

President's Message

Welcome to the first edition of the NWOHIMA Newsletter. The Board of NWOHIMA thought that a quarterly newsletter would be the best way to stay in touch with our members. We are starting out small, but the newsletter is for all members and students. If you would like to submit a topic of interest or an article or let the membership know of an educational opportunity or other event, please email susan_deutschman@owens.edu.

As an Association we correspond with members via email as it is a more efficient and timely means of communication with our members. To ensure that you are getting all the current information from NWOHIMA, please ensure your email address is current with AHIMA and NWOHIMA. Because regions are determined by zip code, to receive regional email communication you must accept both CSA emails and CSA mailings in the "Communication Preferences" of this section. If you are using an e-mail service that has built in spam-filtering software, please be sure to add nwohima@nwohima.org to your address book.

Best regards,
Sue Deutschman, MBA, RHIA, CTR

Upcoming Events

Save the Date for NWOHIMA's Annual Meeting

Date: Thursday, May 19, 2011

Location: University of Toledo Medical Center
Toledo, OH

More information will be coming soon.

Meet the 2010-2011 Board of Directors

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Special Interests Update

Many new coding, staging and data collection changes happened in 2010 for the cancer registry industry. Key manuals such as the FORDS (Facility Oncology Registry Data Standards), CSv2 (Collaborative Staging Data Collection System Version 2) and the AJCC (American Joint Committee on Cancer) Staging Manual, 7th edition were all revised with implementation for cases diagnosed on or after January 1, 2010. New reportability and collection rules also began January 1, 2010 for hematopoietic and lymphoid neoplasm with the implementation of The Hematopoietic Database.

The revision and creation of these manuals were necessary as the American College of Surgeon's Commission on Cancer is revising their accreditation standards with implementation January 1, 2012. The standard revisions will reflect current cancer practices as well as incorporating an increased focus on outcomes assessment and management. A major standard change Standard 3.1: Case abstracting must be performed by a Certified Tumor Registrar (CTR). Previously, a CTR only had to supervise case abstracting. Another major change is the NCDB (National Cancer Data Base) submission cycle for the Annual Call for Data beginning with 2010. Previously, the annual submission cycle was performed every fall and included the previous year's newly added cases and updated cases from 5 years ago. Now, the submission cycle will take place January of each year, reporting the last full calendar year abstracted as well as additional reported years' updated cases.

With all the changes in 2010, cancer registrars have 2011 as a transition year. The cumulative extent of all the changes occurs about every 7 years, with the last major revisions in 2004.

Other Updates

Bylaws

The NWOHIMA bylaws are currently under revision. You will be notified when the updated version is available on the website.

ICD-10

“AHIMA Certified Professionals are required by CCHIIM to participate in a predetermined number of mandatory *baseline* educational experiences specific to ICD-10-CM/PCS. These ICD-10-CM/PCS specific CEUs will count as part of all AHIMA certificants' total CEU requirements for the purpose of recertification.”

“AHIMA Certified Professionals can begin earning ICD-10-CM/PCS specific CEUs during the period of January 1, 2011 thru December 31, 2013.”

For further information, please refer to the following website:

http://www.ahima.org/downloads/pdfs/certification/ICD10_CEU_FAQs.pdf

NWOHIMA's 8th Annual Hot Topics in HIM Symposium

The board of directors would like to thank everyone who participated in NWOHIMA's 8th Annual Hot Topics in HIM Symposium. It was held on Thursday, February 17, 2011 at the Holiday Inn French Quarter. Despite the weather and date change, it ended up being a very successful event. All of the different speakers and team building activities made this a remarkable educational event.



Isam Daboul, MD, FACP, FACG
Gastroenterology procedure codes speaker
(above)

Team building activity, Back-to-Back drawing
(below)



One of the team building activities was to create a secondhand story from a provided scenario in order to boost creativity. The twist of the activity was that the speakers would yell things out throughout the process that needed to be included in the story. At the end of the activity, there were some pretty creative stories.

One story in particular stood out and we would like to share it with everyone.

The original scenario:

“Your HIM department is giving an orientation presentation on coding compliance to the newly hired coding team members.”

The story:

Key West Hospital, located on a beautiful beach, was the perfect location of the coding compliance orientation for the new coding staff.

Just as the meeting started, Dr. Upcode, the evil chief of staff, arrived and interrupted Ms. Cathy Comply and her orientation. Every time Ms. Comply would introduce a new coding rule or regulation, Dr. Upcode would interrupt and suggest ways to illegally increase their reimbursement. Ms. Comply would not waiver and soon she had her whole staff chanting AHIMA's code of ethics in unison.

Dr. Upcode felt defeated and knew he could not sabotage this meeting. So, he slithered away and swam to nearby Cuba... Never to be heard from again.

This story was created by Mai Bick, Judy Dudley, Kim Watson, and Stephanie Mowrey.

