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5. IDEA LABORATORY
6. OUTPATIENT & PEDIATRIC

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“Clinical documentation improvement professionals serve as the frontline explorers and navigators in the deep waters of the American healthcare system. Through their concurrent record review efforts, they identify opportunities not only for changes in documentation, but also influence hospital best practices, systemwide policies and procedures, governmental and clinical regulations, and even population health. We chose the theme ‘Charting the Course’ for the 12th annual conference as this one-of-a-kind gathering of CDI professionals will provide a compass to the true north of CDI success.”

Brian Murphy
Director, ACDIS

“The volunteer conference committee consistently faces the difficult challenge of assessing more than 170 submissions for roughly 60 open speaking slots. They do an amazing job reviewing and evaluating every single submission to make sure attendees of all experience levels and program focus types can glean actionable information and take home best practices to employ in their daily CDI activities.”

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“The annual ACDIS Conference is a whirlwind—from the educational sessions, the fun activities put on by the sponsors in the exhibit hall, and the networking interactions that take place throughout the event. That’s what I love most about the conference—meeting those who’ve earned their CCDS credential during the past year and hearing about their professional development activities. It’s so rewarding to be a part of their ongoing success, and the conference is really just one part of that.”

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What’s HOT in 2019?

This year’s educational lineup includes more than 60 sessions. Our new “IDEA LABORATORY” includes focused 30-minute sessions around emerging concerns in CDI.

This year’s lineup of keynote speakers features two auditors from the Office of Inspector General (OIG) who will discuss ongoing OIG initiatives such as the hospital compliance project, the Work Plan, current areas of focus in hospital compliance audits, and recent audit findings.

With breakout sessions focused on varying levels of CDI experience, even those with as little as six months on the job will glean tools to enhance their professional practices. Look for the “BASIC,” “INTERMEDIATE,” and “ADVANCED” indicators within the presentation descriptions.

Closing keynote address on Day 1 by Erica Remer, MD, regarding this year’s conference theme “CHARTING THE COURSE!”

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- Coders
- Case management directors/managers
- HIM directors
- Revenue cycle directors
- Physician champions/advisors to CDI
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What’s HOT in 2019?
THE PHYSICIAN ADVISOR’S ROLE IN CDI

MAY 19–20, 2019 (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day)

CDI success hinges upon a successful partnership with physicians, with the CDI physician advisor the critical link between clinical documentation and clinical care. Join us for The Physician Advisor’s Role in CDI, the nation’s only event dedicated to the CDI physician advisor.

Our most popular pre-conference event returns for its eighth straight year, with all-new content delivered by some of the best physician advisors and educators in the country. On the first day of the precon, attendees receive a heavy dose of critical coding, clinical, and regulatory updates by regulatory guru James Kennedy, MD, followed by a denials workshop by Trey La Charité, MD, featuring effective appeals and denials prevention strategies.

The second day of the pre-con, attendees can attend one of two tracks: our popular Physician Advisor 101: Core Skills and Responsibilities, or the all-new Expanding and Innovating the Role of the Physician Advisor. This latter track features presentations by four physician advisors from the nation’s leading organizations, covering a wide range of topics including HCCs, surgical quality database improvement, malnutrition documentation initiatives, and measuring and driving success with analytics and metrics.

Sam Antonios, MD, MMM, FACP, SFHM, CPE, CCDS, is the chief medical officer and the medical director for information systems at Via Christi Health in Wichita, Kansas, having experience in leadership roles as the medical director for utilization management, CDI, and technology deployments and analytics. In his role as chief medical officer, he oversees staff functions, strategy, and quality initiatives. Antonios is also a member of the ACDIS Advisory Board.

Megan H. Cortazzo, MD, is an assistant professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, and currently serves as the medical director of CDI and HIM for the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMCO). Prior to that role, she served as vice clinical chair of outpatient services for the department of physical medicine and rehabilitation.

James S. Kennedy, MD, CCS, CDIP, CCDS, is the founder and president of CDIMD, a Nashville-based physician and facility advisory and consulting firm that advocates ICD-10-pertinent clinical documentation and coding integrity essentials to healthcare revenue cycles and quality measurement. As a coding and CDI expert with more than 17 years of experience and as a frequent speaker to medical staff, HIM, and CDI associations, Kennedy is nationally recognized for his subject matter expertise, communication skills, and problem-solving approach. He is a past ACDIS Advisory Board member.

