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**Maryland ACDIS**



# Upcoming Events

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|  **Next Maryland ACDIS**  **meeting**:   February 15, 2019  WebEx by Dolby: The Use of  Artificial Intelligence in  Coding. CEU will be offered April 12 October 18  June 21  August 16  *All meetings are from 12p - 2p*  *at the Maryland Hospital*  *Association* **Maryland ACDIS Leadership:**Deb McClain, President  dmclain2@fmh.org  Angela Roeder, Vice  President aroeder21@gmail.com  Kyle Gafney, Secretary jossik@holycrosshealth.org Teri Gruenberg, Membership  Liaison  Tgruenb1@jhmi.edu Candace Blankenship,  Education Coordinator cblanke4@jhmi.edu |
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#  President's message

I believe that Candace summarized it best when she said, “*Our unique status as an APR state makes us that much more dependent on each other for the exchange of information, education and support. We must all take responsibility for the continuation of our chapter.*”

Our December meeting was one where we all left thinking about our future. Due to the amount of funds we've collected from our annual conference, the question has come up about what kind of group the Maryland ACDIS chapter is with respect to non-profit status and how to best manage our funds. The leadership team has put a lot of time and effort into researching and discussing our options.

Leadership will continue to research, share ideas, and concerns about how to move forward in our future. We will be engaging in conference calls with other chapters and provide feedback to membership. This will not be a hasty decision because we want it to be the right decision for our group.

My goal is to decrease our vulnerability and risk, and to move forward cohesively. We are a unique state on many levels, and the direction in which we move to secure our future should be as unique as Maryland ACDIS is. As Leadership learns more about our options and commitments, we will continue to share what we have found.

# Maryland ACDIS Leadership Elections

Thank you to everyone who took time to participate and cast a vote! I am very excited to announce that we received not 1, not 2 but 3 nominations for the Vice-President position!

Both Candace Blankenship and Mary Plevyak received a tying vote for the position, however both Candace and Mary declined the position change, choosing to continue in their current roles. Therefore the vote defaulted to the third nomination who graciously accepted the position.

Congratulations and welcome to your new Leadership members Angela Roeder, Vice President, and Teri Gruenberg, Membership Liaison. Also Congratulations to Kyle Gafney who will be continuing as our valuable Secretary.

As your leadership team makes a smooth transition, we look forward to seeing and talking with everyone at our February 15 at 12pm at the Maryland Hospital Association. Agenda and more information will be coming closer to the meeting day.

# Member input needed!

While all of us have talents in the areas of Clinical Documentation Improvement, Coding, and the act of pulling teeth also know as getting providers to answer queries, we each have unique talents that we hope you will consider sharing with the Maryland ACDIS group. Our plea was included in the December Maryland ACDIS Journal but so far we've received no response from our membership. *If you have experience with non-profits, conferencing, accounting or large group leadership –* ***WE******NEED YOU!*** *Our leadership team is looking for input from our members with experience to form a sub-committee and make recommendation on our groups current operating procedures. Please contact Kyle* *jossik@holycrosshealth.org* *or Deb McClain* *dmcclain2@fmh.org* *to be included.*

# 2019 Maryland ACDIS Annual Conference

Most everyone is familiar with the quote “It takes a village …”. Whether you are raising a child or running a hospital or involved in your HOA, you know that nearly all success is the work of a village of people working together.

The continued success of the 2019 Maryland ACDIS conference is solely dependent on you. New ~~members~~ volunteers are needed for the conference committee in order to make our 2019 Maryland ACDIS conference happen this year. There are several opportunities varying in degree of commitment from assisting in the planning to helping the day of the event. The conference is being planned for Friday, September 20. If you can offer any level of support, please contact Deb McClain at dmcclain2@fmh.org.

More information to come at the February meeting.

# A letter of gratitude from St. Josephs



# Leveraging Artificial Intelligence (AI) for CDI, Coding and Quality

This Dolby CEU will take place at the beginning of our February meeting at 12pm. Matt Turner has graciously arranged this CEU for us and will be allowing us to utilize the GoTo Webinar platform for our meeting following the presentation. This wonderful opportunity will allow us to meet virtually if the weather is bad or if you are unable to travel to the MHA.

Please register for the CEU through this link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7377523307486461697>

# Job openings:

Children's Hospital – CDI Manager. For more information, contact Melanie Green at 202-476-6720 or mgreen2@childrensnational.org

# ACDIS Membership Renewal and Chapter Information

Don’t forget to renew with your Maryland discounted price of $107. It is probably best to contact Mike Bryant directly (see the section National ACDIS Contacts below). Don’t forget to go to the Local Chapters page on the ACDIS website to update your information as a Maryland Chapter member. This is a benefit offered from ACDIS to the local chapters to assist in tracking local membership as well as demonstrate to the national organization how strong the local chapters are, their growth, and representation. From this link <https://acdis.org/chapters/new> Scroll down to #6 under the Getting Started section and click the link for “Online membership roster”. Please fill out the information and click Submit at the bottom of the form

# Don't miss the deadline for the National ACDIS 2019 Conference early bird pricing for Maryland ACDIS members

Register before April 5th to get the early bird group discount registration rate of $760. Contact Mike Bryant mbryant@hcpro.com or 1-800-650-6787 x.8127. See below for more details about the conference.



May 20–23, 2019 | Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center – Kissimmee, FL

Our 12th annual conference will be held May 20-23, 2019, at the Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center in Kissimmee, Florida. Registration is now open for the 2019 event. The early bird date before which you can save an additional $100 on registration is Friday, April 5, 2019.

The annual ACDIS Conference features unparalleled networking, the ACDIS Achievement Awards, and six concurrent educational tracks with a diverse range of sessions, covering best practices for staff management, physician engagement, clinically focused chart reviews, and critical regulatory updates to improve every aspect of your CDI department.

Base conference pricing includes a ticket to attend our opening night reception in the exhibit hall on May 20, as well as breakfast on all three days, lunch on days 1 and 2, and snacks and beverages throughout.

See above for special Maryland ACDIS pricing. Below is what everyone else is being offered.

**Non-Members**Base Price: $1,050

Early Bird: $950 *– Ends April 5, 2019*

**ACDIS Members**Base Price: $950

Early Bird: $850 *– Ends April 5, 2019*

**Group Rate (5 at price of 4)**Base Price: $3,800 ($760/person)

National ACDIS contacts:



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\*\*\*2019 Renewal Rate for MD ACDIS Members-$107\*\*\*