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President's Message

AH! Spring is here! After the crazy weather we've had this winter, I am really happy to see it finally arrive. It is sunny today, supposed to be almost 80° today. But then, if the Farmer's Almanac is correct, I'll be up to my ears in snow by the end of the week. Life in the Midwest; gotta love it! It's time to start thinking about what to plant in my garden this year. Tomatoes are a given, along with peppers, both sweet and hot ones. Basil and rosemary will have a small spot. I think I'm going to try starting with seeds this year, so I'm actually a few weeks behind getting them started. Who else will have a garden this year? Log in to facebook and let's talk about it.

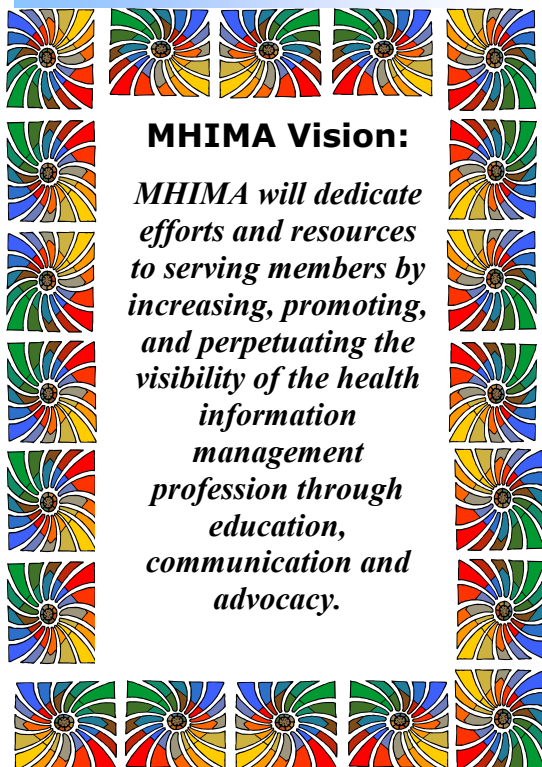
We are just a month away from our Annual Meeting; hope many of you are planning and are able to join us in Branson; it should be a fun meeting, and we might even learn something while we are there. If you would like to share a ride or other expenses with other members to make it more affordable, you can always post a message on our facebook page; one of our members already has a posting there. Here is a link to MHIMA on facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=83534420200>

Next week, I'll be in Washington D.C. along with other MHIMA members for Team Talks and Hill Day. We'll have a report on the happenings for next month's newsletter.

I got an e-mail this morning from the CDC; April is STD Awareness Month! I know STDs are a serious thing, but this just begs for a joke. As tempted as I am, I'm not inflict everyone with my warped sense of humor here; you'll have to go to facebook to read it. Besides celebrating STDs, April 2 is peanut butter and jelly day; who doesn't love a good PB&J sandwich, with a tall glass of cold milk? April 16 is National Eggs Benedict Day and the 25th is National Zucchini Bread Day. Mmmm...maybe I need to plant some zucchini in my garden.

Have a great month! Hope to see you in Branson.

Jeff



Update on the Upcoming Annual Meeting



It's not too late to register! Don't miss out on this year's annual meeting in Branson, Missouri, April 27 -- 29! There is not a better way to enjoy the Ozarks than to visit Branson in the Spring time! Spend your days soaking in the educational sessions and your nights on the town! Experience The Branson Landing which has great restaurants and shopping all via a "free shuttle" provided by our vendors.

Plan an extended stay for the weekend and bring your family! Our speaker lineup this year is an exciting one and includes presenters Kelly McClendon, on HITECH and HIPAA (legal medical record), Rose Dunn, on ICD-10 What's Next, and let's not forget Dr. Bowen White on "stress management"! We also have educational sessions on ICD-9 coding updates, the FBI's role in fighting healthcare fraud, long term care, CMS and many others too numerous to mention. Thursday evening will be our President's reception as well as a Wii Sports/Dance Tournament sponsored by *DML Consulting*, a movie in the theater room sponsored by *Iron Mountain*, and games available to play for those of us who have a "competitive spirit"!

**Registration is now open! Register now
Click on the link:**



Long Term Care Summit



Life in the Long Term Care (LTC) arena is busier than ever! MDS 3.0 took effect last October, the Recovery Audit Contractors (RACs) are targeting LTC, regulations are changing, Electronic Health Records are being implemented and ICD-10 will be here before we know it! It may seem impossible to stay on top of all the changes. MOHIMA's LTC Summit will offer clarity for all of these changes as well as the opportunity to network with peers who are going through the same challenges. With speakers including a nursing home administrator, a certified ICD-10 trainer and a LTC consulting expert – you do not want to miss out! Join us on Wednesday, April 27th in Branson, MO. For further information or to register - <http://mohima.org/annualmeetingLTCFlyer.htm>.