Trey La Charité, MD, FACP, SFHM, CCS, CCDS, is the medical director for CDI and coding at the University of Tennessee Medical Center (UTMC) in Knoxville, Tennessee. A past ACDIS Advisory Board member, La Charité is a regular presenter at the ACDIS pre-conference Physician Advisor Boot Camp. Besides being a hospitalist, he is a clinical assistant professor of internal medicine and is the curriculum director of the residency program’s hospitalist rotation. He is the medical director of the outpatient CDI initiative for UTMC’s primary care network.

Brett B. Senor, MD, CRC, CCDS, is a physician associate for Enjoin, where he provides guidance and support for CDI quality initiatives and MS-DRG assurance programs. He is board-certified in internal medicine and has served as a hospitalist and physician advisor for a large metropolitan healthcare system in North Carolina. In his current role with Enjoin, he assists in the development of content and provides education and training to support the quality and risk-adjustment service lines, working with providers, clinical documentation improvement specialists, and coders.

Beth Wolf, MD, CPC, CCDS, is the medical director of HIM at Roper Saint Francis Healthcare in Charleston, South Carolina. Wolf is a practicing physician with 18 years of experience, currently working in a 657-bed not-for-profit hospital system with nearly 800 physicians on staff. As a leader, physician, and CDI professional, Wolf improves data reliability and aligns CDI efforts with physician and system priorities. She specializes in palliative medicine and understands the importance of an accurate patient story; to the patient, the clinicians, the hospital, and the payers. Wolf is board-certified in clinical informatics and serves as a physician consultant for 3M.
AGENDA

DAY 1: SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2019

7–8 a.m.
Registration and breakfast
8–10 a.m.
Critical CDI Update: Top-Plate Issues Requiring Immediate Attention
10–10:15 a.m.
Break
10:15–11 a.m.
Impact of ICD-10-CM/PCS on Mortality/Readmissions/Quality Calculations
11 a.m.–12 p.m.
Outpatient CDI Fundamentals Integrating Cost Efficiency and Quality
12–1:30 p.m.
Lunch (provided)
1:30–3 p.m.
Recovery Auditor Update: Spotlight on Clinical Validation Denials
3–3:15 p.m.
Break
3:15–4:45 p.m.
Hands Off Our Cash! Small Group Exercise in Appeals Development
4:45–5 p.m.
Open Q&A
5 p.m.
Adjourn

DAY 2: MONDAY, MAY 20, 2019

TRACK 1: PHYSICIAN ADVISOR 101: CORE SKILLS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

7–8 a.m.
Breakfast
8–9 a.m.
Achieving Medical Staff Buy-In
9–10 a.m.
Ready, Set, Intervene! Managing Problems, Pitfalls, and Personality Disorders
10–10:15 a.m.
Break
10:15–11 a.m.
Well… What Should I Be Putting in the Chart?
11 a.m.–12 p.m.
Stay Within the Lines! How to Conduct a Compliant CDI Program
12–1:30 p.m.
Lunch (provided)
1:30–3 p.m.
Stop, Drop, and Roll! Managing the Unexpected Fires
3–3:15 p.m.
Break
3:15–4:30 p.m.
Practical Considerations: CDI Team Structure and PA Position Development
4:30–5 p.m.
Open Q&A
5 p.m.
Adjourn

TRACK 2: EXPANDING AND INNOVATING THE ROLE OF THE PHYSICIAN ADVISOR

7–8 a.m.
Breakfast
8–10 a.m.
HCCs for the Physician Advisor
10–10:15 a.m.
Break
10:15 a.m.–12 p.m.
Surgical Quality Databases; Expansion to Palliative and Hospice Care
12–1:30 p.m.
Lunch (provided)
1:30–3 p.m.
Electronic Capture of Malnutrition; Preventing Physician Burnout
3–3:15 p.m.
Break
3:15–4:45 p.m.
Metrics and Analytics
4:45–5 p.m.
Open Q&A
5 p.m.
Adjourn

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES
At the conclusion of this program, participants will be able to:
✔ Explain the optimal role of the physician advisor in a CDI department
✔ Identify critical coding, reimbursement, and regulatory changes pertinent to FY 2019 and beyond
✔ Describe common reasons for payer denials and best practices for preemptive prevention and appeal
✔ Define opportunities to improve organizationwide HCC assignment
✔ Identify opportunities to expand the reach of a physician advisor, including malnutrition capture, palliative and hospice care, and surgical quality

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BEYOND HOSPITAL WALLS: CDI EXPANSION ACROSS THE HEALTH SYSTEM

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Healthcare is rapidly changing from fee-for-service to pay-for-performance and risk-adjusted payment. CDI can no longer afford to focus solely on its original inpatient model when care is increasingly delivered in outpatient settings and services, or tied to bundled payment methodologies, mandatory CMS quality programs, and Hierarchical Condition Categories (HCC).

