

2012 Timeline of Accomplishments

Association for Healthcare Documentation Integrity (AHDl)



Quarter 1

- Debuted AHDl's Online Training System, a dynamic virtual learning environment, to offer courses such as RMT and CMT study groups, among others.
- Launched the RMT Recredentialing Course, developed by the Credentialing Development Team, to allow RMTs to demonstrate ongoing knowledge of a level 1 healthcare documentation specialist in order to recredential.
- Released the RMT a CMT Audio Objectives CDs, which are companion products to the RMT & CMT Exam Guides. These practice CDs map directly to the audio objectives outlined on the blue prints and will help exam candidates have an understanding of the practice portion of the exam.
- AHDl's social networking community on Facebook increased to 3,576 people and we added a new community on LinkedIn called the Healthcare Documentation Executives Networking Group.
- AHDl members were represented at the HIMSS annual meeting in Las Vegas, NV where thousands of health care professionals and vendors convened to discuss and explore the latest advances in health information technology. AHDl participated in the Health Story Project booth to share information on the project.

Quarter 2

- AHDl's New Professionals Alliance developed and released a 12-week RMT Study Group Course to assist exam candidates in preparing for the RMT exam. The course contains reading assignments, recorded presentations and PowerPoint slides, as well as weekly quizzes to help you assess your progress.
- Introduced the Healthcare Documentation Specialist title that reflects the broad range of expertise, skills, and services performed by the evolving medical transcriptionist.
- First National Hometown Advocacy Week was held in which AHDl Advocacy Alliance volunteers, component leaders, and members made appointments with their state and federal legislators to encourage them to make patient safety a top priority and to discuss the critical role healthcare documentation specialists play in that effort. The nature of these advocacy efforts being closer to home made it accessible for more members to participate in our important advocacy work.

- Introduced a payment plan for membership, giving members flexibility to pay their Individual Professional membership dues in three easy monthly installments with a credit card.
- Launched the AHDI Company Member Directory to assist members in finding website and contact information for AHDI Educational and Corporate members. The directory is searchable and provides real-time results.

Quarter 3

- Released *Association for Healthcare Documentation Integrity Statement on the Roles and Value of Healthcare Documentation Specialists and Equitable Compensation Practices*, a position paper that outlines the healthcare documentation specialists' body of knowledge and skill, and calls for new compensation models of healthcare documentation specialists that reflect the role they are serving in, the value of their training and expertise, and their critical role in patient safety.
- AHDI, AHDI's Managers/Supervisors Alliance, and Bentley University collaborated on an EHR Future Roles survey in 2011 and released the results in 2012. Survey questions were designed to understand the entire EHR life-cycle from organizational planning, regulatory compliance, template design, user training, and ongoing support. Results provide a perspective into the roles and responsibilities fulfilled by different professionals in the EHR process life-cycle.
- The National Leadership Board updated the Strategic Plan, which includes revisions to the vision and mission statements and outlines our goals for workforce development, credentialing, community, and advocacy and alliance building over the next three years.
- Released the Model Curriculum, 5th Edition, developed by the Model Curriculum Task Force, to assist educational institutions in the development of medical transcription educational programs and incorporates a competencies profile for healthcare documentation into an educational program outline.
- Released the *eSource for Healthcare Documentation Instructors* eBook, developed by the Model Curriculum Task Force, to provide educators a compilation of resources to use when teaching courses that follow the AHDI Model Curriculum, to include quarterly updates. Purchase of this product includes access to an online community of educators as well as additional resource materials via AHDI's Online Training Center.
- Released new products, the Technology and the Workplace CEC Bundle and the MT Tools CEC Bundle, to provide continuing education credit opportunities for recertifying certified medical transcriptionists. Both were co-developed by subject matter expert volunteers and staff.
- AHDI showcased our programs, products, and services at our booth during the American Health Information Management Association's (AHIMA) annual convention in Chicago, IL.

Quarter 4

- The Approval Committee for Certificate Programs and the Education Approval Program were reinstated with a newly revised manual of policies, procedures, and guidelines. Significant changes adopted include a streamlined application process, annual report requirement, and implementation of the 5th edition *Model Curriculum for Healthcare Documentation Programs*. The AHDI National Leadership Board now has oversight of the program.
- Introduced the Work Plan for volunteer groups that outlines projects, initiatives, and activities that directly connect to the strategic plan, with the goal of engaging volunteer members throughout the entire organization.
- In the spirit of collaboration, AHDI and AHIMA volunteer leaders and executive staff met to discuss past joint projects and explore future opportunities. Discussions continue today between the two organizations.
- The Advocacy Alliance Steering Committee developed a proposal for a Public Awareness Campaign to urge the population at large to read and review their health record for accuracy. The National Leadership Board approved moving forward with the campaign, which will launch in early 2013.
- Launched a comprehensive, on-demand Online Learning Library as a new benefit for Individual Professional, Corporate, and Educational members, giving them access to past educational sessions and continuing education opportunities.
- Rolled out the Community Outreach Coordinator Volunteer Program to build a highly engaged and connected community of healthcare documentation specialists, introduce prospective members to the association, and engage our Associate members in AHDI. Fourteen members participated and contacted over 180 former members, prospective members, and Associate members.
- The Credentialing Development Team approved a name change for the credentials and policy to bridge over current RMTs and CMTs who credentialed under previous versions of the exams. The new names will be Registered Healthcare Documentation Specialist (RHDS) and Certified Healthcare Documentation Specialist (CHDS), which will be implemented in 2013.

AHDI Component Associations & Special Interest Alliances

The National Leadership Board would like to recognize and thank our more than 50 component associations and our special interest alliances for their year-long efforts. Our local, state, regional, and web-based component associations and alliances are 100% volunteer-led to provide an enriching community for our members closer to home and online. Take a moment to [Get Connected](#) today to the AHDI components and alliances.