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## Welcome to Our New Newsletter

We hope that you are just as excited as we are for our first newsletter! A newsletter offers an effective way to stay in touch with all of you and provide you with educational information, helpful tips, events, and news that will keep you all updated of what the Texas ACDIS Chapter has in store!

We want this newsletter to be valuable for you so, please, please share your feedback and suggestions to help us improve. Speaking of feedback, we would like your feedback as to how often you would like to receive our newsletter. If you could please fill out the quick survey, we would greatly appreciate it. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TXACDISNEWS>

Stay tuned, more to come!

Sincerely,

TX ACDIS Leadership Team



## TX ACDIS Leadership Team



We hope you enjoyed our Texas ACDIS Chapter Leadership Forum/Lunch & Learn on September 18<sup>th</sup>. During the Forum you were able to meet and hear from the majority of our Leadership team. Here is our Leadership Team information:

**Kristie Alexander BSN, RN, CCDS**, our Texas ACDIS Chapter Team Leader, is a CDI Manager at Texas Health Resources with 9 years of CDI experience.

**Jacqueline Melsha MBA-HM, LVN, RHIA, CCDS**, is the CDI Analyst at Texas Health Resources with 6 years of CDI experience.

**Jennifer Pina BSN, RN, CCDS**, is a Sr. CDI Specialist at CHI St. Luke's with 13 years of CDI experience.

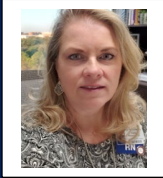
**Koko Williams MSN, RN, CMSRN**, is a CDI Specialist at Cook Children's Medical Center with 4 years of CDI experience.

**Justin Satterfield**, Founder and President of Norwood Staffing, with 7 years of experience working with CDI and CDI Leadership.

**Vanessa Elliott BSN, RN, CCDS**, is the UR/CDI Director at Wise Health System with 8 years of CDI experience.

**Tu-Quynh Edwards MD, MS, CCDS, CDIP**, is the CDI Manager at UTMB Health System with 4 years of CDI experience.

## Leadership Team



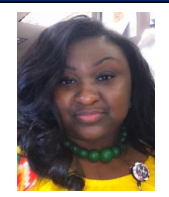
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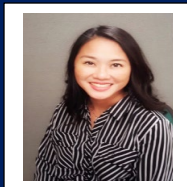
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## Save the Date: November Webinar



Save the Date for our next webinar that will be held **Tuesday, November 3, 2020**. Our presenter will be **Timothy N. Brundage, MD, CCDS** who will be discussing **"HAC's & PSI's...what's all the confusion about?"**

Dr. Timothy Brundage is Chief Executive Officer and Medical Director of Brundage Group. He is a past board member of the Association of Clinical Documentation Integrity Specialists (ACDIS) and is co-chair of the CDI Committee for the American College of Physician Advisors (ACPA).

Dr. Brundage received his BS in Chemical & Cellular Molecular Biology from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan. He went on to obtain his Internal Medicine Residency from the University of South Florida in Tampa, Florida. He earned his MD from Wayne State University School of Medicine in Detroit, Michigan.

Dr. Brundage travels the county educating physicians, with a focus on breaking down departmental silos in hospital organizations by unifying clinical documentation across quality, utilization, denials and CDI. He is very passionate about increasing the value of the physician role within hospital organizations.



## Q&A

**Question:** What do you have to offer over National ACDIS?

**Answer:** What do we offer over national ACDIS? We think it is great to connect with other CDI who are in closer proximity and maybe have similar cultures in their healthcare systems. (Texas is a unique place!) We hope to build a more intimate network within our membership so that members feel comfortable reaching out to each other, and in the event we are able to return to in-person events that we can build on those relationships by more frequent chapter events throughout the year (compared to annually with National ACDIS). Currently, membership to TX ACDIS is also free compared to a fee for national ACDIS. In addition, our webinars currently offer free CEUs and we are looking forward to offering more events in 2021 which will allow you the opportunity to earn CEUs more frequently. As our chapter continues to grow, membership in TX ACDIS may also provide the opportunity for you to continue your professional growth by becoming involved in the Chapter Leadership team.