February Shooting Star

Angie Fergen, RHIA, CHPS is currently the Release of Information Manager for HIM at Saint Luke's Hospital of Kansas City. Her position provides on-site management for the Health Information Management Department's Release of Information function covering Saint Luke's Hospital, Saint Luke's Northland, Saint Luke's South, Saint Luke's East and Saint Luke's Cancer Institute, and Cushing Hospital. She serves as Custodian of Records for those facilities and accompanies medical records to legal proceedings. She also serves as Privacy Site Coordinator for Saint Luke's Hospital of Kansas City and Saint Luke's Cancer Institute.

Angie is currently serving on the KCHIMA Board as President-Elect as well as volunteering on two MHIMA committees (Nominating Committee and Chair for Credentialing Committee to monitor Business meeting attendees at Annual Meeting in Branson.) Angie was also on the planning committee for the KS-MO Fall Conference last September 2010.

Prior to working at Saint Luke's Hospital of Kansas City Angie also worked as a transcriptionist remotely so she could raise her 3 children (2 of which are twins); Director of HIM for Vencor Hospital and multiple roles in Release of Information.

If that wasn't enough, Angie has also returned back to school to obtain her Master's degree.

Thank you Angie for all you do!

Student Corner

Attention: Current HIM Students and Program Chairs

MHIMA Scholarship Applications Deadline March 1, 2011

The MHIMA Board has developed a scholarship to aid HIM students in AHIMA accredited programs in the state of Missouri. Visit www.mohima.org/scholarshipforms.html for more information.

Don't Miss the Student Forum at the Annual Meeting!

- Multiple Topics
- * Professional etiquette
 - * Interviewing skills
 - * HIM professionals discussing the job progression
 - * Getting involved in the HIM profession

For more information click on the link:

<http://mohima.org/AnnualMeetingAgenda.htm>

Check out the MHIMA Job Board!

Click on the Link for more information on the MHIMA Job Board:

<http://www.mohima.org/JobBoard.html>

Students email your questions, comments or articles to the

MHIMA e-Alert to: newsletter@mohima.org

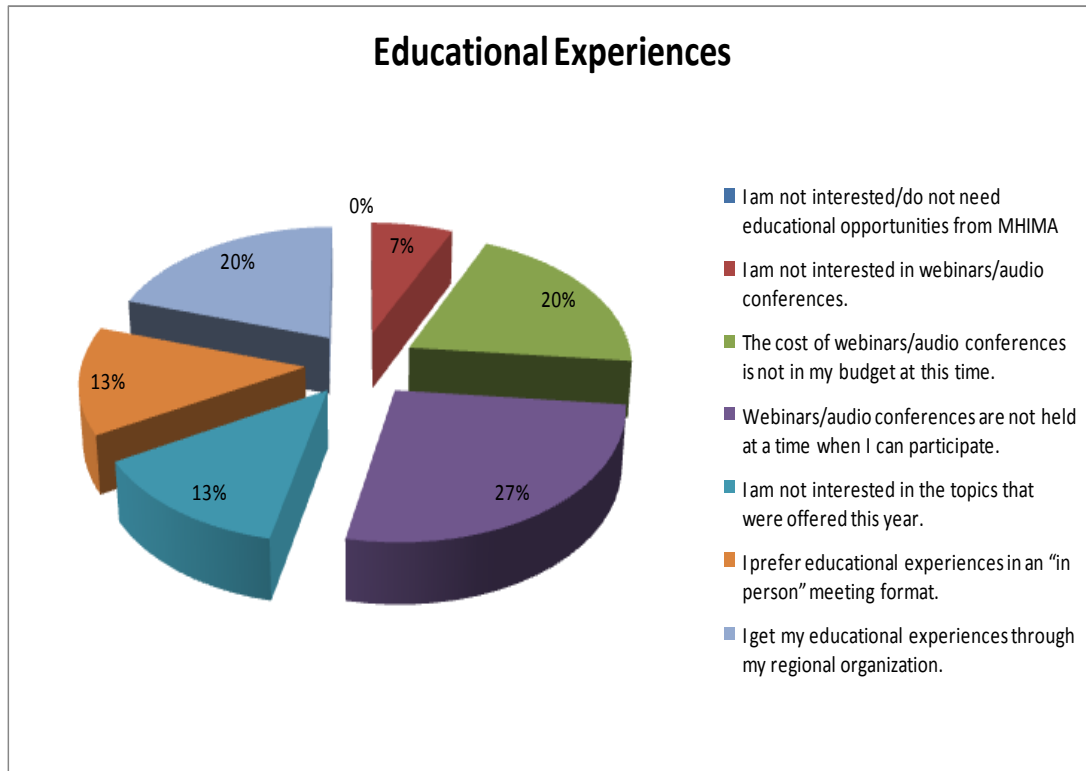


Hot Topics Survey Results

Last month's survey asked readers to share their opinions on webinars.

