Nourish your professional soul, fertilize plans for your career growth, cultivate your staff, and see your CDI program blossom as we FLOURISH together at the 2023 ACDIS Conference.
Planting, maintaining, and watching your garden flourish can be one of the most rewarding experiences. You must select the type of plants you want to grow, prepare the soil and your garden bed, get your hands dirty and spread the seeds, and, finally, watch the fruits of your labor blossom and flourish. Anyone who has taken on this task knows the hard work, time, and care that goes into it.

The theme of the 2023 ACDIS national conference is Flourish, and we can’t help but draw a comparison to the same hard work, time, and care it takes to make your CDI programs flourish just like a garden. **We hope that you can join ACDIS in Chicago, Illinois, May 8–11, 2023 to learn and equip yourself with the information needed to create a flourishing CDI program!**
STEPS FOR CULTIVATING A SUCCESSFUL CDI PROGRAM

STEP 1
Identify the goals of your CDI department (select the type of garden you want to grow)
As with every garden, every CDI program is unique. The organization’s goals (the soil you’re planting in, if you will) will help guide your budding CDI program’s mission and goals. Defining your scope sets the groundwork for success down the line.

STEP 2
Develop your CDI team and define clear responsibilities (pick your plants)
Ask yourself the following questions: What is each staff member’s role on this team? Do we have the staff we need to achieve our goals? Is there too much on their plates?

STEP 3
Get to work and do what you do best! (get your hands dirty and lay the seeds)
Even mature gardens take maintenance to remove weeds. Similarly, your CDI processes and procedures need to be evaluated as the program matures. Through internal audit processes and the like, you’ll be able to determine where you can make improvements in the CDI process.

STEP 4
Identify areas of improvement and maintain the program (watering and maintenance)
Strengthen the roots of your program by ensuring your CDI specialists have strong foundations of knowledge. Actively seek out new opportunities to learn and network because there’s always room to grow!
WHY WE ARE EXCITED FOR THE 2023 CONFERENCE

LAURIE L. PRESCOTT, RN, MSN, CCDS, CCDS-O, CDIP, CRC
ACDIS INTERIM DIRECTOR

When asked what is so special about the ACDIS conference, my answer is always the same: It is the attendees and the enthusiasm they bring, their willingness to learn, share, and grow. I am invigorated by the networking, the birth of lifelong friendships, and the emergence of new leaders. I love seeing past Boot Camp attendees and clients stepping up to the podium for the first time and feeling the joy of sharing their experience and expertise.

The only thing better than seeing old friends is introducing them to new ones and watching as each ignites the passion for all things CDI in the other. I have attended many conferences over my professional life and there is something magical about the ACDIS Conference. This magic is displayed by the laughter, shouts of joy, hugs, and most importantly, the generosity of attendees in sharing all things CDI.

REBECCA HENDREN
ACDIS DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMMING

The feeling you get when you’re at the ACDIS national conference is unlike anything else. We revel in the chance to be with people who understand what we do, share the same passions, and face the same challenges. We delight in the opportunity to see old friends and make new ones, find answers to tricky questions, and learn how to move our programs forward.

Join us in Chicago for ACDIS 2023 and be a part of the magic.

“Excellent way to meet people in your field, sparks your curiosity and reengages your enthusiasm for the work we do.”

—2022 CONFERENCE ATTENDEE
WHY OTHERS ARE EXCITED

TESTIMONIALS

The 2022 conference met you/your organization’s CDI needs.

91% SAID YES!

The conference will impact how I perform my job.

97% SAID YES!

“This is my favorite conference. It always has great sessions applicable to both coding and CDI. Good quality information.”

–2022 CONFERENCE ATTENDEE

Would you recommend this conference to your colleagues?

99% SAID YES!

“This conference stimulated me intellectually.

97% SAID YES!

97% SAID YES!

“The conference was great. I really enjoyed the app so that I could keep track of my schedule each day and connect with other CDIS/people at the event.”

–2022 CONFERENCE ATTENDEE

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Let’s shower ACDIS in flowers: Celebrating Melissa Varnavas

Melissa Varnavas was the heart and soul of ACDIS from the time she joined the team in 2008 to her untimely death in 2022. A large part of Melissa’s role was bringing the conference to life and supporting local chapters. In this role, she demonstrated creativity, kindness, and inclusivity. She also radiated joy and fun. Melissa loved flowers, and to celebrate her beautiful spirit and honor her memory, flower pins will be available for all ACDIS attendees. We hope you will join the ACDIS team in wearing these signs of sunshine in memory of Melissa.

