

# IHIMA Newsletter

Indiana Health Information Management Association

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## IHIMA COVID-19 Resources

IHIMA has created a [COVID-19 Resource](#) page to provide members with national, state, and local resources during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. We continue to update this page with additional resources as they become available. If you have a resource or a tip to share, please contact us at [ihimahim@outlook.com](mailto:ihimahim@outlook.com). If you have an interest in writing or speaking on a topic relevant to the pandemic, please let us know too. *We're all in this together.*



## IHIMA Nominating Committee News

Congratulations to the newly elected IHIMA Board of Directors for the 2020 – 2021 year! Thank you to Nicole Van Anandel, Nominating Committee Chair, and Jonathon Jones and Bonnie Wilkins, committee members, for building a strong ballot, all the candidates who ran for office, and everyone who cast their vote in this year's election!

- ❖ President Elect: Renee Meunier
- ❖ Secretary: Aysha Hussain
- ❖ Treasurer: Deb Grider
- ❖ Delegates: Amy Coffman and Lynette Thom
- ❖ Nominating Committee Members: Zachary Linder and Crystal Reed

5.52% of eligible members voted this year. The newly elected individuals will assume their elected positions on July 1, 2020.

## The IHIMA Day at the Indiana Statehouse Video

We have posted the 2020 IHIMA Day at the Indiana Statehouse video to our YouTube Channel. [Click here for the IHIMA YouTube Channel](#). You can also find the video on the [IHIMA website](#) - go to 'Quick Links' on the home page - Advocacy.

You can subscribe to IHIMA's YouTube Channel by either [clicking on this link](#), or go to <https://www.youtube.com/> and search for 'Indiana Health Information Management Association'. You can view the video but to subscribe, like, or comment on the page, you will need to sign in with your email address and password to your [Google Account](#), or [create an account](#).

## Learn How to Advocate with Social Media

AHIMA has provided a free on-demand webinar "Social Media and Advocacy Workshop". This is a great webinar at learn more about how you can leverage social media to advance AHIMA's advocacy agenda. The webinar is less than 20 minutes and covers topics such as setting up a Twitter account, how to use Twitter, what accounts to follow, and more! [Sign up here](#).

Connect with IHIMA



**NEW DATE!**  
**IHIMA's Annual Meeting**  
**is Sept 28-29, 2020**  
**at Embassy Suites**  
**Conference Center in**  
**Noblesville, IN**  
**(#IHIMA20)**

**Update your myAHIMA Profile Today!!**

To continue receiving IHIMA communications, it is important for you to update your contact information located on your myAHIMA profile.

Please visit [www.ahima.org](http://www.ahima.org) to update your information today!



**Ask the IHIMA Board!**  
*Have a membership-related question?*  
E-mail us!  
[ihimahim@outlook.com!](mailto:ihimahim@outlook.com)

## IHIMA Celebrates National Volunteer Week

In celebration of National Volunteer Week, April 19-25, we posted #ThrowbackThursday pictures of past IHIMA volunteers on our Facebook page. See if you recognize any of the past volunteers! Go to: <https://www.facebook.com/IHIMAOfficial/> and use #NationalVolunteerWeek, #ThrowbackThursday, #NVW, or #AHIMA.

## IHIMA Professional Development Committee News

**Addition to Coronavirus (COVID-19) coding guidelines!** Join IHIMA's Professional Development Educator, Sally Hail, CCS, CPC, ICD-10-CM/PCS Trainer, as she educates on the recently updated ICD-10 CM official coding and reporting guidelines as related to COVID-19. Obtain the newest information on the addendum and changes in ICD-10 due to the current pandemic. Information on current guidelines effective April 1, 2020 - September 30, 2020. Find out more about this [recorded webinar here](#).

## IHIMA Virtual Continuing Education (CE) Survey

IHIMA is exploring virtual CE offerings. We have put together a **5 question** survey to guide the team in supporting your needs. The survey will take approximately **60 seconds or less** to complete. [Click here to launch the survey](#). The IHIMA Board is excited to implement new CE opportunities for you!

## IHIMA Regional Association Updates

Become involved with your region! Refer to IHIMA's region breakdown at <https://www.ihima.org/regional-associations> to see which region you belong to. Don't hesitate to email your region with questions!

