

Wisconsin ACDIS Chapter



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From your leadership:

Spring break, Easter, robins, budding plants and fresh green grass are all reminders of newness, growth and the return of warmer months ahead. I don't know about you but I just love sitting on my front porch watching a spring thunderstorm and lightning show. There's something about the smell of fresh rain in the air and beautiful rainbows that just make you look around and be in awe of it all.

Whether you are a CDI novice, advanced CDI or expert CDI, the WI ACDIS Chapter will help you **DISCOVER** something new. Have you ever considered taking on a new role in leadership? Perhaps you have great ideas to share or would like to present on a particular topic? Do you know a doctor, NP, CDI, VP or coder who might just say "yes" to sharing their knowledge and expertise on a topic? Maybe YOU would like more information on a particular subject? Want more Outpatient CDI topics? Did you complete the Annual Survey? Consider these questions as ways you can get involved in the WI ACDIS Chapter and grow your presence. It can be very rewarding and it gives you a voice in decision making!

We have in this issue lots of updates so read carefully and don't miss a thing (just like we tell our providers regarding queries right?). There are helpful reminders, current news and upcoming information YOU don't want to miss. We greatly appreciate each of you and hope you enjoy this issue and the Spring ahead!

~ Alicia Whiteford

More details inside this issue.



Welcome New Members!

- * Renee Friesen, CCS, CCS-P, CAH-CBS with Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative
- * Elizabeth Kramer, RN with Accuity Healthcare
- * Stacy Lundtvedt, MSN, RN with Gundersen Health

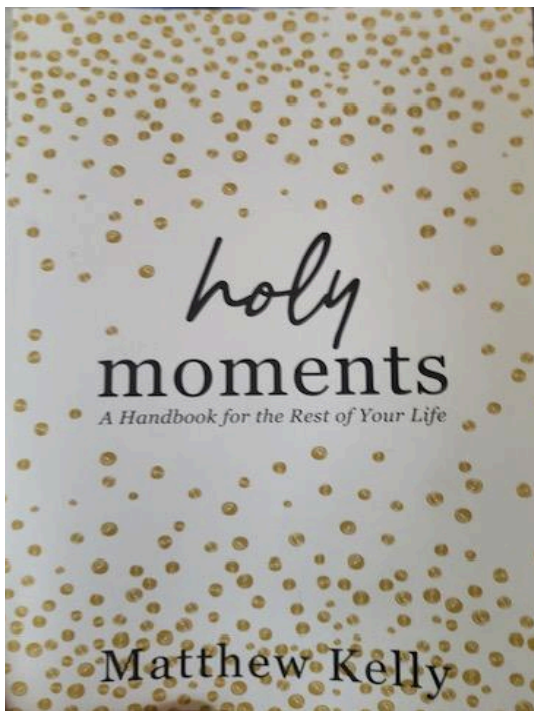


The WI ACDIS Chapter now has 72 members!

Let's grow this chapter!

Encourage someone you know to become a member - Send them this link: [WI ACDIS Membership Form](#)

REFERRAL GIFT OFFER: Refer a new member and be eligible for a gift drawing at the May webinars for the below book that gives insights and helps foster good leadership practices in life and whatever role or level of CDI you are in. We have 10!



About this book:

You have so much more to offer. You know it. You have sensed it for some time now. This sacred truth has been bubbling up in your soul. But you have never known quite what to do about it. All that is about to change.

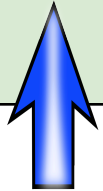
Some ideas are so powerful that simply becoming aware of them changes our lives forever. Holy Moments is such an idea. It is profoundly simple, astonishingly practical, and once you discover it your life will finally make sense. It's time to let Holy Moments show you what is possible. It is time to explore your soul-potential.

Membership & Subscription Renewal Reminders

It is a time-consuming process to follow-up on renewal emails and betting you don't like a cluttered inbox. Please be sure to address the renewal reminders immediately upon receipt so our board does not have to spend extra time and effort on filling up your inbox with these unnecessary reminders. WE THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!

- Please remember to fill out the ACDIS online membership roster if you are new, to refresh once yearly or whenever you have **NEW contact information changes** by clicking here: [WI ACDIS Roster](#)
- Receive a **25% discount** on National ACDIS membership by being a **WI Chapter member!**
- Be on the lookout for Pinson & Tang renewal reminder emails from the chapter! **Please RSVP ASAP if you plan to renew or not**

ATTENTION



Upcoming Education

WI ACDIS Chapter Webinars and business meeting:

May 29th 1-3p - SAVE THE DATE!

End of October - Topics TBD

November - Annual business meeting plus 1 hour CDI Jeopardy game - live

Shout out to Lyn Kutz for being a long time member, serving on the board and presenting last March for us!

Our next webinar series is coming up quickly and this time it will be **LIVE!** Don't miss the registration email coming soon so you can get the date/time saved on your calendars! Reminder emails will be sent the week prior to the webinars.



We are pleased to offer you the following speakers for May 29th:

- 1-2 pm is Lynn Kuehn from Libman Education speaking on Spinal Procedure interpretation and PCS coding
- 2-3 pm is Melissa Kersten speaking on Burns

The May webinars were GREAT suggestions that YOU made on your annual survey so we're very excited to offer this for you. Want to make a new request for the October webinars? Shoot us an email at: wisconsinacdis@gmail.com

Receive a \$25 gift card for speaking for the chapter and a \$10 gift card for referring a speaker!