Looking to make connections with others who have a shared interest?

New this year are special networking meet-ups hosted by ACDIS CDI instructors and staff to facilitate networking and problem-solving. During lunch on Tuesday, May 9, look for discussion groups dedicated to:

- Outpatient CDI
- Pediatric CDI
- CDI educators/second-level reviewers
- New and aspiring leaders

Meet your neighbors

- Make friends from your state during state chapter/networking group day! During lunch on Wednesday, May 10, look to see if there’s a table for your state and meet local(ish) colleagues.
- No chapter for your state? Consider starting one!
- On this day, we’ll also have a table devoted to learning more about ACDIS committees.
WANT TO NOMINATE SOMEONE FOR AN ACDIS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD?

Use this link: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/2023acdisawards](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2023acdisawards)

Deadline to apply is January 30, 2023.

**Melissa Varnavas Spirit of Service award**

ACDIS introduces a new award for 2023. The Melissa Varnavas Spirit of Service award recognizes an individual who has committed themselves to service by volunteering their time and skills to assist their peers and advance the CDI profession.

**ACDIS CDI Professional of the Year award**

The ACDIS CDI Professional of the Year award is designed to recognize an individual who stands out as a consummate representative of the best attributes of a CDI professional.

**ACDIS Recognition of CDI Professional Achievement award**

The ACDIS Recognition of CDI Professional Achievement award recognizes an individual who has made significant achievements as a CDI professional in their facility or within their broader organization.

**ACDIS Excellence in Provider Engagement award**

The ACDIS Excellence in Provider Engagement award recognizes an individual who has made a substantive difference within their organization, or on the broader CDI/HIM/coding community, through enhancing medical staff understanding, collaboration, and engagement related to medical record documentation and the integrity of the healthcare record.

**ACDIS CDI Rookie of the Year award**

The ACDIS CDI Rookie of the Year award recognizes an individual who has served in the CDI profession less than two years from the time of the nomination, but has made a significant contribution in that time frame.

**ACDIS Diversity in CDI award**

The ACDIS Diversity in CDI award recognizes an organization whose CDI department is going above and beyond in creating a diverse and inclusive workplace.
2023 ACDIS CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

**Monday, May 8**
- Exhibit Hall Grand Opening and Welcome Reception
- First-time attendees reception (near the ACDIS booth)*

**Tuesday, May 9 / Purple and Orange Day!** Wear your ACDIS colors.
- Eat, Meet, Grow in the Exhibit Hall. Seek out a table with your topic of interest.*

**Wednesday, May 10 / State Chapter Day!**
- During lunch, check out the tables dedicated to your state or area’s local chapter, or chat with members of a networking group.

*See pages 6 and 7 for more detail.

**CEUs**

94% of 2022 conference attendees earned all available CE credits!

Earn valuable CEUs for ACDIS and other professional associations.

Optimize the convenience of obtaining so many CEUs at one time.

- Can you earn CEs another way? Sure... but you can’t replace the experience, sense of community, education, and invigoration you’ll receive when earning them at the 2023 ACDIS Conference.
- Obtaining so many CEUs in three days is also a time and money saver!
MEET THE ACDIS TEAM

Meet the onsite ACDIS team that will be there to serve you and make your experience as educational and enjoyable as possible.

Laurie Prescott, RN, MSN, CCDS, CCDS-O, CDIP, CRC, Interim Director, Education Director (HCPro)
Interim director of ACDIS and the CDI education director at HCPro. She is the lead developer and instructor for the CDI Boot Camps, a subject matter expert for ACDIS, and a member of the CCDS-O certification committee and the ACDIS Advisory Board.

Rebecca Hendren, Director of Programming
Director of programming for ACDIS, where she oversees ACDIS’ strategic direction, member benefits, and educational products and services.

Linnea Archibald, Associate Editorial Director, Publications & Membership
Associate editorial director for ACDIS, where she oversees and manages ACDIS’ publications, the ACDIS CDI Leadership Council, and the ACDIS Podcast.