As the graph displays, 27% said the webinars were not at a convenient time, 20% said the cost was not in their budget, 20% get their education from their regional organization, 13% said they prefer an in person experience, 13% said they were not interested in the topics offered, 7% said they are not interested in webinars/audio conferences and 0% said they are not interested in educational opportunities.

MHIMA thanks everyone who participated in our survey. Look for this month's survey results in the April e-Alert.



April Hot Topics Survey

According to [CMS](#), the Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs provide a financial incentive for the "meaningful use" of certified EHR technology to achieve health and efficiency goals. By putting into action and meaningfully using an EHR system, providers will reap benefits beyond financial incentives—such as reduction in errors, availability of records and data, reminders and alerts, clinical decision support, and e-prescribing/refill automation. This month's survey asks readers:

- I am involved in Medical Use activities at my facility/office.
- I am not involved in Medical Use activities at my facility/office.
- I would be interested in a webinar on Medical Necessity.

[Click here to vote](#)



Education at Your Convenience!

Are you in need of educational topics that you can access at your convenience?

Did you miss a webinar or audio conference this year?

Please access www.mohima.org for the recorded sessions below:

ICD-10-CM & ICD-10-PCS: Revenue Cycle Readiness and Implementation Strategies

Mario A. Perez, III, RHIA, RHIT, CCS, CCS-P
J.A. Thomas & Associates, Inc. JA Thomas & Associates
Webinar recorded January 20, 2011



Business- It's all about Cash Flow, It's all about Performance

Deresa Claybrook, MS, RHIT
Positive Resource Health Care Industry Consultants
Webinar recorded January 26, 2011



HIPAA after HITECH: Part 1

Stacy Harper, JD, MHSA, CPC
Blane Markley, JD, MBA
Forbes Law Group, LLC.
Webinar recorded February 10, 2011

Facing the Coding Challenges of Excisional Debridement

J. Daube, BS, RHIT, CCS, CCS-P
K. Zapf, RHIA, CCS
Care Communications, Inc. (CARE)
Webinar recorded February 15, 2011

Untangling Renal Disease Coding

J. Daube, BS, RHIT, CCS, CCS-P
K. Zapf, RHIA, CCS
Care Communications, Inc. (CARE)
Audio conference recorded February 23, 2011



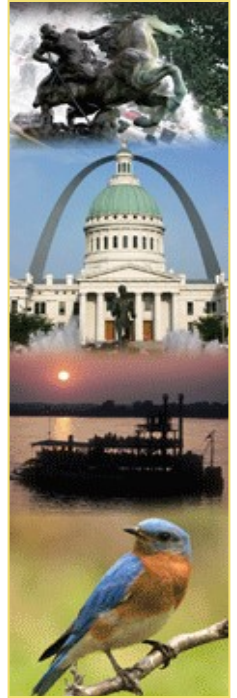
Using PCS in the Real World

Donna Smith, RHIA
3M Health Information Systems
Webinar recorded March 9, 2011



Calendar of Upcoming Events

<p>April</p>	<p>Annual Meeting When: Apr 27 – 29 2011 Where: Chateau on the Lake, Branson, MO (map) Description: To learn more visit www.mohima.org/annualmeeting.html</p>
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Stay current on all the latest MHIMA events!
 Click on the link to access the
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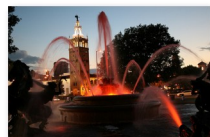
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 Send it to the Newsletter Committee at newsletter@mohima.org



Jeff's Wacky Holidays

April 1 is One Cent Day



April 16 is National Stress Awareness Day and National Eggs Benedict Day



April 2 is National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day

April 17 is National Cheeseball Day

April 3 is Tweed Day & Don't Go To Work Unless It's Fun Day

April 18 is International Jugglers Day

April 4 is Tell-A-Lie Day



April 5 is Go For Broke Day

April 19 is Garlic Day

April 6 is Sorry Charlie Day



April 20 is Look Alike Day

April 7 is No Housework Day



April 21 is Kindergarten Day



April 8 is All Is Ours Day

April 22 is National Jelly Bean Day

April 9 is Winston Churchill Day and Name Yourself Day

April 23 is Read Me Day and World Laboratory Animal Day



April 10 is Golfers Day

April 24 is National Pigs In A Blanket Day

April 11 is Eight-Track Tape Day



April 25 is National Zucchini Bread Day



April 12 is Look Up At The Sky Day



April 26 is Richter Scale Day and National Pretzel Day

April 13 is Blame Somebody Else Day



April 27 is Tell A Story Day

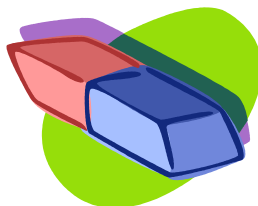


April 14 is National Pecan Day

April 28 is Great Poetry Reading Day and Kiss-Your-Mate Day



April 15 is Rubber Eraser Day



April 29 is National Shrimp Scampi Day



April 30 is National Honesty Day

