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Farraher is a clinical documentation specialist at Newton-Wellesley Hospital in Newton, Massachusetts. Before joining the CDI team, Farragher worked as an ICU float nurse and an RN consultant in case management. She has worked as a legal nurse consultant, a utilization review nurse, and an off-shift supervisor at a Level I trauma center in Boston. Farragher serves as the chair for the CDI Practice Guidelines Committee for ACDIS; she is also a past leader and current member of the Massachusetts ACDIS local chapter.



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Carr is the CDI manager at Grand Strand Medical Center in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Her clinical experience includes 12 years as an ICU nurse in neuro/trauma, medical/surgical, and cardiac/cardiovascular surgical specialties. She has also worked in cardiac rehabilitation, home health, and nursing management.

Carr began her CDI career in 2009 after having served in the US Air Force in both active duty and reserves, retiring in 2006, and completing her master degree in healthcare leadership and nursing education from Regis University in 2009. She is also treasurer of the South Carolina ACDIS chapter. Carr currently serves as the chair-elect for the Practice Guidelines Committee.



**Emmanuel Damalie, MD, FACHE, FHFMA, RHIA, CCDS, CDIP, CCS**  
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Damalieu is the corporate vice president for CDI, coding, and clinical appeals for Prospect Medical Holdings/Alta Hospitals System, a position he has held for almost seven years where he developed and built the CDI program from scratch. Before this position, Damalie advanced from performing CDI record reviews to managing the CDI program and Recovery Audit appeals for a 14-hospital system.

Damalieu has multiple postgraduate degrees/certificates, including but not limited to, public health, clinical research, health administration/health information management.

He maintains active membership in ACDIS, American College of Healthcare Executives, Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA), American Health Information

Management Association (AHIMA), American Academy of Professional Coders, and National Association of Healthcare Quality. He is a Fellow of American College of Healthcare Executives and Healthcare Financial Management Association.

In addition to his service on the CDI Practice Guidelines Committee, he is chairman of the certification committee of the Southern California Chapter of HFMA, a board member of the Southern California Chapter of HFMA, and he has served on the AHIMA Foundation Leadership Institute Advisory Panel. He is affiliated with Serenity Holistic CDI+ Solutions and is a regular contributor on ACDIS Blog.



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DiMeglio is director of CDI and appeals for Lifespan in Providence, Rhode Island. She has more than 30 years of progressive leadership and administrative experience in diverse acute care and ambulatory patient care settings. In 2009, DiMeglio implemented the clinical documentation integrity department for Lifespan affiliate hospitals, growing the staff from five to 15. Dimeglio was also named ACDIS' 2016 *CDI Professional of the Year*.



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Geiger is a clinical documentation specialist supervisor at Parkview Health in Fort Wayne, Indiana, where she has been employed for 19 years, with experience in includes extended care, family practice, medical/surgical, post-partum and newborn care. Geiger has 11 years of CDI experience advancing from a CDI specialist to an operational lead and then to the supervisor in 2017. She is proud to work with a team of 11 CDI specialists who strive for excellence. Geiger is a member of the Indiana ACDIS chapter and recently joined the Indiana ACDIS spring conference planning committee. She is a Nascar fan and enjoys cross country skiing so she always hopes for more snow while her co-workers anxiously await spring.



**Katy Good, RN, CCS, CCDS**  
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Good is a registered nurse with a clinical background in the ICU and ED. As the lead training materials specialist, she is responsible for the overall development and oversight of both internal and client training materials focusing on documentation improvement across the continuum of care. She works with Enjoin's physician team to develop clinical, coding, and documentation materials.

In 2011, Good was tasked with expanding and systemizing a CDI program across facilities. Over the following six years, she gained extensive management and operational experience. As the CDI program coordinator, she provided comprehensive education to CDI, coding, and medical staff, thorough audits of both CDI and coding, and developed processes to provide mortality, patient safety indicator, and hospital acquired condition reviews.

Good is a past ACDIS conference presenter and is a regular contributor to industry publications and CDI blogs. Her achievements include recipient of the 2014 ACDIS *CDI Professional Achievement Award* and the Academic Achievement Award for graduating first in her nursing class in 2006. She is currently pursuing her master's degree in healthcare administration from the University of New Mexico.



**Leslie Prairie, RN, MSN, MBA, HCA, CCDS, ACM, NEA-BC**  
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Prairie is the Midwest operations manager of CDI at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. Her direct leadership has led to the robust expansion of the CDI program in Minnesota and Wisconsin, including a quality and education specialist role. Prairie's bedside nursing endeavors include the specialties of hematology/oncology and critical care. Behind the front lines, Prairie has supervised the utilization review and case management departments.



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Romanello is a manager with PRISM Healthcare Partners, LTD. She has 10 years of CDI experience after devoting three decades to bedside patient care and

case management. She is skilled at improving inpatient record documentation and educating physicians and staff on procedures and initiatives to enhance patient care.

Romanello served as a documentation improvement specialist manager at CJW Medical Center prior to joining Prism Healthcare Partners. In that role, she managed all aspects of CDI operations with a focus on obtaining accurate patient records and mentoring staff on the documentation process. She has served as project manager on numerous inpatient and outpatient CDI engagements.

Over the course of her career, Romanello served a wide range of clients from academic medical centers, large and regional systems including: Duke, Pro Health, SCL, and Centegra. Romanello enjoys spending time with her three adult children and her granddaughter, as well as quilting, reading, and traveling.