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President's Message

Michele Bartholomew, MHMS, RHIA, CCS -President, WPHIMA

Welcome to Spring! I don't know about you, but it feels like spring took its time getting here this year. I guess Phil was right. As the flowers start to bud and the birds start to chirp again, I am reminded of the renewal that occurs each year around this time. I also find that the renewal for me is more than just enjoying the beautiful new landscape that unfolds before us, but also a renewal in my passion for HIM.

With PHIMA and WPHIMA Annual Meetings in May & June respectively, I find myself looking forward to meeting new colleagues and catching up with previous acquaintances. I also look forward to learning new skills or brushing up on old ones. With the Final Rule finally being published stating we will start to use ICD-10-CM/PCS as of October 2013; it may not be time to start to truly immerse ourselves in the new coding system yet, however, starting to understand the full ramifications this change will have and the possible implications it will have on all of our jobs is important. Remember, as HIM professionals, we have a unique opportunity to expand our horizons since HIM seems to be an ever expanding field.

Well, I hope everyone enjoys spring and we see each other at the PHIMA and WPHIMA Annual Meetings.

WPHIMA Membership Drive

Spring is the perfect time to think about renewing your WPHIMA membership. WPHIMA is committed to providing quality educational sessions at reasonable costs to our members. Dues will continue to only be \$10.00 this year.

To complete your renewal online, please go to our website at <http://www.wphima.org/joinwphima.html>.

Please note that the 2009 WPHIMA dues are separate from any dues you pay to AHIMA and PHIMA. While we receive significant benefit from each of our professional organizations, only WPHIMA can provide us as HIM professionals the local support and voice that we need.



Lemon Bars

Ingredients

Filling:

4 eggs, lightly beaten
2 cups sugar
¼ cup flour
½ teaspoon baking powder
2 teaspoons grated lemon zest
1/3 cup fresh lemon juice

Dough:

¾ cup all-purpose flour
¼ cup finely ground almonds
1 teaspoon grated lemon zest
½ cup confectioner's sugar
2 sticks unsalted butter (almost melted)

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
For the dough: Combine flour, almonds, lemon zest, confectioners sugar and butter. Process until a dough forms. Press lightly into a buttered 13x9 in. pan, forming a ½ inch rim that goes up the sides. Bake 20 minutes. Remove and cool.
For filling: Combine eggs, sugar, flour, baking powder, zest and juice. Pour lemon mixture over dough and spread evenly. Return to oven 20-25 minutes until filling is set; top is barely browned around edges. Cool. Sprinkle lightly with confectioners sugar.

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ICD-10: Timeline for Educating Students

Michele Bartholomew, MHMS, RHIA, CCS -President, WPHIMA

Well, by now, you are all aware of the Final Rule for ICD-10-CM/PCS implementation that indicates in October 2013 we will all begin to utilize ICD-10-CM/PCS. That seems like a lifetime away some days. Although, it seemed like a lifetime away when the Proposed Rule stated the implementation date would be October 2011. The part that intrigued me the most was when it was estimated that HIM/HIT programs would have to start to teach ICD-10-CM/PCS. Now, I will admit being an adjunct faculty member for HIM/HIT programs does influence what I think is intriguing. Remember some students take their coding courses well before they graduate, especially if they are only going to school part-time. Therefore, what coding system do you teach them? ICD-9-CM or ICD-10-CM/PCS

In 2008, AHIMA developed a timeline of when schools would have to start to teach ICD-10-CM/PCS in prepared for the proposed date. If it is extended by 2 years, as of Fall 2011, some schools will have to start to teach a hybrid class which includes ICD-9-CM & ICD-10-CM/PCS.

Remember everyone that graduates from a HIM/HIT program as of May 2013 will sit for a credentialing exam based on ICD-10-CM/PCS not ICD-9-CM. Can you imagine having to learn ICD-9-CM & ICD-10-CM/PCS? Can you imagine having to bring books for both systems to class with you each week? The ICD-9-CM book alone can be overwhelming.

As of Fall 2012, a majority of schools will be teaching primarily ICD-10-CM/PCS and ICD-9-CM will only be taught as a historical system. Can you believe that? Therefore, students coming to do their internships in 2013 prior to October will mainly know ICD-10-CM/PCS and will only have a cursory knowledge of ICD-9-CM while it continues to be the system by which all inpatient and outpatient diagnosis coding is done. Just some food for thought and hopefully, reminding you that ICD-10-CM/PCS is closer that it feels some days.