Pinson & Tang



Upcoming webinar education:

- April 25th at 12 noon: Adverse Reactions to Drugs and Toxins
- May 23rd at 12 noon: Substance Use, Abuse, and Dependence

Did you know?

- P&T made the Pediatrics section more robust
- The Resources section has great information!



Topic Specific Info: Hepatorenal syndrome

Hepatorenal syndrome is acute kidney injury due to acute or chronic liver disease. It is characterized by a progressive rise in creatinine in patients with liver disease (not due to another cause). Clinical indicators: Meets AKI criteria, usually with ascites resistant to diuretics.

Note that the diagnosis of hepatorenal syndrome is one of exclusion. The diagnosis is excluded if due to other causes, i.e., dehydration, contrast-induced, drugs/nephrotoxins, obstruction, glomerulonephritis, etc.

Signs and symptoms of liver disease include fatigue, abdominal pain, RUQ/liver tenderness, joint pain, nausea or vomiting, loss of appetite, jaundice, dark urine, pale stools, hepatomegaly, ascites/edema.

Our Resource topics are sourced directly from the original CDI Pocket Guide®

[Click HERE to Learn more](#)

Recently Added

Acute Respiratory Failure - All There Is To Know

Coding Possible Malignancy Diagnoses When Pathology Report is Pending

Hospital Acquired Infections: Reporting vs. Coding

MCC-CC Listings for MS-DRGs FY2023

The New Laterality Code Edit: Is a Query Needed?

ACDIS National

Board members Zoe Harkoff and Shannon Tokarski attended the national conference this year. Wednesday 4/10 they got to represent Wisconsin and the privilege of meeting some of you!

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DISCOVER
New Horizons for CDI



Become a National ACDIS member!

Save 25% on your national membership by being a chapter member: [click here](#)

Check out the latest CDI Journal issue for 2024 March/April titled, “New Beginnings: Expansion opportunities in CDI”. [Read more here](#)

(must be logged in to access)

News: OIG to review Medicare inpatient hospital billing for sepsis

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According to The Office of Inspector General's (OIG) recent [Work Plan March update](#), it will be reviewing Medicare inpatient hospital billing for sepsis.

Sepsis is diagnosis that is frequently billed in Medicare. Its [multiple definitions and clinical requirements](#) between the World Health Organization, CMS, and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention provide extra complication for CDI specialists and coders.

"This study will analyze Medicare claims to assess patterns in the inpatient hospital billing of sepsis in 2023 and describe how the billing of sepsis varied among hospitals," the Work Plan summary explains.

OIG continues to explain its concern that hospitals are taking advantage of the various sepsis definitions and criteria to receive financial incentives. It also intends to estimate the costs to Medicare associated with each definition and criteria.

The hottest topics in the CDI world can be read here in CDI Strategies.

Want to know more about the below OIG focus on sepsis article? Click [here](#).

Want to know more about the AI Sepsis diagnostic tool article? Click [here](#)

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News: FDA authorizes first-ever AI sepsis diagnostic tool

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Last week, the FDA granted marketing authorization of an artificial intelligence (AI) software tool for rapid diagnosis and risk assessment of sepsis, [Prenosis announced in a press release](#). The AI sepsis diagnostic is called "the Sepsis ImmunoScore" and uses a combination of 22 biomarkers and patient parameters to provide a risk score and four discrete risk categories that indicate a patient's risk of deterioration, in-hospital mortality, and escalation of care within 24 hours of patient assessment, [MedPage Today](#) reported.

The FDA authorized the tool with a "De Novo Classification," meaning that the device provides reasonable assurance of safety and effectiveness for its intended use, but for which there is no legally marketed predicate device. It was designed using a biobank and dataset consisting of more than 100,000 blood samples from over 25,000 patients. In a [2021 study published in the ASCPT Journal](#), researchers collected samples from 1,400 adult patients in emergency departments suspected of sepsis to evaluate the machine-learning algorithm and found the tool accurately identified sepsis and other related secondary outcomes.

"Given that diagnostic performance alone does not address the entire dilemma facing healthcare providers today, we now present a more holistic analysis of a subset of NOSIS, a large, multi-center, novel data set comprised of three plasma proteins (procalcitonin [PCT], interleukin-6 [IL-6], and C-reactive protein [CRP]) and routinely measured EMR parameters," researchers explained in the study.

They found a higher score accurately predicted less favorable outcomes regarding discharge time, 30-day mortality, and 30-day inpatient readmissions. Predicted risk scores for patients were higher for those with septic shock and infection and organ dysfunction compared with those with sepsis but without those conditions.

Look what the *Regulatory Committee* is up to! This just posted March 13th, 2024 “*Industry hot topics: Insight into ambiguous, inconsistent, conflicting advice and guidance*”
Sound interesting? Want to know more? [Click here](#)

Succession Planning

Consider becoming a chapter board member and get **50% off** National ACDIS membership!
Look for nomination information in the Summer newsletter regarding the **President-elect and Secretary** roles.



“Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; *working together is success.*”

Henry Ford

Get involved!

Add a feather to your cap and/or enhance your resume by serving on the chapter board or planning committee.

Consider joining the 30 minute calls over the next year and find out more about co-chair duties!

Contact via the WI ACDIS email address: wisconsinacdis@gmail.com!

Choose “and” instead of “but” and improve connection, unity and collaboration. ~ Anonymous



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