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AHIMA Triumph Awards – Two Missouri Recipients

Join us in congratulating Rose Dunn and Jennifer Melvin on their AHIMA Triumph Award recognition October 14, 2008 in Seattle during the AHIMA national convention.



Legacy Award - Rose T. Dunn, MBA, RHIA, CPA, CHPS, FAHIMA

The AHIMA Legacy Award honors and recognizes individuals who have helped to further develop the health information management profession and HIM concepts. Rose Dunn has demonstrated excellence with hands-on practice techniques and proven tools to educate health information professionals and the general public. She is an accomplished writer and presenter. Her presentations and audio conferences on productivity and benchmarking support the content of her published text on Benchmarking Coding Quality and Productivity. Rose has advanced the HIM profession and serves as an important resource to the HIM community, exemplifying a true HIM Legacy professional.

Congratulations to Rose on this award and recognition!!!



Rising Star Award – Jennifer A. Melvin, RHIA

The AHIMA Rising Star Award recognizes and encourages the best of the fresh new talent being trained in health information administration or health information technology degree granting-programs nationwide. It honors a promising new professional who embodies great hope as we look to the future of the HIM profession. Jennifer Melvin is a graduate of Saint Louis University and now works at St. Luke's Hospital in Chesterfield as system administrator for the electronic health record. Since joining St. Luke's, she has worked on various system implementations and upgrades including document imaging, clinical documentation, and dictation systems. She is also responsible for coordinating all new forms and form revisions. Although still a new practitioner, Jennifer readily accepts professional practice students and is an excellent mentor. In her short career, Jennifer has proven herself an asset and leader in EMHIMA, MHIMA and St. Luke's Hospital.

Congratulations to the 2008 AHIMA Rising Star, Jennifer Melvin!!!

For more information on 2008 FORE recipients:

<http://www.ahima.org/fore/professional/awards.asp>

Special Points of Interest:

**2008
Elections-
Compare the
Candidates**

**Coding
updates from
the AHIMA
convention**

2008 Presidential Candidates on Healthcare Issues: Side By Side Comparisons



Health care is an important issue in this year's presidential campaign, not only to HIM professionals, but to all Americans. The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation has compiled a side-by-side comparison to help voters better understand the candidates' positions on key health care issues and proposals developed by both candidates which address comprehensive health care reform, health coverage and access, rising health care costs and health care quality. Click on the link to see the comparisons:

<http://www.health08.org/sidebyside.cfm>

2008 MO Gubernatorial Candidates on Healthcare Issues



A little closer to the home front and work place, the Missouri Hospital Association has asked both of the candidates for Missouri state governor a few health care questions as well. Each candidate was asked the following questions:



1. What is your top priority for improving health care?
2. What actions do you propose to reduce the number of uninsured?
3. How will you ensure that your health care reform proposals are fiscally sustainable?



Visit <http://myhealthcarematters.org/action/govhealth/> to see each candidates response.

October Hot Topics Survey-2008 Elections

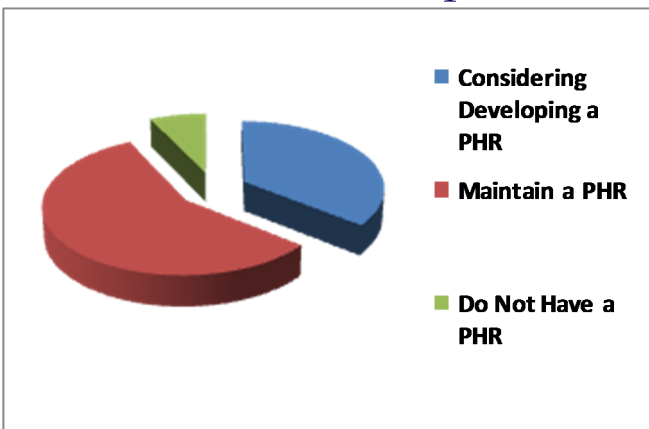
With Election Day just a couple of weeks away, this month's Hot Topic Survey asks our readers whether or not the candidates' proposed policies on healthcare issues will affect their vote.

1. I will vote for candidates based on their stance on healthcare issues.
2. I will vote for candidates based on their stance on all issues, including healthcare.
3. The candidates' positions on healthcare issues will not affect my vote.



[Click here to take the survey: http://www.mohima.org/hottopics.html](http://www.mohima.org/hottopics.html)

September Hot Topics Survey Results



Thank you to everyone who responded to last month's survey. September's survey asked members if they maintained a personal health record, were considering developing a personal health record or did not have a personal health record. As the pie chart illustrates, 60% of those who responded said they do maintain a PHR, 33% are considering developing a PHR and 7% do not have a PHR.

The benefits of maintaining a Personal Health Record include empowerment of patients, improved patient-provider relationship, increased patient safety and improved quality of care. Having your PHR with you while traveling could be extremely beneficial should a health emergency situation arise.

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Updates on Coding Sessions at the AHIMA Conference

I'm back from Seattle!


The Coding Community on Saturday was great! The general session "National Coding Update: FY2009 ICD-9-CM Code Changes, CPT Code Changes, IPPS Rule and Coding Policy Issues" was presented by Sue Bowman (AHIMA), Nelly Leon-Chisen (AHA) and Marie Mindeman (AMA). Nelly had some "late breaking news" that did not appear in her slides. Apparently the controversial advice regarding evolving pressure ulcers and POA has been clarified. Look for specific information in the 4Q AHA Coding Clinic. (HINT: Assign POA "Y").

Marie Mindeman announced a new service provided by AMA—email alerts—an effort to notify coders of changes/clarifications regarding CPT codes. Go to www.ama-assn.org/go/CPT.