### Northern Indiana Health Information Management Association (NIHIMA)

By Courtney Heim, RHIT, COC, CPC, 2019-2020 NIHIMA President  
Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, NIHIMA is in the process of exploring options for virtual CEU opportunities. In the meantime, please visit our website at <https://nihima.com> where you will find a link for "CEU Opportunities" with several links to websites or newsletters that offer free CEUs. You can also visit our Facebook page at <https://facebook.com/northernihima> for updates.

### Central Indiana Health Information Management Association (CIHIMA)

Are you in the central regional area? Want to know how you can become involved in your region? Contact them at [dsmorrison@unityhc.com](mailto:dsmorrison@unityhc.com).

### Southern Indiana Health Information Management Association (SIHIMA)

If you're part of the southern region and have comments or questions, contact SIHIMA at [francie.bishop@gmail.com](mailto:francie.bishop@gmail.com).

## Submit Items to the IHIMA Newsletter, YOUR Newsletter!

This newsletter belongs to you and is an excellent source of communication! If you would like to submit information to be included in a future publication or if you would like to let the membership know what is going on with you or your facility and employees, please don't hesitate to send a submission or questions to IHIMA at [ihimahim@outlook.com](mailto:ihimahim@outlook.com).

[Find all the details here](#).

**WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

**Write an article for the IHIMA Newsletter!**

You are encouraged to submit an article for possible publication in the IHIMA Newsletter!

Submit questions/articles to:

[ihimahim@outlook.com](mailto:ihimahim@outlook.com)



Visit AHIMA's [Engage Online Communities](#) for discussions and content on topics important to HIM professionals.

Have a question related to Indiana? Join the Indiana Engage Community at [Indiana Engage Community](#) and remember to check back often!

## ADVOCACY

### Advocacy Action Center

To learn more about current Federal & Indiana legislation, [click here](#). To go to AHIMA's Advocacy Action Center, [click here](#).



AHIMA CAREER ASSIST: JOB BANK

[Click here to see the opportunities!](#)

### IHIMA Job Board

Visit [AlliedHealthCareers.com](http://AlliedHealthCareers.com) for CDI, coding, compliance, auditing, leadership, and education jobs.

Visit [MB&CC](#) for medical billing and coding jobs.

## Show Off Your Accomplishments with AHIMA's Digital Badge Program

AHIMA has an exciting way for you to display your accomplishments and how you achieved them. AHIMA has joined with Acclaim, a Credly Company, to issue digital badges to visually display your accomplishment(s). When the badge is clicked, it will show more information about the accomplishment and the necessary requirements you fulfilled to earn it. [Learn more here.](#)

## Nominate a Remarkable HIM Professional with a Triumph Award

Consider nominating an outstanding individual for an AHIMA Triumph Award. The award has three (3) categories (11 total awards). Do you know a remarkable HIM Professional who deserves to be recognized by one of these awards? Nominate them before the June 3rd deadline!

- 1) Community Awards: The Advocacy Award and Mentor Award
- 2) HIM Development Awards: The Educator Award, Literary Legacy Award, Research Award, and Student Award
- 3) Leadership Awards: The Distinguished Member Award, Emerging Leader Award, Leadership Award, Innovation Award, and Rising Star Award.

Find the award categories, descriptions, qualifications, guidelines, and application [here](#).  
Deadline: June 1, 2020 at 11:59 PM CDT (Midnight) [12:59 AM EST]

Find AHIMA Triumph Award Recipients who are also IHIMA members [by clicking here](#).



## Nominate a Remarkable HIM Educator

*Taken from AHIMA Academic Advisor, March 2020*

The [Making Dreams Come True Distinguished Educator Award](#) recognizes distinguished educators in HIM. Consider nominating an individual that makes a difference for the Making Dreams Come True Distinguished Educator Award. The Council for Excellence in Education presents the award at the 2020 Assembly on Education Symposium, August 2-5, in Columbus, OH, the premier conference for health information and informatics educators and the primary forum for leadership in HIM education. The recognition is accompanied by complimentary symposium registration.

