2019 Session Suggestions

**Track 1: Clinical & Coding**

***Note: Sessions in this category should focus on where clinical criteria and coding regulations meet and should be appropriate for both coding and clinical backgrounds. Basic sessions should be appropriate for those brand new to the profession. Advanced sessions should offer insightful ways to re-examine critical record review opportunities. ACDIS particularly welcomes coding/CDI collaboration stories and coding-focused sessions.***

Proposed breakout sessions:

* *Coding Clinic* and *Official Coding Guidelines* updates
  + Includes, Excludes notes and what to look for
  + Principal and secondary diagnoses definitions and case studies
* Physician/clinically driven sessions on pathophysiology and diagnostic criteria (i.e., functional quadriplegia, ATN vs. AKI, hypertensive heart disease, sepsis, types of respiratory failure, encephalopathy, traumas, malnutrition, HCAP/CAP, etc.)
  + Cancer pathophysiology, metastatic sites
  + Unusual, rare, complex clinical conditions
  + Radiology, gastrointestinal
* MS-DRG Basics
  + What impacts a DRG and moves from medical to surgical
  + How to use the *DRG Expert* manual
* ICD-10-CM/PCS related concerns
* CDI and concurrent coding
* Surgical procedures (CDI/coder with surgeon co-presenters)
* Clinical validity
  + Advanced chart review techniques, including interpreting subtle clinical indicators, lab values, etc.
  + Dealing with unsupported diagnoses in the medical record

**Track 2: Professional development**

***Note: Sessions in this category should focus on management and leadership skills training and functional activities related to the advancement of CDI program efforts. Basic sessions should be appropriate to those who may be new to the management role or are interested in learning how to advance their careers/programs. Advanced sessions should be geared to those with multiple years’ experience in CDI management.***

Proposed breakout sessions:

* Principles of effective leadership and department management
* Policies and procedure development
  + Escalation policies
  + CDI/coding reconciliation processes
* Query etiquette
  + How to handle unanswered queries
  + Review of query practice progression and industry guidance/ ACDIS & AHIMA Query Practice Brief
* Managing CDI staff
  + CDI training and orientation
  + Tools of the trade: Where to find appropriate resources and what to watch out for
  + Promoting Professionalism: CDI role, compliance, ethics, and professional growth
  + Productivity expectations
  + Rewards for high performers, managing underperformers
  + Career ladders and avenues of professional growth
  + Development of specialized CDI roles
* Engaging physicians
  + Initial buy-in and education, ongoing training
  + Tips for working confidently and effectively with providers
  + Educating residents and medical students in documentation
  + Physician advisor specific sessions – by physician advisors for physician advisor
  + Leveraging the EMH to engage physicians
* Metrics
  + Individual CDI versus program/department
  + Auditing staff performance for education and improvement opportunities
  + Analysis and interpretation of data
  + Leveraging data for physician engagement
  + Data mining for return on investment and administrative discussions
  + Explanation of CDI metrics to watch and why for c-suite, physician advisor, and director- level attendees
  + Next level of CDI metrics beyond CMI and CC/MCC capture
* Managing CDI in a regional/multi-hospital system
* Compliance initiatives and ethics in CDI

**Track 3: Regulatory & Quality Initiatives**

***Note: Sessions in this category should focus on government-related payment or regulatory shifts and trends in quality enforcement and reporting methods. Basic sessions in this category should be geared toward those with experience in CDI but who are new to quality and payment concerns. Advanced sessions should be geared toward those who have been working on regulatory/quality issues for some time but need fresh ideas for program enhancement.***

Proposed breakout sessions:

