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| **Central Pennsylvania Chapter Meeting**  **Co-Hosts:**  **Lori LaFaver, Branda McCowen and Deanne Wilk** | |
| **Friday, April 6, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM** | |
| **Burle Business Park**  **1030 New Holland Ave. (Rt. 23)**  **Building 12A – Lancaster General**  **Main Receptionist’s phone number: 544-4244**  cid:image002.jpg@01D342A5.27586D60  **Please welcome new Central PA ACDIS Cohost Branda McCowan** | **Physician Advisors and Non-members are welcome!**  **Lunch graciously provided by**  **Lancaster General Health**  **3.0 CCDS CEU’s provided by** [**ACDIS**](https://acdis.org/)  **Branda McCowan, RN, BSN, CDIP**  **I started my nursing career in 1985 after graduating from Geisinger School of Nursing in Danville, PA. I have worked in many areas of nursing including: Med/Surg, ICU, PACU, GI lab, Cardiac Rehab, Supply Chain and CDI. I attained my BSN in 2015 from Pennsylvania College of Technology in Williamsport, PA. I have worked in Clinical Documentation since 2011, and accepted a manager position in 2017. I am currently working online toward my MSN from Grand Canyon University in Arizona. My personal goal is to support, inspire, and coach the CDI staff to their highest levels of performance. My goal for the future of the CDI department is to expand our chart review process to the outpatient setting, review mortality charts and obtain a computer assisted program. CDI is truly my passion and I believe we should all learn something new every day. Thank you.** |
| **Presentation Topics & Speakers** | |
| **HIV Documentation Update – 2018**  **Jeffrey T. Kirchner, DO, FAAFP, AAHIVS - Lancaster General Health**  Verbalize definitions of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS). Compare the three stages of HIV infection. Describe the criteria used to determine if a person with HIV has AIDS. Articulate the association of CD4 count and risk of getting an opportunistic infection. Discuss infections common to HIV/AIDS. | |
| **Preparation for the CCDS- Panel Discussion**  **Ashley Vahey, Patricia Ducey, Lori LaFaver, Laura Swanson**  Recently credentialed, as well as long time Certified Clinical Documentation Specialists, will discuss how you can best prepare for taking the ACDIS CCDS examination and what resources are available. | |
| **CDI’s Involvement in Denials and Appeals**  **John Pitsikoulis, RHIA - Harmony Healthcare**  Identify the impact documentation has on lost revenues, improved patient care and compliance with Medicare regulations. Learn the expanded role clinical documentation professionals can provide to prevent inpatient and outpatient denials. Gain insights into defensible documentation to justify medical necessity and denial prevention. | |
| **Registration** | |
| [Contact us](mailto:dwilk@pennstatehealth.psu.edu;lori.lafaver@towerhealth.org?subject=Central%20PA%20ACDIS%20meeting) for additional information and to RSVP | |

