

2019 ACDIS CDI Scholarship Committee



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Brautigam manages a team of 11 CDI specialists which covers three, soon-to-be four, hospitals in the low country. She earned her associate degree in nursing in 1986 from Rancho Santiago College in Southern California, her bachelor’s degree in 1999 from the University of Utah and was a CCRN for 20 years. She has more than 25 years of experience as a critical care nurse, working throughout the United States and the United Kingdom. After settling in Charleston, she took the leap into CDI in 2010, earned her CCDS in 2011, and took on the role of manager in 2012. When she doesn’t have her nose in the records, she enjoys camping and boating with her family. Currently, she is focused on denials prevention in sepsis, malnutrition, and orthopedic conservative measures.



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Cassetty is the manager of CDI and quality auditors system-wide at Providence St. Joseph Health System based in Irvine, California. She has been in CDI for 11 years, including as CDI specialist, auditor/second-level reviewer, regional manager of CDI, and CDI educator. She served 17 years as a school board trustee in Bushland, Texas, and has been a speaker for the Texas Association of School Boards. Cassetty has written articles in *For the Record* and was featured in the *CDI Journal*.



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Dallos has nearly 30 years nursing experience with 22 years in critical care and six in CDI. Dallos is a past chair of the Florida ACDIS Local Chapter and a member of the ACDIS national Chapter Advisory Board. She is an EXCEL award winner at SMH (house-wide employee recognition program), and the former chair of both the house-wide and unit-based Global Unit Practice Council at SMH.



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Downie is a CDI specialist/care manager at TSN Nurse Consulting in Vidalia, Georgia. She has been involved in clinical documentation in some capacity since the late 1990s and even attended the first ACDIS conference and sat for the first CCDS exam in May 2009. After listening to a keynote speaker at one of the conferences, Downie worked up the courage to pursue her BSN degree, even in her fifties.



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Everett is a CDI specialist, level 3, at Arnold Palmer Medical Center in Orlando, Florida, where she serves as the physician/CDI liaison for pediatric mortality review. With more than 11 years of experience in the health field, Everett has provided mentorship to graduate nurses and new CDI specialists as well as CDI training to more than 100 physicians throughout her facility.



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Head is an active professional in the healthcare field and currently serves as the director of health information management, quality, and medical staff services at Parrish Medical Center. Additionally, she is a contract coder and coding auditor with *Code and Comply Specialists*. She holds the credentials of a registered health information administrator, certified health data analyst, and certified healthcare technology specialist.



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Jackson is the HIM director at Arkansas State Hospital in Little Rock. She has more the 35 years of experience, starting her career as a file clerk in the HIM department. Since then, she worked 11 years as a supervisor in birth defect research and the Arkansas Birth Defects Registry and as a supervisor visiting hospitals across Arkansas to collect

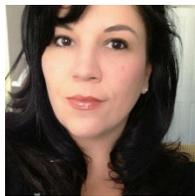
information on children born with a birth defect. Jackson has spent the last eight years in her current role.



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Siebert joined her facility's CDI program in 2013, coming from a background in HIM since 1975. In that role, she spent time working for a quality improvement organization conducting Medicare reviews. Her experience includes time working in hospitals on quality, trauma and cancer registries, systemwide EHR development, and HIM operations management.

Siebert is past-president of the Oregon Northwest ACDIS local chapter and helped the team develop updated bylaws to include current standard board practices including financial duties and board structure. She co-authored an ACDIS white paper proposing CDI minimal documentation standards. She had been active in professional associations and civic groups, serving on the OrHIMA board, and participating in two different AHIMA work groups. She is also a member of the ACDIS Chapter Advisory Board.



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Sninchak is the educator for clinical documentation excellence with Novant Health, a large health system based in Charlotte and Winston Salem, North Carolina, which includes 15 acute-care facilities. She has 21 years of nursing experience, including 14 years at the bedside in a level one trauma center and five years in the CDI profession. In her current role, she facilitates development and standardization of educational content and initiatives. She approaches documentation best practice from a patient safety and quality perspective and is passionate about individual professional engagement. In 2016, she developed a new orientation program, including more robust coding and quality overviews, resulting in 100% retention of new team-members. Sninchak is a frequent speaker and contributor for ACDIS and co-founded the ACDIS CDI Educator networking group in 2017, co-leading the chapter from 2017-2019.

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In her role as the ACDIS editor, Archibald assists in the research and development of CDI products, including books, webinars, eLearning, and the online publications *CDI Journal*, *CDI Strategies*, and the ACDIS Blog. Additionally, she is responsible for engaging ACDIS members through social media and other mediums, and coordinating several ACDIS committees. Before joining the ACDIS team, Archibald worked as the editorial manager at an insurance investigative agency and as a freelance writer for various magazines.