Karla Accorto, ACDIS Editor and Product Coordinator
Editor and product coordinator for ACDIS, where she edits and oversees the development of all ACDIS book titles, including the ACDIS Pocket Guide series, and assists with planning ACDIS events.

Jess Fluegel, ACDIS Associate Editor
Associate editor for ACDIS, where she produces ACDIS’ publications, maintains ACDIS’ social media presence, plans CDI Week activities, manages the ACDIS CDI Scholarship Program, and works with various committees.

Sharne Brodie, RN, CCDS, CCDS-O, CRC, CDI Education Specialist
Education specialist at HCPro and subject matter expert for ACDIS.

Dawn Valdez, RN, LNC, CDIP, CCDS, CRC, CDI Education Specialist
Education specialist at HCPro and subject matter expert for ACDIS.

Kim Conner, BSN, CCDS, CCDS-O, CDI Education Specialist
Education specialist at HCPro and subject matter expert for ACDIS.
For the first time since 2019, the ACDIS Symposium: Outpatient CDI is back for an in-person experience!

The dynamic event features two days of education and networking dedicated to the fastest-growing area of CDI: the outpatient setting. This one-of-a-kind conference includes diverse sessions for both managers/leaders and clinical chart reviewers, including how to get started in the ambulatory setting, query techniques and nuances, metrics and analytics, staff training, and demonstrating return on investment. Plus, there are networking opportunities galore so you can learn from your peers!

KEYNOTE
KEEPING THE FLAME: HOW TO STAY Motivated No Matter What

One of the greatest challenges we all face is keeping ourselves motivated. This is particularly difficult and extremely important with our fast-paced high-responsibility jobs today. It’s easy to lose enthusiasm and get burned out, stressed out, and finally—checked out. This high-energy session gives attendees six steps for getting the fire back in their lives professionally and personally. It’s not just a motivational speech; it’s a method attendees can apply long after the speech.

DENISE RYAN

Exclusive sponsor of the ACDIS Symposium: Outpatient CDI
## ACDIS Symposium Agenda

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### Agenda and Speakers Subject to Change

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**Retail price:** $955  
**Discounted price:** $811.75
Join us for The Physician Advisor’s Role in CDI, ACDIS’ premier education offering for physician advisors. Engage in two days of education delivered by the country’s leading physician advisors, or stay for the 2023 ACDIS national conference and kick-off a week of learning.

With two tracks on day 1, this event is perfect for new and veteran physician advisors.

Track 1, *Physician Advisor 101: Core Skills and Responsibilities*, led by Trey La Charité, MD, FACP, SFHM, CCS, CCDS, breaks down the key responsibilities of the physician advisor, building a strong foundation for those new to the role.

Track 2, *Expanding and Innovating the Role of the Physician Advisor*, designed for those who have been in the role for some time, features intermediate and advanced-level presentations from physician advisors on the forefront of advancing the profession.

Topics across the two days include leveraging metrics to demonstrate return on investment, using a peer-to-peer process to improve denial rates, creating a physician advisor dashboard to track metrics, decreasing DRG denials through specific strategies, engaging providers in documentation efforts from the start, and so much more.

Whether you’re new to the role or looking to advance your knowledge, ACDIS has you covered!

**SPEAKERS**

CARRIE ALME, MD
KORY ANDERSON, MD, CHCQM, FACP
WENDY ARAFILES, MD
JULIE KOLINSKI, MD
TREY LA CHARITÉ, MD, FACP, SFHM, CCS, CCDS
TAKIKO MAY, MD, CHCQM, FACP
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**THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING... YOU: LESSONS IN AUTHENTICITY**

May 9, 2023

**We** are all born with a unique soul and a one-of-a-kind voice. But many of us have grown afraid to be ourselves, or it’s been conditioned out of us in the world of work.

Ultimately, we need a better approach in order to bring our best selves to work, and to life. We need to leverage the power of our individuality and unique gifts, through authenticity.

ACDIS was blessed with a unique voice. For the better part of its first 15 years Melissa Varnavas served our community with her words and actions. Her focus included growing and serving ACDIS local chapters, and developing the education—and fun—at the national conference. Through being herself—a poet and a free spirit—Melissa infused ACDIS with the character its members have come to appreciate and love.

Melissa lost a brave battle with breast cancer in August 2022, but her spirit continues to be felt in all the association stands for today.