This one-of-a-kind pre-conference takes a deep dive into CDI’s role across the care continuum, as well as risk-adjusted payment methodologies and CMS quality programs including Hospital Value-Based Purchasing, the Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program, Bundled Payments for Care Improvement-Advanced, and the Hospital-Acquired Condition Reduction Program. This two-day session covers far more than just theory: Expert presenters review concrete ways in which CDI specialists can make an impact, including must-know coding guidelines and how to implement a risk adjustment approach to your existing CDI department.

This program concludes with a case study of Mayo Clinic, presented by Dr. James Manz, who will walk attendees through the implementation of a risk-adjusted CDI program throughout the system’s hospitals and provider clinics. Implementation and staffing strategies, as well as metrics, lessons learned, and the system’s ongoing progress, will be covered.

Cheryl Ericson, MS, RN, CCDS, CDIP, is the manager of clinical documentation services at DHG Healthcare in Charleston, South Carolina. The program at DHG expands out of MS-DRG assignment into quality concerns. Their focus on clinical clarity and complete diagnosis coding prepares CDI programs for accurate outcomes measurements and reimbursements under all payment models. Ericson is a CDI subject matter expert for a variety of industry publications and associations and keeps regular speaking engagements. Additionally, Ericson currently serves on the CCDS certification committee for the ACDIS and is a former ACDIS Advisory Board member.

James Manz, MD, is a consultant in spine and neurological surgery with the Mayo Clinic Health System NWWI. He serves as physician chair of the Mayo Enterprise Outpatient CDI Subcommittee, physician vice chair for the Mayo Enterprise Inpatient CDI Subcommittee, and physician advisor of the Mayo Clinic Problem List Stewardship Committee.

Shannon E. McCall, RHIA, CCS, CCS-P, CPC, CEMC, CRC, CCDS, HCS-D, is the director of HIM and coding for HCPro. She oversees all of the Certified Coder Boot Camp programs. McCall was the original developer of the Certified Coder Boot Camp®—Inpatient Version and the Evaluation and Management Boot Camp; most recently, she collaborated with the CDI team to develop the Risk Adjustment Documentation and Coding Boot Camp®. McCall works with hospitals, medical practices, and other healthcare providers on a wide range of coding-related custom education sessions.

Michelle M. Wieczorek, RHIT, RN, CPHQ, is senior manager of DHG Healthcare. She combines 30 years of healthcare knowledge as a clinician, with subject matter expertise in CDI, HIM, and clinical quality in her role as leader of clinical documentation integrity services at DHG Healthcare. Wieczorek has served in leadership roles in critical care nursing, health information management, utilization review, clinical quality, and information technology and has practiced in acute, outpatient, and managed care settings. She has extensive experience in software development and IT product management, including holding a US patent in natural language processing clinical rules logic as a result of her work in developing a CDI software program with a national IT vendor.
AGENDA

DAY 1: SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2019

Introduction to outpatient CDI
- Hospital focus
- Provider/professional services focus
- Health system focus

Comparing/contrasting DRG methodology and HCCs
- Gaps in legacy CDI approach (CC/MCC capture and CMI focus)

Important aspects of outpatient/provider services coding
- Basic mechanics of reimbursement methodologies
  » Ambulatory payment classifications (APCs)
  » Medicare Physician Fee Schedules (MPFS)
  » Risk adjustment (HCCs)
- Section IV of ICD-10-CM Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting
- HCPCS (CPT and Level II) code assignment
  » Source authorities (e.g., AMA’s CPT Assistant)
  » Modifiers
  » Fundamentals of evaluation and management coding

HCCs as a risk adjustment tool
- Payment adjustments: Professional practice
  » Medicare Advantage methodology
  » RAF scores: A tool for measuring provider documentation performance
- Quality measure adjustments (normalizing a population)
  » CMS mandatory programs (HVBP, HRPP, HACRP): Hospital-based measures

Claims-based measures
- Mortality
- Readmission
- Spending
  » Voluntary CMS alternative payment programs: Health system-based measures

ACOs/MSSP
- Target price
- Quality performance

Advanced BPCI
- Clinical episodes

DAY 2: MONDAY, MAY 20, 2019

Implementing a risk adjustment approach
- EMR configuration
- Depiction of acuity
- Coding depth
- Documentation precision

Provider perspective: Mayo Clinic case study
- How to gain C-suite support/backing
- How to engage providers
- Where should you focus?
- Challenges/compare and contrast with inpatient CDI
- What does “success” look like? How do you measure it?
- Opportunities to leverage your system/EMR