* IPPS and CMS regulations
  + Payment calculations and how the IPPS works
  + MS-DRG shifts on the horizon
* APR-DRGs
  + Diagnoses that affect SOI/ROM but not reimbursement
  + A deep dive into the methodology beyond the basics
  + APR-DRGs related to procedures
* Hierarchical Condition Categories (how to leverage on the inpatient side)
* Patient Safety Indicators (PSI), PSI 90 nuances and updates
* Hospital Acquired Conditions, Hospital Acquired Infections, Present on Admission indicators
  + Potentially preventable complications/admissions
* Partnering with departments
  + Collaborative efforts between quality, revenue cycle, case management, utilization review
  + Bigger picture: Understanding how CDI efforts assists with utilization review in 2 midnight rule and medical necessity reviews
  + Incorporating core measures (i.e., CMS Quality Measures) into CDI review
* Hospital Value Based Purchasing and the role of CDI professionals
  + Hospital Readmission Reduction Program
* Alternative Payment Methods/bundled payment initiatives and how CDI can help
  + Total knee replacements
* Mortality/retrospective reviews
* Accountable Care Organizations
* A review of publicly available scorecards and how to use them: Healthgrades, Leapfrog, Hospital Compare, etc.

**Track 4: Expansion & Innovation**

***Note: Sessions in this category should look to break the traditional inpatient CDI model and offer innovative approaches to advance the profession either within short-term acute care facilities or within niche markets and healthcare settings. Basic sessions within this category should assume some knowledge of CDI while providing basic information for those new to the field being tasked with starting programs in their particular niche market. Advanced sessions may delve into special system-wide research which illustrates CDI program’s unique ability to alter outcomes or offer attendees insight into cutting edge technology or program opportunities.***

* Recovery Auditor and up-front denials prevention
  + Denials deep dive/how to write an appeal letter
  + Sepsis denials
* Technology
  + Improving EHR CDI/physician documentation functionality
  + The problem with the problem list
  + Note bloat and copy/paste
  + Working with vendors/internal technology staff
  + Pros/cons of computer assisted coding and natural language processing, etc.
  + Remote CDI: leveraging technology, managing staff, engaging physicians
* Post-acute settings, including Long Term Acute Care (LTAC) and inpatient rehab
* Inpatient psychiatry
* Critical access/rural community hospitals
* CDI in maternity, pregnancy, post-partum, NICU, OB/GYN
* CDI research projects or findings

**Track 5: Outpatient CDI**

Proposed breakout sessions:

* Case studies of successful programs
  + Starting/implementing/staffing an outpatient CDI program
  + Defining payment models and metrics for success (key performance indicators for leadership and reporting methods)
  + Query etiquette/differences in query practice
* Coding in the outpatient world and documentation requirements
  + E/M
  + CPT 101
  + HCPCS
* Medicare Advantage/HCCs/RAF and medical record review strategies
* MACRA and physician payment reforms
* CDI in physician office setting
* CDI in the emergency department
* CDI for specialty services (radiology, ortho, cardio)

**Track 6: Pediatric CDI**

* Pediatric CDI Program Management: All aspects of management (metrics, auditing staff, etc...)
* Advanced sessions on SOI/ROM and APR-DRGs
* Outpatient pediatric CDI
* Pathophysiology sessions unique to pediatric patients including:
  + heart failure
  + acute respiratory failure
  + sepsis
  + trauma
* Ongoing measurement of pediatric CDI programs
* Pediatric research and quality improvement projects
* Pediatric quality reviews (HACs, PDIs, NQIs)
* Pediatric Physician Advisors (roles, responsibilities, choosing the right candidate)
* Physician engagement in children’s hospitals
* Pediatric and Neonatal Mortality Reviews
* Clinical Validation
* Denials Management
* Risk Adjustment in Pediatrics
* Remote CDI in Pediatrics: Management and operational issues
* Training and orienting CDI staff, establishing career ladders, motivating senior CDI staff, providing continuing education
* Advanced chart review techniques, including interpreting subtle clinical indicators, lab values, etc.
* ICD-10-PCS nuances for common pediatric procedures and surgeries
* Electronic health records (EHR) management