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| **About Our Presenters** |
| **Jeffrey T. Kirchner, D.O., FAAFP, AAHIVS**  Penn Medicine Lancaster General Health  Dr. Kirchner is a 1985 graduate of the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed a one-year internship at the Osteopathic Medicine Center of Philadelphia from 1985-86. He completed his residency in Family Medicine at Abington (PA) Memorial Hospital from 1986-1989 where he served as Chief Resident. He then worked for one year as a volunteer physician with Health Care for the Homeless project in Washington, DC where he gained extensive experience caring for patients with HIV disease.  Dr Kirchner was in private practice in Lancaster for 6 years before joining the faculty of the Lancaster General Hospital Family Medicine Residency Program in 1996. He currently serves as Medical Director of *LGHP –Comprehensive Care*, a Ryan White Funded HIV practice at LGH.  He is board-certified in Family Medicine by the ABFM and certified as an HIV Specialist by the American Academy of HIV Medicine. He is Clinical Associate Professor of Family Medicine at Temple University School of Medicine. He is on the national board of AAHIVM where he serves as Chief Medical Officer and also Chair of the Editorial Advisory board of the *HIV Specialist* magazine.  He assumed the position of Physician Advisor in the Case Management Department at LGH in September 2017.  **John Pitsikoulis, RHIA**  Harmony Healthcare  John Pitsikoulis, RHIA, has over 32 years of health care experience. He has led numerous multi-system high profile engagements, including performance improvement, compliance, revenue cycle, clinical documentation, and healthcare emerging technologies. John has held executive leader positions for large consulting organizations responsible for providing leadership in the development and delivery of a suite of consulting service to clients. A Six Sigma Green Belt and AHIMA ICD-10 CM-PCS approved trainer, John has managed business practices for the development and delivery of data analytics, operational performance improvement, Prospective Payment System and emerging technology business advisory services.  John has spent over twenty years of his career working at Nuance Communications, Pricewaterhouse Coopers, and The Cleveland Clinic Health System. During this time, he has served as the ICD-10 practice leader focusing on physician education, coding quality improvement and emerging healthcare technology development and optimization. A coding, clinical documentation and compliance expert, John has integrated his regulatory subject matter expertise and operational improvement experience with healthcare emerging technologies including the EMR, computer assisted coding (CAC) and NLP technologies. With the conversion to ICD-10, John has specialized in ICD-10 data analytics, EMR optimization, physician documentation and coding compliance, physician EMR workflow simplification redesign, outpatient clinical documentation improvement programs and physician practice EMR revenue cycle performance optimization.  John has extensive experience as a documentation and coding expert for reimbursement and operational improvement services related to MS-DRGs, APR-DRGs, AP-DRGs, CMGs and Medicare Advantage HCCs reimbursement methodologies. John has provided compliance expertise including the nation’s largest acute inpatient rehabilitation CIA, Kyphoplasty OIG investigation, numerous DRG upcoding and inpatient observation/short stay regulatory engagements.  John has also published numerous articles for the Modern Healthcare, Physicians Practice, EHR Intelligence and AHIMA Journal, on topics including EMR optimization, Compliance, ICD-10, CAC optimization and improving productivity through data analytics. |
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**Patricia Ducey-Lancaster General Health**

Pat Ducey graduated from Hunter College-Bellevue School of Nursing in NYC, NY with a BSN in 1982. She has worked in ICU for 28 years which also included PACU and supplemental staff during those years.

Pat has been a CDI for 7 ½ years and was a manager for 1 ½ years of that time. She is currently working as a CDI at Lancaster General Health. Pat obtained her CCDS certification in December 2017.

**Laura Swanson-Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hospital**

Laura has been a nurse for 26 years, graduating from Albright College in Reading, PA. She has practiced in both acute care and outpatient settings, including such specialties as: family practice, Med-Surg, OB, OR and PACU.

Laura became involved in CDI in November 2015 and took the CCDS certification exam in November 2017. She is the sole CDI in a small, rural hospital but works closely with the outstanding CDI team from our sister facility in the city! With them as my mentors, I am active in expanding the growth of our program for the benefit of our patients and our hospital.

**Ashley Vahey-Penn State Health**

Ashley Vahey graduated from Moravian College in 2007 with a BSN degree. She has spent her entire career at Penn State Hershey Medical Center where she has held various positions including direct care nurse, clinical head nurse, infection prevention practitioner and CDI specialist. Currently, her CDI focus is mortality case review and organization quality initiatives. She has been a CDI for three years and has recently obtained her CCDS certification.

**Lori LaFaver-Tower Health**

Lori Lafaver, RN, BSN, CCDS is the Clinical Documentation Manager for Reading Hospital of Tower Health System. Lori, along with 1 other nurse, began the initial implementation of the hospital of the hospital’s CDI program in 2005 reviewing Medicare patients primarily for CMI. During her tenure, the CDI program has evolved into a team of 13 RN/LPNs currently monitoring all inpatients, educating and working with medical staff to ensure appropriate documentation to meet reimbursement and clinical documentation needs. Recently, starting a program to review Emergency Department documentation and starting a plan for ambulatory practice CDI and HCC education. Her nursing background includes 10 years as a bedside nurse in medical telemetry, Medical ICU, and inpatient dialysis units.

Lori is a member of ACDIS and obtained her CCDS in June 2012. Lori received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Immaculate University.