Open Q&A

Adjourn

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the conclusion of this program, participants will be able to:
- Describe a working model of outpatient CDI
- Identify critical concepts relating to outpatient/provider services coding and payment
- Explain risk adjustment concepts, including HCCs
- Define CMS mandatory quality payment programs and the ways in which CDI can make an impact
- Implement a risk adjustment approach based on successful models and shared best practice
- Develop metrics and EHR tools/workflows to support care across the continuum

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Missoula, MT
2018 attendee

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CDI MANAGEMENT ESSENTIALS

Effective management of a CDI department is not for the faint of heart. It requires knowledge of audit and compliance initiatives, metrics, and the revenue cycle, balanced with the hard-to-learn “soft skills” of staff management, including onboarding and training, developing career ladders, and change management. It also requires knowledge of how to build a business case for smart expansion into new service lines.

The CDI Management Essentials pre-conference event will help you learn the skills to become a better manager, improve hospital and department performance, and increase the satisfaction and retention of your valuable CDI staff reviewers.

CDI Management Essentials includes a blend of instruction by CDI Boot Camp educators who have managed successful CDI departments in the past, and who bring best practices coalesced from organizations around the nation. You’ll also hear two case studies from the trenches, straight from the directors of two high-performing CDI programs at Novant Health and OhioHealth.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

✓ Describe the function and focus of audit and compliance initiatives impacting CDI
✓ Identify critical metrics needed to measure department, CDI staff, and physician performance
✓ Apply best practices for effectively managing CDI staff
✓ Describe and apply best practices for department management employed at Novant Health
✓ Describe and apply best practices for department management employed at OhioHealth

Allen R. Frady, RN, BSN, CCS, CRC, CCDS, is a CDI education specialist for ACDIS and HCPro in Middleton, Massachusetts. Frady teaches CDI boot camps and serves as a subject matter expert. His experience includes 12 years as a coding consultant, two years as a coding director, and six years as a CDI consultant. His nursing experience includes work as a case manager and in cardiovascular care in ICU and telemetry.

Tonya Motsinger, MBA, BSN, RN, is the system director of CDI for OhioHealth in Columbus. Motsinger began her nursing career in 1985 after graduating from Bowling Green State University. Her nursing clinical background includes med/surg, critical care, and ED. She earned her MBA from Capital University in 1994. Motsinger has held multiple administrative roles and spent four years in quality, where she led several system initiatives. She entered the CDI sphere in 2011. OhioHealth currently reviews patients at eight facilities and is expanding to all payer, ambulatory, outpatient, observation, and ED areas.

Laurie L. Prescott, RN, MSN, CCDS, CDIP, CRC, is the CDI education director for ACDIS and HCPro in Middleton, Massachusetts, an instructor for the CDI suite of boot camps, and a subject matter expert for ACDIS. She serves on the ACDIS Advisory Board and the CCDS and CCDS-O certification committees. The author of The CDI Specialist’s Complete Training Guide, Prescott has been in the nursing field since 1985 and developed a CDI program at her facility prior to joining HCPro in 2013.

Abby Steelhammer, MBA, MHA, RN, is director of clinical documentation excellence at Novant Health, a multi-facility system based in Winston-Salem and Charlotte, North Carolina. She’s dedicated over 20 years to the healthcare industry, and became involved with clinical documentation at Novant Health 10 years ago, when asked to co-chair a committee that was standardizing acute care nursing documentation in preparation for EHR integration. Through this experience, she developed an interest and enthusiasm for the work, which led to her role in clinical improvement, implementing CDI in 2008. During Steelhammer’s tenure, the program has grown to encompass a systemwide team of dedicated, certified, and quality-motivated specialists that embrace a service line approach and strong provider relationships.

SPEAKERS

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DAY 1: SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2019

7–8 a.m.: Registration and breakfast
8–10 a.m.: Introduction, Revenue Cycle, and Audit Initiatives
10–10:15 a.m.: Break
10:15–11 a.m.: CDI Metrics
11 a.m.–12 p.m.: Managing Your Staff
12–1:30 p.m.: Lunch (provided)
1:30–3 p.m.: Directing Your Department
3–3:15 p.m.: Break
3:15–4:45 p.m.: CDI Expansion: Managing Change
4:45–5 p.m.: Open Q&A
5 p.m.: Adjourn

DAY 2: MONDAY, MAY 20, 2019

7–8 a.m.: Registration and breakfast
8–9 a.m.: Management Across Multiple Facilities
9–10 a.m.: CDI Educator Role
10–10:15 a.m.: Break
10:15–11 a.m.: Supporting CDI Program Growth and Development
11 a.m.–12 p.m.: Life Beyond Consulting: Steps to a Self-Sustaining CDI Program
12–1:30 p.m.: Lunch (provided)
1:30–3 p.m.: OhioHealth CDI Program: Managing Expectations and Growth
3–3:15 p.m.: Break
3:15–4:45 p.m.: OhioHealth CDI Program (cont.)
4:45–5 p.m.: Open Q&A
5 p.m.: Adjourn

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**TRACK 2: MANAGEMENT & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**—In the early years of the CDI profession, staff members were often left to their own devices to “figure out” CDI and develop program policies, procedures, and best practices. Today, facilities often have directors, managers, and career ladders for their CDI staff. This track focuses on concerns pertaining to program management and individual professional development, so attendees can learn what they need to know to make the most of their programs and their careers.