Join Former ACDIS Director Brian Murphy as he returns to the stage to discuss the importance of authenticity in work, and in life. He will talk about his journey of authenticity, share memories of working with Melissa, and honor her lasting contributions to the organization.

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**LEADING WITH AN INCLUSIVE LENS: ACHIEVING ORGANIZATIONAL SYNERGY WITH DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION**

May 10, 2023

In this engaging and thought-provoking presentation, Dr. Jermaine teaches leaders and frontline employees how to behave, communicate, and think with an inclusive lens to create an environment that’s respectful of everyone. Identifying leadership blind spots is a key component to moving forward in this area. It’s important to engage in courageous conversations about diversity-related issues.

Dr. Jermaine teaches people how to address sensitive issues without feeling awkward, guilty, fearful, or uncomfortable.

As a masterful storyteller, Dr. Jermaine will share real-world examples, provide practical tips, and highlight inclusive practices so everyone can excel from the inside out.
When you hear the word “flourish,” you may think of a flower garden, packed with an abundance of color and healthy green life. There’s another definition of the word, though. “Flourish,” when used as a noun, describes an instance of suddenly performing or developing in an impressively successful way. We all live for those moments when we enter the scene in total control and seize the day. It may be an exchange with a provider, a huge win in a record review, an influential conversation with senior management, or even a presentation at the ACDIS conference. Life is better when we celebrate those moments in which we flourish.

How do we create an environment in which everyone can flourish? We learn, share, and grow. We seek out mentors and offer to mentor others. We seek out new challenges and encourage others to do the same. The ACDIS conference offers a platform to adopt a new attitude, one which inspires you to look for ways to flourish every day.

If we strive to flourish and encourage others to do the same, the CDI profession will continue to grow beyond imagination. In this keynote, ACDIS Interim Director Laurie Prescott, RN, MSN, CCDS, CCDS-O, CDIP, CRC, will challenge attendees to leave ACDIS 2023 with a plan for how they will perform in an impressively successful way and how they will instill the same drive in others.

Flourishing is all about attitude, a willingness to inspire others, and the bravery to step up and put yourself out there.

“This conference is great for networking, and also, the sessions make you feel rejuvenated in the goals we are trying to achieve. There is a sense of camaraderie and belonging being together with others that understand what it is we do as CDI specialists.”

—2022 CONFERENCE ATTENDEE
There will be successful companies in 2022–2023 and beyond. What’s one thing these teams will need to have in common? A willingness to venture into uncharted territory. In the midst of professional and personal change, teams who take action on bold, resourceful, and never-before imagined solutions are the ones that will find growth.

As a boundary-pushing around the world pilot, Amelia Rose Earhart knows exactly what it takes to venture into uncharted territory; now she’s sharing her one-of-a-kind perspective and strategy with the world.

With the odds stacked against her, Earhart brought her own bold idea to life in 2014, piloting a small plane 28,000 nautical miles around the globe. To accomplish this, she self-funded her private, instrument, and commercial flight training, went through open-water survival training, crafted a strategic business plan to design, fund, and market her around-the-world attempt, helped to design and build a custom auxiliary fuel tank for the trip, grew a large and passionate social following to spread the word, raised close to $2 million in partnerships with 28 corporations, founded and ran a charity organization to send numerous teenage girls to flight school, and more.

In her keynote, Earhart will share three non-negotiables that she used in her successful, uncharted trip around the globe, which are directly transferable to the healthcare world. Earhart’s talk will include actionable takeaways that people can start implementing immediately.

“All of the speakers and hosts were very engaging and passionate about sharing their knowledge and experiences.”

—2022 CONFERENCE ATTENDEE
We spend more than half our lives at our work. It’s time to stop seeing our 9-to-5s as just work and start seeing ourselves as part of a community of individuals striving to learn and grow. Now more than ever, it’s time to see your job in CDI as an opportunity to flourish personally and professionally.

The 2023 ACDIS national conference offers five tracks of unparalleled education over three extraordinary days—that’s more than 50 opportunities to nourish your professional soul, fertilize plans for your career growth, cultivate your staff, and see your CDI program blossom.

You’ll find sessions for all experience levels and backgrounds in each of the conference tracks for 2023:

**Track 1 / CLINICAL & CODING**
A much-loved conference staple including core clinical and coding concepts vital to those engaged in ongoing medical record reviews, perfect for those new to CDI as well as for those who wish to expand or refresh their knowledge.

