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Maryland ACDIS



# Upcoming Events

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| **Next Maryland ACDIS**  **meeting**:    **February 2019** – WebEx by  Dolby – use of Artificial  Intelligence in Coding.  CEU will be offered    *All meetings are from*  *12p - 2p at the Maryland*  *Hospital Association*  **Maryland ACDIS Leadership:**    Deb McClain, President  [dmclain2@fmh.org](mailto:dmclain2@fmh.org)    [Vacant], Vice President    Kyle Gafney, Secretary  [jossik@holycrosshealth.org](mailto:jossik@holycrosshealth.org)  Jill Kirchoffner, Membership  Liaison  [jkirchoffner@umm.edu](mailto:jkirchoffner@umm.edu)  Candace Blankenship,  Education Coordinator  [cblanke4@jhmi.edu](mailto:cblanke4@jhmi.edu) |
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# That’s a wrap! Looking forward to 2019

Thank you Maryland ACDIS members for all your work and dedication over the past year. We have seen many benefits from this group including friendships, networks, resources, an amazing conference and 8 free CEU’s plus many others too numerous to list here.

With pride, we close the books on 2018 and look with excitement towards a fresh start in 2019. Your responsiveness and commitment to our group will take us into the future for many many years to come. I personally could not be any more humbled and grateful for all that you do, not just for Maryland ACDIS but for Maryland and our communities.

Blessings for the holidays, and for heath and happiness throughout the new year!

Deb

# Highlights from the October Maryland ACDIS meeting

Candace Blankenship once again demonstrated why we are so fortunate to have her as our Education Coordinator. She presented a 1 hour CEU that covered the IPPS Final Rule, PSIs, OIG reports, coding social determinants and the 4th Universal definition of MI. Her presentation wasn't a rote review of the changes and updates, but instead a valuable explanation of why these things are important to us as CDISs. Nineteen members attended in person and there were thirty members on the phone.

# What you missed if you didn’t attend our Annual Holiday Pot luck in December



The Maryland Hospital Association was very kind in offering our group use of the larger Chesapeake Conference Room. We enjoyed a delicious pot luck luncheon with an abundance of incredible food. It was wonderful to catch up with old friends and meet new ones. While not required, it was heartwarming to see the large volume of donations made to Toys for Tots by those who chose to participate. A box and a half were proudly delivered to the Marines and their Toys for Tots.

Deb presented the non-profit presentation on behalf of Connie Clegg and what steps would need to be taken if our group chose to move in this direction. This generated much discussion regarding the legacy of our group and what will need to be done to ensure it continues. Candace Blankenship opened the discussion with heartfelt honesty about the need for volunteers to fill our leadership roles, this is becoming more challenging with each election cycle. Many valuable points were raised and suggestions made as to how we could handle our current rate of membership growth, the success of our annual conference and the continued management of our chapter.

Deb has reached out to other local chapters who have moved towards no-profit status for input, and to local chapters who have chosen not to. The Leadership team plans to hold discussions after the new year and will report back at the February meeting.

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# Member input needed!

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](mailto:jossik@holycrosshealth.org) or Deb McClain [dmcclain2@fmh.org](mailto:dmcclain2@fmh.org) to be included.

# Maryland ACDIS Leadership Elections

Angela Roeder has graciously volunteered to serve as our nominating committee and will be accepting your votes for our leadership elections. Watch your email for the ballot and instructions on the voting process. The voting will follow the same procedure as we did with the by-laws with the exception that you will have to email Angela your vote. Angela will tally the votes and report back to leadership the results.

Open positions: Nominee:

Vice President [write-in]

Secretary Kyle Gafney

Membership Liaison Terri Gruenberg

# Membership Survey

Laureen Talbott has suggest that we conduct a survey to see how our roles have changed and what we are currently focusing on at our facilities. The survey will be sent out in the near future and results will be reported at a future meeting.

# A letter of Thanks

Olga received a wonderful letter from St. Joseph Medical Center Foundation thanking Maryland ACDIS for our generous donation to their employee assistance fund.

The Foundations Executive Director, Mrs. Tinkler wrote: “The Employee Assistance Fund provides emergency funds to our colleagues in their time of need. Emergencies are unexpected: whether a fire destroys a home or an unforeseen sickness causes unusual medical exposes, employees who face crises like these can receive assistance from the Employee Assistance Fund.” In addition, her letter stated, “We are most grateful to have you partner with us in our mission of loving service and compassionate care.”

St. Joseph Medical Center was very gracious to support our 3rd Annual Maryland ACDIS Conference by donating their conference room for our use for the day.

# Questions from our Members

We are  having a difference of opinion between CDI & Coding: When the provider documents “Uncontrolled Diabetes Type 1.5, treated/managed as type 2” how is this coded as Type 1.5 (E1365) or Type 2 (E1165)? Please respond to Karen Nega Karen.Nega@Calverthealthmed.org.