**TRACK 3: QUALITY & REGULATORY**—As the largest payer of healthcare services, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services consistently adjusts its documentation and payment requirements to ensure its fiduciary duties to the American taxpayer while maintaining the highest-quality care possible for its citizenry. CDI professionals need to stay informed about the ongoing shifts in quality reporting measures to understand how documentation improvement efforts may affect the data used for a host of various quality measures. In this track, CDI professionals will learn about bedrock coding and reporting requirements, advanced efforts in quality and cross-departmental collaboration, and ethical considerations to keep staff on the right side of compliance.

**TRACK 4: INNOVATION & EXPANSION**—CDI programs continue to find ways to help their facilities target trouble spots and improve outcomes through focused documentation improvement and physician education. In this track, attendees will explore cutting-edge advancements such as concurrent coding, second-level chart reviews, data analytics, remote CDI, and more.

**TRACK 5: IDEA LABORATORY**—The presentation submissions for the 2019 conference included a number of innovative ideas describing ways CDI programs are branching out, collaborating with other departments, conducting academic research, and searching for ways to better capture patient severity beyond hospital walls. ACDIS devotes Track 5 to these sessions, combining speakers on similar topics to ensure attendees get a wide range of viewpoints on cutting-edge CDI ideas.

**TRACK 6: OUTPATIENT & PEDIATRIC**—As the world of CDI continues to expand into distinct settings, ACDIS devotes this educational track to two bedrock areas of expansion—outpatient and pediatric endeavors. Whether charged with expanding your CDI efforts from the traditional inpatient setting to hospital-owned outpatient services or systemwide physician practice settings, this track offers attendees a glimpse into how to rise to the challenges related to outpatient record reviews. Similarly, children’s hospitals and hospital-owned pediatric centers will learn valuable tips for embarking on these reviews and for enhancing their existing programs.

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<td>Allen R. Frady, RN, BSN, CCS, CRC, CCDS, &amp; Faisal Hussain, MD, CCDS, CDIP, CCS, present “Navigating Documentation and Coding Regulations in Search of Clinical Accuracy.” Explore the more controversial and confusing aspects of regulations governing code assignment and CDI reviews as the speakers review common roadblocks to accurate reporting.</td>
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<td>11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.</td>
<td>James S. Kennedy, MD, CCS, CDIP, CCDS, presents “CDI-Pertinent Coding Clinic Updates.” Anyone invested in CDI must be familiar with ICD-10-CM/PCS coding conventions, particularly official advice from the American Hospital Association’s Coding Clinic for ICD-10-CM/PCS. This lecture outlines ICD-10-CM/PCS coding fundamentals and recent advice that promotes the CDI professional’s relationships with coding, and advocates coding compliance.</td>
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<td>Charlene Compher, PhD, RD, LDN, FASPEN, &amp; Richard D. Pinson, MD, FACP, CCS, present “GLIM: The New Malnutrition Clinical Criteria and Implications for the CDI Profession.” Come hear from one of the co-authors of the new global malnutrition criteria about the impetus behind the most recent consensus statement. Then listen as CDI expert Richard Pinson, MD, co-author of the CDI Pocket Guide, adds his CDI perspective and offers take-home tips for query efficiency.</td>
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<td>3:30–4:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Trey La Charité, MD, FACP, SFHM, CCS, CCDS, presents “CDI for the Medical Subspecialties: What You, and They, Need to Know.” Attendees will gain an understanding of how medical subspecialists’ documentation affects an institution’s revenue cycle and publicly reported quality data. This presentation will review the most common opportunities and reveal techniques to successfully encourage physicians to adapt to CDI program goals.</td>
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WHAT DO THE SESSION RATINGS MEAN?