Nominations are due by **May 31, 2020!**

*Please note: The Making Dreams Come True Distinguished Educator Award is separate from and in no way related to the AHIMA Distinguished Member and Educator Triumph Awards.*

## PHIM Seeking Papers that Address COVID-19

*Perspectives in Health Information Management*, (PHIM) the peer-reviewed periodical of AHIMA, is seeking abstracts on a rolling basis that address the COVID-19 pandemic through the lens of the health information management professional. Topics of interest include coding, clinical documentation integrity, health IT, privacy, security, reporting, patient safety, and patient access. Manuscripts accepted for publication will undergo a double-blind peer review and editorial review. Please submit your abstract, full manuscript, or questions to [matt.schlossberg@AHIMA.org](mailto:matt.schlossberg@AHIMA.org).

## AHIMA Governance Task Force Update

*Taken from AHIMA's weekly E-Alert for April 9, 2020*

AHIMA has a Governance Task Force that began meeting in December 2019 to review the Association's governance structure. The charter included providing a quarterly update on the work of this group. [View a new article on the group's progress](#) in the State Leaders and House community on Engage.

### Topics for the Newsletter

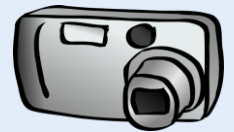
We would like to know what you would like to have included in your newsletter! If you have topics of interest, please send your ideas to us at: [ihimahim@outlook.com](mailto:ihimahim@outlook.com)

### HIM/HIT Programs

Let us know what your students are doing in the classroom. Send pictures and/or information to [ihimahim@outlook.com](mailto:ihimahim@outlook.com)

### Photograph Disclaimer

Please note IHIMA routinely photographs and videotapes events. These images may be used in print, visual presentations, and on the website to promote activities. If you do not wish yourself to be photographed, please let the photographer know at that time.



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## The Health Information Relief Operation (HIRO) Fund



In the coming months, the AHIMA Foundation will utilize the HIRO Fund to help vulnerable health information professionals recover from current and potential economic impacts caused by the COVID-19 pandemic's spread. Its effects have escalated and impacted our lives in ways we could not have foreseen. If you would like to donate or know of someone affected who is in need of assistance, please visit the [HIRO Fund page](#) and follow the instructions. On behalf of the AHIMA Board of Directors, thank you for considering a donation.

### Stay Connected with Us!

AHIMA is active on three social media platforms! Facebook (AHIMA HIM), Twitter (@AHIMAHIM), and LinkedIn (AHIMA HIM). Follow, like, and/or join us on these platforms to connect with other members and receive information and updates regarding current news, events, and activities happening throughout the year!



### The Best AHIMA Social Media Posts Last Month

- 1) Thank you to all hospital heroes!! (Facebook: [Click here](#))
- 2) AHIMA has created a COVID-19 Resource page to provide members with national, state, and local resources during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. (Facebook: [Click here](#))
- 3) Indiana's advocacy efforts are strong! Thank you to all who attended!! Take a look at what happened during our Day at the Indiana Statehouse on February 25th. Here's a short video highlighting the day. (Facebook: [Click here](#))
- 4) OCR announces notification of enforcement discretion to allow uses and disclosures of protected health information by business associates for public health and health oversight activities during the COVID-19 nationwide public health emergency (Twitter: [Click here](#))
- 5) In this episode of AHIMA's COVID-19 podcast series, Ms. Anny Pang Yuen, a CDI expert and HIM professional, talks about ways the current crisis has affected the field, what CDI professionals can do to help, and how CDI supports COVID-19 research. (Twitter: [Click here](#))
- 6) The COVID-19 Forum Engage Community has been very active! (Twitter: [Click here](#))
- 7) Today is AHIMA's Virtual Hill Day--a day for all health information professionals to advocate on behalf of the profession. (LinkedIn: [Click here](#))
- 8) AHIMA 2020-2021 Election Results - Congratulations to the newly elected AHIMA Board members who will assume their positions July 1, 2020! (LinkedIn: [Click here](#))
- 9) The ICD-10-CM Official Coding Guidelines for COVID-19 April 1, 2020 -September 30, 2020 are now final. (LinkedIn: [Click here](#))
- 10) AHIMA recommendations during COVID-19 for release of patient information and telehealth. (LinkedIn: [Click here](#))
- 11) CARES Act Modifies Confidentiality Protections for Substance Use Disorder Records (LinkedIn: [Click here](#))
- 12) The hospitalization rate for COVID-19 is 4.6 per 100,000 population, and almost 90% of hospitalized patients have some type of underlying condition, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (LinkedIn: [Click here](#))

### Recent News from AHIMA

[AHIMA Providing Free CDI Query Templates for COVID-19](#)

[Become a Cancer Registrar](#)

[Journal of AHIMA – April 2020](#)

[For The Record Magazine – April 2020](#)

[CodeWrite Newsletter - April 2020](#)

[AHIMA 2020 Advocacy Webinar Bundle](#)

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[Professional Certificate Approval Program \(PCAP\)](#)

## FREE AHIMA On-Demand Webinars

AHIMA's on-demand webinars are simple to access. After you register for the webinar, you will receive an email with a web link and an access code (password). Click on the web link, fill-out the registration form, click register and you will be taken to the webinar. That simple!