**Track 2 / CDI MASTER CLASS**
For those who wish to expand their professional skills and explore advanced concepts in CDI.

**Track 3 / QUALITY & REGULATORY**
An opportunity to explore the ways regulatory initiatives affect CDI practices, and the ways programs are meeting new challenges, by examining how documentation affects quality of care outcomes.

**Track 4 / MANAGEMENT & PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT**
A track devoted to expanding program parameters and innovating CDI staff/management experiences and expertise.

**Track 5 / INNOVATION & EXPANSION**
An exploration of cutting-edge advancements, including non-traditional settings, concurrent coding, data analytics, and outpatient CDI.

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**A conference within a conference: Share your professional experiences with a poster!**

Leave your mark on the ACDIS 2023 conference by sharing a poster detailing an innovative project, newly established protocol, or successful educational outreach at your organization. Selected poster creators receive $200 off conference admission and can earn 4 CEUs! Deadline to apply is January 30, 2023.

Apply using this link: surveymonkey.com/r/2023posters
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7:00–7:45 a.m.  Registration & Continental Breakfast
Attendees are encouraged to wear ACDIS colors (purple and orange!) in celebration of the profession.

8:00–8:30 a.m.  Keynote Session / THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING... YOU: LESSONS IN AUTHENTICITY
Brian Murphy

8:30–9:15 a.m.  PRESENTATION OF THE ACDIS ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

9:30–10:30 a.m.  Breakout Sessions

Track 1 / CLINICAL & CODING
Query Compliance: It's a Big Deal
Angela Brisson, BSN, RN, CCDS, and Amanda Suttles, BSN, RN, CCDS

Track 2 / CDI MASTER CLASS
Expanding Diversity in CDI
Members of the ACDIS Diversity & Inclusion Taskforce

Track 3 / QUALITY & REGULATORY
Guidelines for Achieving a Compliant Query Practice: The 2022 AHIMA/ACDIS Update
Tammy Combs, RN, MSN, CDIP, CCS, CNE, Practice Director, AHIMA CDI and Clinical Foundations, and Laurie L. Prescott, RN, MSN, CCDS, CCDS-O, CDIP, CRC, Interim Director, ACDIS

Track 4 / MANAGEMENT & PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT
Grow Your Own Leaders: How CDI Career Ladders Help Your Staff Flourish
Aimee Van Balen, RN, MSN, CCDS, and Dawn Diven, BSN, RN, CCDS, CDIP, CCDS-O

Track 5 / INNOVATION & EXPANSION
Utilization Review and CDI
To be announced

10:30–11:15 a.m.  Networking Break (Exhibit Hall)

“This conference was wonderful. I feel invigorated and already have so many ideas to work on with my team.”

—2022 CONFERENCE ATTENDEE
11:15–12:15 p.m.

Breakout Sessions

**Track 1 / CLINICAL & CODING**

**Sepsis Solutions: Sepsis 2.5**
Howard Rodenberg, MD, MPH, CCDS, and Alexis Wells, MSN, RN, LSSYB, CCDS

**Track 2 / CDI MASTER CLASS**

**What’s in a Review?**
Shelly Dietz, MBA, RN, CCM, NEA-BC, and Fran Jurcak, MSN, RN, CCDS, CCDS-O

**Track 3 / QUALITY & REGULATORY**

**Malnutrition: The Next Chapter in Vidant’s 7-Year Battle With the OIG**
Vaughn Matacale, MD, CCDS, Anderson M. Shackelford, JD, and Ashley Strickland, RDN, LDN, CNSC

**Track 4 / MANAGEMENT & PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT**

**Engaging Physicians Proactively With AI-Powered CAPD and Improving Documentation Integrity With AI-Powered CDI Tools**
Penny Jefferson, MSN, RN, CCDS, CCS, CDIP, CHDA, and Tami L. McMasters-Gomez, MHL, BS-HIM, CCDS, CDIP

**Track 5 / INNOVATION & EXPANSION**

**Orienting From Afar: Virtual Orientation and Education**
Autumn Reiter, MBA, BSN, RN, CCDS, CCDS-O, CDIP, CCS, and Laura Werner, MSN, BA, BSN, DC, CDIP, CCS, CRCR

12:15–1:30 p.m.