A huge round of applause was given when the acceptance of ICD 10 was mentioned. Remember to read the Federal Register language regarding ICD 10 and provide your comments by October 21, 2008 at 4pm. We do not want this delayed again!!!! I have included a link to a "hot off the press" [MedLearn Matters](#) article about ICD-10. Yes, after all the waiting, it looks like a reality. Click on [CodeWrite](#) to read the September article. Every month they have a portion devoted to ICD 10 education. We encourage you to take advantage of the information for your own continuing education and that of your employees and peers.

I will contact you when I return from Seattle and hopefully have a ton of coding tips to share with you. What I would like to do is schedule a MHIMA Coding Roundtable audio conference so I can review the highlights of the Coding Community meetings. You will be notified very shortly when a date is selected. In the meantime, if you have already looked at the list of sessions presented and want more information, please feel free to email me. Please don't forget that MHIMA is still looking for a full-time coordinator/co-coordinators to take over the Coding Roundtable project. Don't be shy---let one of the board members know you are interested and we will get you all set up! Thanks for your continuing interest in the coding roundtable initiative!

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Meet Your Board

Sharon Farley, RHIA

Title: Data Quality Analyst
Place of Employment: St. John's Mercy Healthcare and instructor for Stephens College School of Graduate and Continuing Education
MHIMA Board Position: Treasurer
Little Known Fact: I am an antique mall/flea market junkie...it's all about the thrill of the hunt!



Jeff McGraw, RHIT

Title: Director of Health Information Management
Place of Employment: Bothwell Regional Health Center, Sedalia, MO
MHIMA Board Position: President-Elect
Little Known Fact: If you want to know what a man's like, take a good look at how he treats his inferiors, not his equals.



Maggie Gambill, RHIA, CCS-P

Title: Coding Compliance Manager
Place of Employment: CHAN Healthcare Auditors, St. Louis, MO
MHIMA Board Position: Delegate, Project Manager (Coding Roundtable)
Little Known Fact: During my lifetime, I have lived in eight states, four of which started with the letter "M".



Jennifer Melvin, RHIA

Title: Senior Business Systems Analyst
Place of Employment: St. Luke's Hospital, Chesterfield, MO
MHIMA Board Position: Director, Communications
Little Known Fact: I enjoy creating silk flower arrangements, door Hangings and wreaths-especially when I hit a good sale!



Ruth Koch, RHIT

Title: Director of Health Information Management Services
Place of Employment: Hannibal Regional Hospital, Hannibal, MO
MHIMA Board Position: Director, Education
Little Known Fact: I started my hospital career as an emergency room secretary.



Janice Noller, RHIA, CCS, CPHQ

Title: Executive Director, Coding Services
Place of Employment: SSM Health Care-St. Louis, MO
MHIMA Board Position: President/Chief Delegate



Teresa Knox, RHIA

Title: HIM Lead Analyst
Place of Employment: St. John's Regional Health System, Springfield, MO
MHIMA Board Position: Delegate
Little Known Fact: I am a fabric collector. I really enjoy shopping for a project. I enjoy sewing and quilting when I have time.



Ann Nowlin, RHIT

Title: Office Coordinator
Place of Employment: I own my own company in Salina, KS
MHIMA Board Position: Office Coordinator
Little Known Fact: I am the youngest of 9 kids.



Sue LaBonte', RHIA, CHP

Title: Quality Assurance Manager
Place of Employment: Favorite Healthcare Staffing
MHIMA Board Position: Delegate
Little Known Fact: My favorite things about The HIM profession are the many opportunities and Challenges it has provided. Even though I don't currently work in a Traditional HIM position, I have kept involved with the profession via AHIMA, MHIMA, KCHIMA and by doing LTC HIM consulting.



Diane Swift, RHIT

Title: Director of HIM/Adjunct Instructor
Place of Employment: Marshall Habilitation Center Marshall/State Fair Community College, Sedalia, MO
MHIMA Board Position: Director, Recruitment
Little Known Fact: My passion for retirement is to build dollhouses.



Julie Wolter, MA, RHIA, FAHIMA:

Title: Assistant Professor
Place of Employment: Saint Louis University, St. Louis, MO
MHIMA Board Position: Past President
Little Known Fact: I would love to be the Cardinal's mascot, Fredbird, for a day.



Calendar of Upcoming Events

October

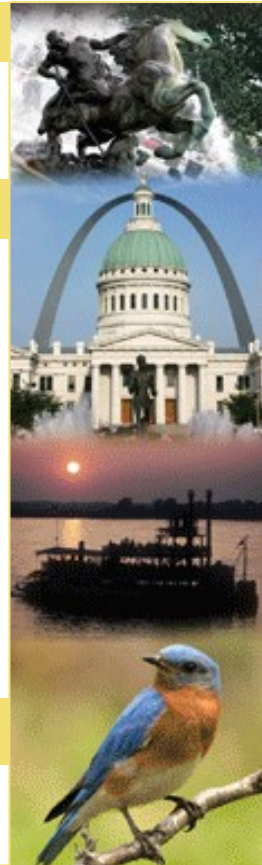
10/21	Pony HIMA	MO Western State University-Murphy 310	Back to School Welcome- All Students are Welcome
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November

11/2-11-8	Health Information and Technology Week		Click Here for More Information
11/6	4:30-7:30	EMHIMA Annual Meeting Viking Hotel-Corner of Lindberg & Watson St. Louis, MO	Jim Applebaum FBI's Role in Healthcare Fraud
11/7	8-4:15	Pony Express Fall Seminar Missouri Western State University Leah Spratt Hall-Enright Room 214/216	Learn More

Plan Ahead for 2009!

4/29-5/01	MHIMA Annual Meeting	Lodge of the Four Seasons Lake of the Ozarks	Click Here for More Info
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