### Free AHIMA On-Demand Webinar: Mental Health CDI Tip Sheets

The importance of CDI within mental health records is a growing area for CDI programs. This FREE webinar assesses the overall documentation goals of the mental health record. The presenter shares a global look at ICD-10-CM versus DSM-5 codes and analyzes behavioral health diagnosis versus a substance abuse diagnosis. The presentation will conclude with a review of the new AHIMA Behavioral Health CDI TIP sheet. [Sign up to both learn and earn .5 CEUs here.](#)

### Free AHIMA Coffee & Coding Webinar: Laparoscopic, Hand-Assisted, Sigmoid Colectomy

Colectomies are a common procedure to treat intestinal cancer or diverticulitis. This first FREE Coffee and Coding presentation of 2020 will explore a sigmoid colectomy performed laparoscopically with hand-assistance. See how the use of an EEA stapler used during the procedure impacts code assignment. Bring your favorite brew and join us for this insightful half-hour of coding education. [Sign up to earn .5 CEUs here.](#)

### Free AHIMA 'ONC Information Blocking Rule: A Paradigm Shift In Data Sharing' On-Demand Webinar

Are you ready for implementation? Join ONC's Elisabeth Myers, Deputy Director of Policy, as she explores the intricacies of the proposed ONC information blocking rule. Gain a better understanding of how the new rule will impact HIM operations. [Sign up to earn 1.0 CEU here.](#)

### Free AHIMA 'Social Media and Advocacy Workshop' On-Demand Webinar (No CEUs)

Join AHIMA's social media manager to learn more about how you can leverage social media to advance AHIMA's advocacy agenda. [Sign up here.](#)

**Free MRO Corp 'Release of Information During COVID-19: HIPAA Compliance and Workflow Optimization' On-Demand Webinar** – 1 CEU – Presented on April 15, 2020 by Rita Bowen, MA, RHIA, CHPS, CHPC, SSGB, and Angela Rose, MHA, RHIA, CHPS, FAHIMA, from MRO Corp. [Request recording here.](#)

## Calendar of Events

- ✚ AHIMA Delegate Webinar: House Leadership Team – May 14, 2020, 3 p.m. EST
- ✚ AHIMA [Fellowship Application](#) Submission Deadline – May 22, 2020
- ✚ [2020 Making Dreams Come True - Distinguished Educator Award](#) – Submission Deadline: May 31, 2020
- ✚ AHIMA Triumph Award Applications Due – June 1, 2020 [More info here](#)
- ✚ AHIMA All Delegate Webinar – June 10, 2020, 3 p.m. EST
- ✚ IHIMA Transitional Board Meeting and Strategic Planning Board Meeting June 11-12, 2020
- ✚ 2020-2021 IHIMA Board of Director year starts July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021
- ✚ AHIMA Election Polls open July 13, 2020 9:00 am EDT through July 27, 2020 6:00 pm EDT [Learn more here](#)
- ✚ AHIMA CSA Leadership Symposium, Chicago, IL – July 10-11, 2020 in Chicago, IL
- ✚ AHIMA Grace Award Application Due – **Deadline extended to July 17, 2020** [More Info here](#)
- ✚ Assembly on Education Symposium – August 2 – 5, 2020 in Columbus, OH
- ✚ AHIMA [Fellowship Application](#) Submission Deadline – August 21, 2020
- ✚ IHIMA Annual Meeting, Noblesville, IN - September 28-29, 2020 – [More info here](#) (#IHIMA20)
- ✚ AHIMA House of Delegates (HoD) Meeting, Atlanta, GA – October 17, 2020
- ✚ AHIMA Health Data and Information Conference, Atlanta, GA – October 14-18, 2020 [More info here](#) (#AHIMA20)