviewed the information in your AHIMA profile? Have you

Polls open for voting in the 2012 AHIMA Election on June 4, 2012.

Active voting members of MHIMA are encouraged to vote for the AHIMA officers, board members and CCHIIM Commissioners. Your vote counts!

Pam Oachs, MA, RHIA is on the 2012 AHIMA Ballot for Commissioner for the Commission on Certification for Health Informatics and Information Management (CCHIIM). Congratulations to Pam on this nomination! MHIMA is very proud of you! You can find detailed information about Pam and the position she is running for by clicking [here](#).



To cast your vote, click on [myAHIMA web page](#).

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## MHIMA Member Spotlight - Catherine French, CCS-P



Our MHIMA member "in the spotlight" this month is Catherine French, CCS-P. Catherine is currently working as the Director for Health Policy and Advocacy with the American Association of Neuromuscular & Electrodiagnostic Medicine (AANEM). As the Director of Health Policy, Catherine monitors the health environment and develops payer, federal and state legislative, and coding strategies to address scope of practice and fraud and abuse concerns in electrodiagnostic and neuromuscular medicine. She also works with committees to develop practice guidelines, position statements, and quality improvement initiatives and measures relevant to the field. Catherine has an undergrad in Business and a Graduate degree in Advocacy and Political Leadership. Catherine also has her CCS-P and is looking forward to hopefully becoming a "soon-to-be" certified ICD-10 trainer.

A special interest area for Catherine is working directly with the AMA-CPT staff to "ensure appropriate CPT codes, descriptions and RVU valuations are assigned to neuromuscular codes". In the last two years, Catherine has developed the proposals and worked with AMA staff and physicians to introduce 13 new codes to the CPT book. The organization Catherine works for, AANEM, is staffed with over 5,000 physician members (primarily

changed positions? Do you have a new email address? Have you recently moved? MHIMA depends on the member information in your AHIMA profile on a regular basis, including how we communicate with you.

Take a couple of minutes today and visit the [AHIMA website](#), log in with your seven-digit AHIMA member number and your last name, and click on "My Profile/Dues Renewal." Review all of the sections and update any old information.

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 "yes" to Postal Mailings. "CSA" stands for the state that you want to be associated with as an AHIMA member. MHIMA uses email as our primary method of communication, and occasionally land mail. If you check "no" in either of these options, you don't receive either type of communication from MHIMA.

Remind your colleagues to update their profile as well. It's the new year! A great time to review your information and stay connected with MHIMA. Thank you!

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**MHIMA Job Bank**

Neurologists and Psychiatrists) across the United States and internationally. Catherine will often work directly with the members to resolve any reimbursement issues they are experiencing. In addition, she will also work with a smaller group of physician members to create evidence based guidelines on treatment of neuromuscular diseases. "AANEM was/is the first medical specialty society to produce a comprehensive guideline for treatment of Adult Onset Pompe Disease and a guideline on the benefits of an ultrasound when diagnosing Carpal Tunnel Syndrome."

When asked why she is interested in MHIMA, Catherine responded with, "I initially joined to connect with my peers via the annual meeting. Once I began volunteering to work on MHIMA committees, I realized the HIM field was much larger than the nose-to-the-book coding that I was doing at the time". Catherine states that her work on the MHIMA Legislative team "ignited a passion" so that she could learn more about lobbying effectively. After she obtained her Graduate degree, the experiences and mentoring she received from her MHIMA colleagues helped position her as an "effective candidate for my current job". In 2011, Catherine and her MHIMA team was nominated and received the AHIMA Triumph Award in their efforts in collaboration and influencing legislation, decreasing health care costs as it relates to the retention of paper medical records, and the creation of white paper in response to copy fee legislation. Great work team!

Some hobbies that Catherine enjoys outside of work are mentoring and reading. She spends time working with a 12 year old and coaching her on ways to overcome many obstacles she's already experienced in her life. Catherine also serves on the regional advisory committee for a non-profit healthcare provider in the state. She claims that this next item may come as "no surprise" to those out there that know her well, but she is also actively involved in grass-roots political activities designed to educate community members on issues impacting their quality of life.

Catherine is happy to say that one of the "perks" of her current job is the ability to travel. She has been to Hawaii, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Tucson, Fort Myers, Quebec City, San Antonio, "and Chicago too many times to count in the last 24 months. I can't believe I get paid to do the work I do!"

It's wonderful to hear the enthusiasm and joy you have for your job! MHIMA is proud to have you as one of us, Catherine.

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**LaTour Eichenwald Forum for HIM Leadership**

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. New positions are posted on a regular basis. On the Job Bank page, you'll find information about registering as a "job seeker" or as an "employer." Check us out often!

**Job Seekers:** There is no fee to register.

**Employers:** Job posting fees are very reasonable and position postings are open to everyone visiting our Job Bank as a job seeker. E-blasts of job announcements are available for purchase and reach a targeted audience of MHIMA members who receive emails.

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

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## Stay 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 publication, from the MN Department of Health, keeps you current with issues related to e-health, including HITECH, Meaningful Use, Privacy &

The LaTour Eichenwald Forum for HIM Leadership is scheduled for June 4, 2012 at The College of St. Scholastica, 1200 Kenwood Ave., Duluth, MN 55811. This is a free educational opportunity for HIM professionals. Linda Kloss, former CEO of AHIMA, will be giving a keynote address and the event includes a retirement celebration for CSS HIM faculty members, Kathy LaTour and Shirley Eichenwald-Maki. You can learn more about the event [here](#).