- **BASIC:** Attendees should have elemental knowledge pertaining to the core elements of the track content
- **INTERMEDIATE:** Attendees should be well-versed in essential CDI practices and have some experience with the general track content
- **ADVANCED:** Attendees should have some depth of experience with CDI efforts as well as with the general track content and be looking for ways to deepen that level of awareness

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DAY 2

9:45–10:45 a.m.
Rhoda Chism, BSN, RN, CCDS, & Laura White, MHA, present “Untangling the Sepsis Web: Surviving Sepsis in 2019.” During this presentation, attendees will learn about payer and regulatory governance related to sepsis clinical definitions and code assignment. Take home a blueprint to build or enhance a hospital sepsis pathway and effectively align the goals of CDI, coding, and quality outcomes.

11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Richard D. Pinson, MD, FACP, CCS, presents “The Whys and Wherefores of ATN.” During this presentation, participants will learn how acute tubular necrosis (ATN) represents an elusive and commonly misinterpreted diagnosis. Come and review clinical scenarios and query examples to handle this evolution in ATN’s diagnostic criteria.

1:45–2:45 p.m.
Laurie L. Prescott, RN, MSN, CCDS, CDIP, CRC, presents “Psych Me Out.” Psychiatric and intellectual disabilities are often overlooked in the inpatient setting unless the patient is admitted for psychiatric care. CDI specialists in both the inpatient and outpatient settings need to obtain the appropriate documentation as these diagnoses affect DRG assignment and patient risk scores.

3:30–4:30 p.m.
James S. Kennedy, MD, CCS, CDIP, CCDS, presents “CDI Conundrums: Altered Mental Status.” Participants will hear how the underlying causes of altered mental status challenge CDI principles requiring subject matter expertise and finesse in advocating ICD-10-CM documentation and coding compliance. Learn fundamentals on clinical and coding principles inherent to these terms and how CMS determined that G93.40, Unspecified encephalopathy, would be taken off the MCC list.

DAY 3

9:15–10:15 a.m.
Garry L. Huff, MD, CCS, & Christopher M. Huff, MD, FACC, present “4th Universal Definition of Myocardial Infarction: New Terms, Updated Definitions, and Alternative Focus Areas for Query Efforts.” Join this father-and-son team of physician clinical coding expert and interventional cardiologist to examine the updated definition of acute myocardial infarction and its effect on documentation, coding, and physician queries.

11 a.m.–noon
Beth Wolf, MD, CPC, CCDS, presents “Metastatic Cancer: Progression, Complications, and CDI Opportunities.” In this presentation, attendees will learn the science of metastases as well as the clinical impact on organs distant from the primary site. Participants will explore the most common types of cancer and their metastatic preferences as well as how to “read between the lines” and help oncologists fully capture severity and risk.

“The BEST CDI conference I have attended. Track 1 (Clinical & Coding) was superb and I have learned SO MUCH!”

Tammy Marie Orange, RHIA, CCS, CDIP
St Marks Medical Center
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TRACK 2: MANAGEMENT & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

In the early years of the CDI profession, staff members were often left to their own devices to “figure out” CDI and develop program policies, procedures, and best practices. Today, facilities often have directors, managers, and career ladders for their CDI staff. This track focuses on concerns pertaining to program management and individual professional development, so attendees can learn what they need to know to make the most of their programs and their careers.

**DAY 1**

**9:45–10:45 a.m.**
Elizabeth Petersen presents “Panel Discussion: Women in Leadership.” During this presentation, Simplify Compliance’s head of professional development leads an inspiring discussion of CDI thought leaders on effective management skills and career building.

**11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.**
Staci L. Josten, RN, BSN, CCDS, & Tara Bell, MSN, RN, CCDS, CCM, present “Creating and Retaining the Best CDI Team.” During this session, participants will learn what makes a good leader and how to further develop an effective CDI team. Attendees will obtain practical tips on selecting the best CDI candidates, establishing a productive orientation, keeping CDI rock stars happy, and dealing with difficult staff.

**1:45–2:45 p.m.**
Robin Ann Jones, RN, BSN, MHA/Ed, CCDS, & Kimberly Higgins, RN, BSN, CCDS, present “Work in Progress: Revitalizing a CDI Program.” Attendees will obtain foundational insight into how to spark enthusiasm and effect change to build a team focused on innovative new CDI concepts and program growth.

**3:30–4:30 p.m.**
William Haik, MD, FCCP, CDIP, & Laurie L. Prescott, RN, MSN, CCDS, CDIP, CRC, present “Query Compliance: Addressing Changes in the 2019 ACDIS/AHIMA Physician Query Practice Guidance.” During this session, attendees will hear from two industry experts who served on the committee creating the latest ACDIS/AHIMA physician query practice guidelines. Participants will learn what’s changed since 2016 and how to address compliance concerns related to the query process.