Networking Lunch—provided (Exhibit Hall)

1:30–2:30 p.m.

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**Hepatobiliary and Pancreatic Procedures**
Laura M. Anderson, RN, BSN, CCDS

**Track 2 / CDI MASTER CLASS**

**When Worlds Collide: Clinical Validation and Medical Necessity**
Alyce Reavis, RN, MSN, CCDS

**Track 3 / QUALITY & REGULATORY**

**What Physicians Need to Know About Complications and Patient Safety Indicators**
Timothy Brundage, MD, CCDS, and Cheryl Ericson, RN, MS, CCDS, CDIP

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**Centralized Management of CDI: Coming Together and Functioning as One Team**
Andrea J. Eastwood, MA, RHIA, and Judy Moreau, RN, MBA

**Track 5 / INNOVATION & EXPANSION**

**Social Determinants of Health: The Next Level of CDI**
Rachel Mack, RN, MSN, CCDS, CDIP, CCS, CRC, and Connie Ryan

2:30–3:15 p.m.

Networking Break (Exhibit Hall)
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| 4:30–5:15 p.m. | **General Session / GET CREDENTIALED: AN INTRODUCTION TO THE CCDS AND CCDS-O**<br>Sharme Brodie, RN, CCDS, CCDS-O, CRC |

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### DAY 3 / WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2023 (STATE CHAPTER DAY)

**7:00–7:45 a.m.**
Continental Breakfast (Exhibit Hall)
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**8:00–8:30 a.m.**
**Keynote Session / THE CHOICE TO FLOURISH**
Laurie L. Prescott, RN, MSN, CCDS, CCDS-O, CDIP, CRC, ACDIS Interim Director

**8:30–9:30 a.m.**
**Keynote Session / LEADING WITH AN INCLUSIVE LENS: ACHIEVING ORGANIZATIONAL SYNERGY WITH DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION**
Jermaine M. Davis, PhD

**9:45–10:45 a.m.**
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Coder Meets CDI: Partners in Denial Prevention
Kimberly M. Huff, BA, COC, CCDS, and Robin Sewell, CDIP, CCS, CPC, CIC

**Track 2 / CDI MASTER CLASS**

Leveraging Data to Improve CDI Outcomes Beyond $$$
Kory Anderson, MD, CHCQM, FACP; Kearstin Jorgenson, MS, CPC, COC; Laura Øgaard, RN, MSN; and Sathya Vijayakumar, MS, MBA

**Track 3 / QUALITY & REGULATORY**

Shoot for the Stars: How CDI Can Assist in Obtaining a CMS 5-Star Rating
Cheryl Manchenton, RN, BSN

**Track 4 / MANAGEMENT & PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT**

Evolving Communication in a Changing Work Environment
Karen Lynn Armetta, RN, CCS, CCDS, and Sydney Nebbitt, CCS, CCDS

**Track 5 / INNOVATION & EXPANSION**

Physician Educator Liaison: A Tool Used to Plant a Seed to Grow Physician Relationships and Enable Engagement to Blossom
Jonathan “Brad” Gude, PA-C, MCMSc, and Jamie Lynne Johnson, BSN, CCDS/PA-C, MCMSc

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Full Alert! A Guide to Improving Trauma Service Documentation
Trey LaCharité, MD, FACP, SFHM, CCS, CCDS

**Track 2 / CDI MASTER CLASS**

21st Century CDI Work: Retaining Your Staff and Growing Your Personal Brand in the New Gig Economy
Brian Murphy and Justin Satterfield

**Track 3 / QUALITY & REGULATORY**

Evolve Your CDI Program With the Changing Quality Landscape
Vicki Galyean, RN, BSN, CCDS; Tamara Hicks, MHA, RN, CCS, CCDS, CCDS-O; and Erik Summers, MD, FACP

**Track 4 / MANAGEMENT & PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT**

Key Conversations: Cracking the Code of a Multigenerational Workplace
Eliza Elizee, MSN, APRN, CCDS, and Gregory Simms, RN, CCDS

**Track 5 / INNOVATION & EXPANSION**

Engaging New Sites: Community and Critical Access Hospitals
Jessie Roske, MD, and Ann Zierden, RN, CCDS
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