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## Grace Award

AHIMA announces a new award to recognize outstanding achievement in Health Information Management. The inaugural 'Grace Award' will honor healthcare delivery organizations that have outstanding and innovative approaches in using health information to deliver high quality healthcare. This award is named for founder Grace Whiting Myers. Application deadline is June 30. For more information about the Grace Award, click [here](#).

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## MHIMA Legal Reference Manual Update: An attorney may sign a subpoena for criminal proceedings

Please take note of the following amendment to Minnesota Rules 22.02 regarding Criminal Proceedings affecting Chapter 4: 4.1.3 of MHIMA's Legal Reference Manual.

Currently MHIMA's 2011 Legal Manual states under Criminal Proceedings "For Minnesota ... subpoenas are to be issued and signed by the clerk under the seal of the court."

**Effective September 1, 2011**, Minnesota Rules 22.02 regarding Criminal Procedure states a subpoena can be issued under the seal of the court **or by an attorney**. Further regarding subpoenas issued by attorneys the rule states:

The attorney must personally sign the completed subpoena on behalf of the court, using the attorney's name. A subpoena issued by an attorney need not bear a seal, but must

Security and others. You'll also find links to e-Health resources available for your use. To subscribe, click [here](#).

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## MHIMA Promotional Items

We have discounted the prices on our MHIMA logo navy crewneck sweatshirt and our navy button down shirt. A limited quantity of these items are available to purchase by visiting our [MHIMA Store](#) on our website to order. We also have a limited quantity of our MHIMA Coffee Mugs with Spoon which could be great collector's items some day! Our MHIMA logo items make a great gift for yourself or a colleague, or to honor someone's achievement. Hurry while quantities are still available!

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otherwise comply with the format requirements in subdivision 1. The completed subpoena must include: (a) the attorney's printed name; (b) attorney-registration number; (c) office address and phone number; and (d) the party the attorney represents.”

**This amendment only applies to Minnesota Criminal Proceedings.** The Legal Reference Manual's subpoena instructions still apply regarding Civil Proceeding and Juvenile Protection Matters. Keep in mind the following regarding subpoenas:

If a health care provider receives a subpoena or court order from another state for medical records, the provider should contact the attorney issuing the subpoena and inform them that Minnesota does not recognize out of state legal requests. However, a properly executed authorization to release information would be honored. If the out-of-state attorney cannot obtain patient authorization, they will need to work through a local attorney or court for a subpoena duces tecum or court order.

Subpoenas to appear before a federal court must be served in the district of the court or within a 100 mile radius of the location where the witness lives and works to be applicable; beyond this scope an objection to the appearance can be made unless reasonable compensation has been assured to the witness appearing [FRCP 45 (b)(2) / FRCP 45 (c)(3)(B)(iii)] (MHIMA 2011 Legal Reference Manual p. 4-2)

For more information refer to Minnesota Rule 22 for Criminal Procedure and Minnesota Administrative Rules 1400.7000 on Subpoenas.

Andrea Heikkinen, RHIA  
Co-Chair, MHIMA Legal Reference Manual Committee

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## Updated Maximum Charges for Patient Records

The Minnesota Department of Health has published the **Maximum Charges for Patient Records** February 2012, confirming the annual determination of maximum charges for patient records. When section 144.292 of the Minnesota Statutes applies, the maximum charges for 2012 are \$1.27 per page for copy charges and \$16.82 for retrieval fees.

You can obtain a copy of the February 2012 document by clicking [here](#).

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## **MHIMA 2011 Legal Reference Manual**

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

The manual is a great resource for everyone in the field of HIM, regardless of your work setting. 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, behavioral health records, long term care records, home care and hospice records, ambulatory care records, risk management, HIPAA, research, and medical identity theft. Feel confident in your research and decision making using MHIMA's MN Legal Reference Manual.

The co-chairs of our MN Legal Reference Manual committee are Andrea Heikkinen, RHIA, and Susan Schanno-Foss, RHIT. Email questions pertaining to the Manual or suggestions for improvements in the next edition (coming in 2013) to both [Andrea](#) and [Susan](#).

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

MN Legal Reference Manual pricing:

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

\$200 non-members (from sales tax-exempt organizations)

\$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 in the MHIMA Executive Director office.

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

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## **MHIMA Coding Roundtable Tool Kits**

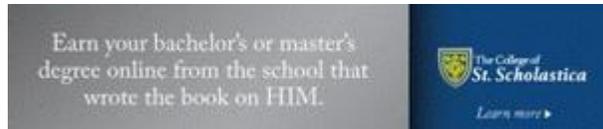
The MHIMA Coding Roundtable Committee has developed a number of "tool kits" for use by MHIMA members to support coding education and discussion in your facilities and at your

regional meetings. All are available on the [Coding & Data Quality](#) button on our website.

If there is a tool kit topic that you'd like to see developed, please let [Vicki Chelf](#) or [Patti Collins Smith](#) know. They are the 2011-2012 Coding Roundtable Chairs for MHIMA.

If you have general coding questions, you are encouraged to use AHIMA's Coding CoPs to post those questions. There's 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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