**DAY 2**

**9:45–10:45 a.m.**
Nicole F. Draper, RN, BN, MHA, presents “CDI Physician Engagement: The Alchemy of Transforming Documentation Lead to Gold.” Join colleagues in an exploration of common physician education pitfalls through interactive role-playing sessions to uncover tools to interact with physicians and provide succinct information about CDI program values.

**11:30–12:30 p.m.**
Erica E. Remer, MD, FACEP, CCDS, presents “CDI on the Fly: How to Round With Providers.” Come hear the tangible benefits of face-to-face interactions with providers to reinvigorate CDI efforts by rounding with providers, querying, and educating on the fly.

**1:45–2:45 p.m.**
Jennifer L. Cooper, MHIIM, RHIA, CDIP, CCS, presents “Vendor Selection: A Practical Approach.” There are a lot of great vendors with services and/or products that can help your CDI program be successful. How do you choose the right one? Although the selection process should be well-vetted, it should not be hard. This session will provide the tools needed to be successful in the vendor selection process so that you can feel confident in the vendor decisions you make.
3:30–4:30 p.m.
Fran Jurcak, MSN, RN, CCDS, presents “Performance Review for CDI Professionals.” Using CDI program dashboard metrics is a great way to communicate outcomes. This session explores how implementing a standardized review process can validate the integrity of the program and assist in the performance review process for staff. Done correctly, it can create a positive environment and increase CDI staff job satisfaction.

DAY 3

9:15–10:15 a.m.
Tamara A. Hicks, RN, BSN, MHA, CCS, CCDS, ACM-RN, & Melinda Matthews, RN, BSN, MHA, CCDS, CDIP, present “Managing CDI for a Multihospital System.” This informative session will explore how Wake Forest Baptist Health has approached integrating its CDI department throughout its six facilities. This team created useful tools to incorporate the strengths of each of the hospitals’ CDI programs as they became part of the Wake Forest Baptist family, including data-driven audit tools and tiered job descriptions to ensure consistent performance throughout the network.

11 a.m.–noon
Brian Y. Cui, RHIA, CDIP, & Judy Cassety present “Speak Up! Taking the Leap to Share Your CDI Knowledge.” Participants will learn key tools for effective communication and presentation creation. During this session, attendees will learn the power of creative content and various methods for sharing CDI knowledge.

“If CDI is your career, the ACDIS Conference is essential to stay ahead of the changing landscape of healthcare. I love getting to spend time with my counterparts from all over the country—great sense of community!”

John Worthy
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As the largest payer of healthcare services, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services consistently adjusts its documentation and payment requirements to ensure its fiduciary duties to the American taxpayer while maintaining the highest-quality care possible for its citizenry. CDI professionals need to stay informed about the ongoing shifts in quality reporting measures to understand how documentation improvement efforts may affect the data used for a host of various quality measures. In this track, CDI professionals will learn about bedrock coding and reporting requirements, advanced efforts in quality and cross-departmental collaboration, and ethical considerations to keep staff on the right side of compliance.

**DAY 1**

9:45–10:45 a.m.

Erin Head, MBA, RHIA, CHDA, CHTS-TR, presents “CDI and Quality: Sharing Knowledge and Working Together to Improve Patient Outcomes.” Concurrent reviews and timely abstraction of data are critical to improving patient outcomes. This presentation will discuss the integration of CDI professionals into quality department efforts to track Patient Safety Indicators, regulatory compliance, and quality data measures.

11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Sam Antonios, MD, MMM, FACP, SFHM, CPE, CCDS, presents “CDI Impacts Quality: But How?” This session will provide the basic explanation for quality measurements in hospitals under the various Medicare programs. Follow a step-by-step approach to understand how documentation affects quality measurement and what resources are available to understand this somewhat ambiguous relationship to many CDI professionals.

1:45–2:45 p.m.

Mary Elizabeth (M.E.) VanGelder, MREd, BSN, RN, CCDS, & Elisa H. Sninchak, RN, BSN, CCDS, CDIP, presents “Value-Based Healthcare and the Role of the CDI Educator.” Participants will obtain the latest information related to the value-based payment initiatives, how CDI efforts can help improve these measures, and how to best educate physicians, CDI, and coding staff to ensure optimal results and compliance.

3:30–4:30 p.m.

Jon Elion, MD, FACC, & Jerry Williamson, MD, MJ, CHC, LHRM, presents “Ethical Practices and Compliance in CDI: Staying on the Right Side of the Healthcare False Claims Act.” Session participants will obtain a brief review of the ACDIS Code of Ethics and then delve into a deep examination of the principles that drive effective compliance programs, including a primer on the False Claims Act and the Health Care Fraud and Abuse Control Program.