# 2019 Maryland ACDIS Meeting dates

It is hard to believe that we are already marking dates in our 2019 calendars. Below are our meeting dates for next year:

February 15th August 16th

April 12th October 18th

June 21st December 6th

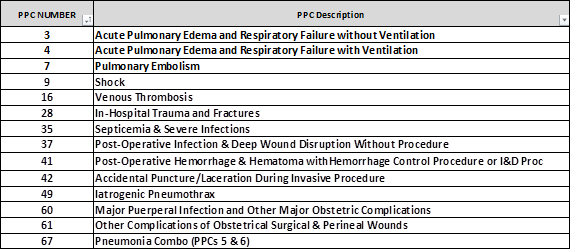
All meetings will continue to be held at the Maryland Hospital Association, 6820 Deerpath Road, Elkridge, MD 21075. All meetings are from 12 – 2pm.

The MHA allows us to utilize their space for our meetings, and use of the conference calling system for free. The next time you are at the MHA, please extend a word of thanks and appreciation to their staff for without their generosity our ability to meet would be much more difficult.

# From Justin Ziombra about agenda items needs for meeting with 3M and HSCRA

Our next meeting with 3M and the HSCRC to discuss specific ways the PPC grouper logic can be improved will be held in the spring. Details are still forming, and an announcement email with pertinent information will be sent when arrangements have been finalized.  We’re reaching out now to ask for agenda items, **which are due by COB January 11th**. Contact Justin at [jziombra@mhaonline.org](mailto:jziombra@mhaonline.org) for the template that needs to be submitted with your agenda item.

Quality-related payment policy for 2019 and beyond will only use a subset of the PPCs currently considered. The PPCs that will most likely be featured are listed below (the finalized list will be available in early 2019). Though only these 14 will be considered for reward and penalty determinations, the HSCRC will continue to monitor hospitals’ performance on all PPCs. For this reason we can discuss suggested changes to any PPC, though most of our time will be spent on those in payment policy during the meeting.



# Thoughtful words from our Past President

Several days ago Olga Firstbrook sent the following email to the Maryland ACDIS email group. But I think it is worth reprinting again here:

**We have been so fortunate ever since this group was formed many years ago-KUDOS to those of you who spearheaded this notion of CDI’s meeting in MD (you know who you are!!!). Collectively we have matured & grown into a very vital organization-MD ACDIS!**

**Passing along my THANKS & GRATITUDE to all of you for your diverse talents & amazing efforts to promote education, networking, comradery, & good-n-welfare. Remember, as we map out our mission-vision for our future, we will continue to rely on our leaders &, more importantly, our entire membership to realize this  goal!**

**Wishing everyone an abundance of blessings this Thanksgiving & Holiday Season! Looking forward to celebrating with you all on 12/7/18!!!!**

**Best regards!**

**Olga**

# Quotes from our members

As you all know, I receive emails from many of our members. Sometimes a quote that the author includes above or below their signature say as much as their email. The following quote appeared on Karen Walleck's emails. She's from Anne Arundel Medical Center:

***The Quality of Care rendered is interpreted exclusively by documentation within the medical record!***

# Job openings:

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

# 12th Annual ACDIS Conference

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.

The event takes place May 20-23, 2019, at the Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center in Kissimmee, Florida

**There’s still time to submit a proposal for the Poster Presentations. Applications for posters will be accepted through January 4.**

All conference information can be found at <https://acdis.org/>

National ACDIS contacts:



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\*\*\*2017 Renewal Rate for MD ACDIS Members-$107\*\*\*

From Mike Bryant’s most recent email: **“I am currently offering early bird, ACDIS member and group discounts!** To register, please contact Mike Bryant directly via phone or email: 1-800-650-6787 x.8127 or [mbryant@hcpro.com](mailto:sbeach@hcpro.com)”

***Main Conference, May 20 – May 23***

**Non-Members ACDIS Members**Base Price: $1,050 Base Price: $950

Early Bird: $950 *– Ends April 5, 2019* Early Bird: $850 *– Ends April 5, 2019*

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

***Available Pre-Conferences, May 19 – May 20***

[**The**](http://hcmarketplace.com/mastering-clinical-concepts-in-cdi-precon) **Physician Advisor’s Role in CDI Boot Camp**   
Base Price: $1,349

Early Bird: $1,146.65

**Beyond Hospital Walls: CDI’s Role in Risk Adjustment and Quality Improvement**

Base Price: $1,149

Early Bird: $976.65

[**CDI Management Essentials**](http://hcmarketplace.com/physician-advisors-role-in-cdi-boot-camp-acdis-pre-conference)

Base Price: $1,149

Early Bird: $976.65