



Time Line of Accomplishments—2007

ASSOCIATION FOR HEALTHCARE
DOCUMENTATION INTEGRITY (AHDI)

*“Great things are not
done by impulse, but by
a series of small things
brought together.”*

Vincent Van Gogh

January

- Relocated AHDI corporate offices to more affordable space, creating operational savings for the association.
- Launched electronic membership category to give members more options.
- Published/released *The Book of Style Student Workbook* with Stedman’s.

February

- Launched *The Heart Truth* campaign promoting women’s heart health and reminding MTs that *Change Begins with You*.
- Spearheaded the *CDA for Common Document Types* project with MTIA and other alliance partners.

March

- Launched AHDI Leadership Institute to grow and develop future industry and association leaders.
- Provided formal review and feedback on the AHIMA/MTIA white paper *Standard Unit of Measure for Transcribed Reports* (VBC paper).

April

- Launched *Mission Medical Transcription: A Career that Moves with You* – an outreach campaign to recruit military spouses into the profession.
- Illinois AHDI members successfully lobbied for House Bill 283, *The Registered Medical Transcriptionist Act*, impacting its move from committee to Illinois house floor, one step toward the goal for legislating mandatory credentialing.

May

- Executed legal partnership with the Medical Transcription Industry Association (MTIA) to expand our presence in the healthcare market.
- Chief Executive Officer relocated to Washington, DC, to increase outreach, alliances, and visibility for both associations .

June

- First pairing of apprentices with employers for registered apprenticeship program to bridge graduation to work ready employment.
- Launched the first issue of the *Credentialing Product Catalog* - a one-stop shop for CMTs, RMTs, and potential candidates.

July

- RMT exam eligibility broadened to CMT-eligible candidates to encourage greater adoption of credentialing.
- CMT-R approved to allow CMTs to retire their credential in recognition of their years of service.

August

- Made final transition to new association name – Association for Healthcare Documentation Integrity.
- Launched new logo and tag line – *Capturing America’s Healthcare Story*.
- Launched re-branded business and technology journal *Health Data Matrix*.
- Raised over \$4000 to support sponsorship of Richard Simmons to ACE and support the efforts of *The Heart Truth*, a national campaign focusing on women’s heart health.

September

- First three companies signed as early adopters of BenchMark Knowledge Base with over 6,000 MTs slated to work off the platform.
- Participated in *People to People Ambassador Program* on Healthcare Documentation and Data Capture in China.
- Launched monthly *About MT* webinars to educate the general public about the profession and industry complementing an earlier e-book release on how to become an MT.

October

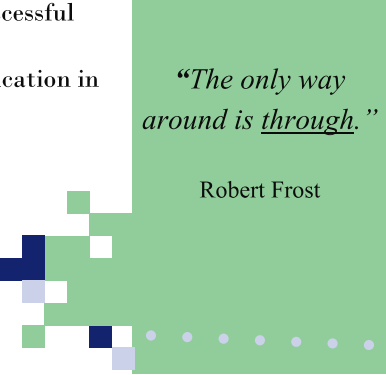
- Study conducted that showed graduates of approved schools passed the RMT exam 83% of the time, versus an overall pass rate of 60%; at the same time, report indicated the number of CMTs is on the rise.

November

- Task force convened to revise *The Model Curriculum* to address the rapidly changing workforce development needs.
- Over 300 military spouses enrolled in AHDI-approved programs following the launch of the military spouse initiative in April.

December

- Produced clinical documentation architecture implementation guides to promote documentation standards for History & Physicals and Consult Notes after completing successful HL7 ballot process.
- Education approval reached 14 schools, raising the quality of MT education in preparation for future roles.



*“The only way
around is through.”*

Robert Frost