



ACDIS NW CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

Fourth Quarter 2023

DECEMBER EDUCATION

Date: December 6th

Time: 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
PST

Teams link: [Click here](#)

Meeting ID: 288 226 702 916
Passcode: b6KBL7

Or call in (audio only)

+1 208-996-1717, Boise, ID

Phone Conference ID: 152 945
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IN THIS NEWSLETTER

We are excited to announce that for our 4th quarter education, we will have three fantastic speakers. The link to the education to be held on December 6th at 10:30 AM PST is on the left but read on for more information on the topics and speaker [biographies](#).

Also, in this newsletter you will find a link to a survey. We would love to hear from you on what YOU would like in terms of education length and topics for 2024. Click [here](#) to jump to the survey section in this newsletter.

CDI Documentation Standards: A Health System Story

This will be the first topic presented jointly by **Molly Siebert, RHIA, CCDS** and **Kaitlyn Loos, BSN, CCDS**.

At the conclusion of this presentation participants will be able to:

- Describe the benefits of standardized CDI documentation.
- Utilize a similar process to create standardized CDI documentation templates for their team.

Clinical Validation Practice Brief

This will be the second topic presented by **Cheryl Ericson, MS, RN, CCDS, CDIP**, Director of CDI, Case Management and Utilization Management at the Brundage Group.

At the conclusion of this presentation participants will be able to:

- Define clinical validation.
- Discuss coding guidelines and their relationship to clinical validation.
- Explain when a clinical validation query may be appropriate.
- Compare and contrast clinical validation denials and DRG validations denials.



SPEAKER BIOS



Kaitlin Loos, BSN, CCDS, is a CDI auditor for Legacy Health in Portland, Oregon, joining her facility's CDI program in 2017 and moving to an auditor role in 2018. Developed staff templates for daily CDI concurrent and retrospective reviews. Co-authored ACDIS April 2019 article: "CDI documentation standards: A health system story". Her prior experience includes critical care and serving as an abdominal transplant coordinator.

Molly Siebert, RHIA, CCDS, joined her facility's CDI program in 2013, coming from a background in HIM since 1975.



In her HIM career, she has worked for a Quality Improvement Organization conducting Medicare reviews. Her hospital experience includes time working in hospitals as a coder, on quality, trauma and cancer registries, systems-wide EMR development, and HIM operations management. Siebert is past president of the Oregon Northwest ACDIS. She has served on the OrHIMA board and participated in two different AHIMA work groups in 2007-2009. Co-authored ACDIS April 2019 article: "CDI documentation standards: A health system story". Submitted Guest Column article: "Investing in yourself is investing in your team's success".



Cheryl Ericson, MS, RN, CCDS, CDIP, is an industry expert in clinical documentation improvement (CDI) with over 25 years of revenue cycle experience. She is recognized as a CDI subject matter expert for her body of work, which includes many speaking engagements and publications for a variety of industry associations. She has helped establish industry guidance through contributions to white papers and practice briefs, including several American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) practice briefs and white papers with the Association of Clinical Documentation Integrity Specialists (ACDIS) in the areas of clinical documentation improvement, denials management, quality, technology and querying.





VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



We are looking for more volunteers to help with our 3 state ACDIS chapter for 2024...especially in the Washington state area...as our one WA representative will be stepping down after several years of service. Come join us!

Benefits include:

- Networking with other CDIs
- Discounted national ACDIS membership
- Ability to help choose education and conference topics
- Opportunity to give back

2024 EDUCATION SURVEY

The NW ACDIS Board convened to discuss topics and education duration for 2024, specifically, 1st quarter. We would love to hear from all of you on how long you would like the education to be as well as what topics you would like to see covered. To access the survey, click on this [link](#).





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