If you would like to reference, the timeline I have been referring to:
http://www.ahima.org/images/academic_advisor/Sept08/edu_timeline.pdf

Also, you can find out more information on ICD-10-CM/PCS at
www.ahima.org/ICD10/



**UPCOMING PHIMA
AUDIO CONFERENCES**

**April 23, 2009
Audio Conference:
ARRA Creates
Opportunities for
HIM**
12:00-1:00

**April 23, 2009
Audio Conference:
Compliant Billing**
1:00-2:00

Go to www.phima.org for
registration and more
information.



**WPHIMA Membership
Statistics**

As of 4/3/09

ACTIVE MEMBERS - 137

ASSOCIATE - 4

STUDENTS - 1

RETIRED - 4

TOTAL MEMBERS - 146



Education Update

Submitted by Cheryl Collier, RHIA - Education Chair, WPHIMA

There's lots of education to keep WPHIMA Members on top of what is going on in our field. Remember, WPHIMA members get discounts on educational sessions! It pays to join. Go to www.wphima.org today!

Upcoming Educational Offerings:

- ✓ Saturday, April 25, 2009
CCS-P Prep Course **Update** provided by PHIMA Coding Roundtable - Forbes Regional Hospital

CCS-Ps are coding practitioners who specialize in physician-based settings such as physician offices, group practices, multi-specialty clinics, or specialty centers.

Please click this link to obtain further information and registration: <http://www.phima.org/Register042509.asp>

- ✓ Friday, June 5, 2009
WPHIMA Annual Meeting
Comfort Inn - Penn Hills

Topics will include Finance, Legal review, ICD-10 and the meeting will also include a Job Fair/Networking session.

Watch your email and the WPHIMA website for more information coming soon.

WPHIMA 2009-2010 Elections

Submitted by Christine Parfitt, RHIT - Nominating Chair, WPHIMA

Elections will be held April 27th to May 25th. Please go to the WPHIMA website (www.wphima.org) or the link provided in upcoming email communications from WPHIMA.

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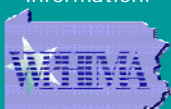
WPHIMA is a local association of HIM professionals located in Western Pennsylvania.

Founded February 27, 1930 as the Record Librarians Association of Allegheny County, the original organization consisted of representatives of 16 hospitals in and close to Pittsburgh.

75+ years later, the Association is still going strong and consists of over 200 active members from a geographic area that spans the entire western part of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The membership is diverse and consists of experts from Acute Care, Consulting, Ambulatory, Information Technology, Transcription, Coding, Tumor Registry, HIPAA and Insurance industries.

WPHIMA is a major sponsor and provider of continuing education programs for HIM Professionals. WPHIMA also serves as an important vehicle for networking, exchange of information and ideas and provides an opportunity for professional growth and development of its membership.

WPHIMA welcomes opportunities to work closely with our Vendor community, and invites interested Vendors to review our policy and fee schedule for more information.



PHIMA Election Results

The 2009/2010 elections were as follows:

President Elect: Chris Parfitt

Secretary: Denise Dunyak

Director: Dawn Criswell

Delegate: Kathy Arner

AHIMA Nominating: Eve Ellen Mandler

WPHIMA cast 87 of the 216 eligible votes

This was a great turnout for our nominees... Thank you!



PHIMA invites you to

Search for a Better Tomorrow

At

The 2009 PHIMA Annual Meeting May 18, 19 and 20, 2009
Penn Stater Conference Center

Come join us for 3 days packed with opportunities to learn about the Electronic Health Record, Coding and Transcription Issues, eDiscovery, Project Management Fundamentals, Cancer Registry, Long Term Care and many other Health Information Management topics that will enhance your HIM knowledge. We are also offering 2 pre-conference workshops a CCS Preparation Readiness Workshop and the Toyota Lean Workshop. **You will have the opportunity to earn 21 CEs for only \$9.50/CE or \$199 for 3 days. Can't attend all 3 days; attend 1 full day for only \$99.** Besides the educational opportunities, you will be able to visit over 50 vendors, enjoy the entertainment, networking and lots of good food too! Enjoy all of this in your casual dress attire! You can easily register for our annual meeting as well as see all the educational information by visiting www.phima.org/annualmeetinghome.htm.