**DAY 2**

9:45–10:45 a.m.

Kathryn DeVault, MSL, RHIA, CCS, CCS-P, FAHIMA, presents “ICD-10-CM/PCS Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting: Review and Application.” As clinical documentation specialists, a thorough knowledge of the Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting is critical in documentation accuracy and accurate code assignment. This session will include review of both ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS guidelines, especially those most pertinent to clinical documentation specialists.

11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Timothy Brundage, MD, presents “HACs and PSIs: What’s All the Confusion About?” Session attendees will gain a basic understanding of the data capture for hospital-acquired conditions, infections, and Patient Safety Indicators. With the assistance of case examples, attendees will gain an understanding of how provider documentation affects these measures.
Joe Lintz, RN, BSN, BS, CCDS, and Beth Wolf, MD, CPC, CCDS, present “Surgical Quality Databases: What to Do When Clinical Definitions Vary.” Ever wonder why surgeons disagree with your interpretation of clinical indicators? In this session, participants will review the thoracic, general, and vascular surgical quality initiative program definitions for common conditions and develop strategies to overcome documentation capture differences while remaining true to the clinical picture, representing severity and risk in the abstracted as well as the codified health data sets.

Mary Beth Bumbarger, RHIA, CCS, CHDA, presents “Mortality Measures Optimization: Getting to Know the Data.” Participants will learn how to determine if their hospital’s mortality rates are higher than the national averages, how mortality-related data are used for reporting and adjusted for case mix, and how to improve your observed to expected mortality information through CDI efforts.

Kristen Geissler, MS, PT, CPHQ, MBA, presents “Managing the Maze of Public Quality Report Cards.” Leapfrog Safety Grade, CMS Five-Star, U.S. News and World Report, Truven Top 100—there’s a maze of public quality report cards that detail process and outcomes measure performance for hospitals, nursing homes, physicians, and other providers. This session will unlock the mystery behind the measures, data sources, and common themes between these different report cards, as well as help participants understand the different report cards and explore how CDI programs can influence these data and leverage them for physician/administrative buy-in for program expansion.

Krystal Haynes, RHIA, CCS, CDIP, & Holly Saratella, MHA, CDIP, CCS, present “Maneuvering Through the Quality World and Its Impact on Coding and CDI.” In this session, attendees will look at how coding and CDI operations affect various CMS scoring measures and learn how UCHealth in Colorado tackled mortality risk modeling processes, incorporated concurrent Patient Safety Indicator and hospital-acquired condition reviews, and leveraged well-known industry scorecard data to drive improvements across its network of hospitals, clinics, and providers.

“I look at the conference as a ‘professional recharge.’ We immerse ourselves in an environment of smart, driven, and talented professionals who all share a passion for CDI—your batteries recharge and send you home with an increased pride in what you do and a new drive to grow and improve to perform better and more effectively.”

Laurie Prescott
CDI Education Director, ACDIS

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CDI programs continue to find ways to help their facilities target trouble spots and improve outcomes through focused documentation improvement and physician education. In this track, attendees will explore cutting-edge advancements such as concurrent coding, second-level chart reviews, data analytics, remote CDI, and more.

**DAY 1**

**9:45–10:45 a.m.**  
James P. Fee, MD, CCS, CCDS, presents “Let’s Get Real: Does CDI Improve Patient Care?” This presentation will demonstrate the course of the CDI profession in tackling quality, risk adjustment, and utilization. Through a mosaic of case study examples, attendees will learn how CDI contributes to improving the “Triple Aim” of advancing healthcare—improving the patient experience of care (including quality and satisfaction); improving the health of populations; and reducing the per capita expense of patient care.

**11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.**  
Lee Anne Landon, BSN, RN, CCMC, CCDS, & Mary Elizabeth (M.E.) VanGelder, MREd, BSN, RN, CCDS, present “How to Win Friends and Enhance Learning via a CDI Educator Role.” Attendees will gain an understanding of the need for a CDI educator within the organizational structure as a critical element of overall program growth and how to make the business case for such positions.

**1:45–2:45 p.m.**  
Brian Ice, RHIT, & Linda Danhires, BSN, CCDS, COC, present “Using Data to Drive Program Success.” Attendees will be able to understand how to prove the relevancy of CDI through leveraging data, chart reviews, physician-to-physician training, and physician champions. Attendees will be guided through a sample action plan for identifying specific opportunities to improve documentation and how to assess the benefits, challenges, and key components of a CDI transformation initiative.

**3:30–4:30 p.m.**  
Donald A. Butler, RN, BSN, presents “Frequent CCs & MCCs: Clinical indicators, Cautions, & Benchmarking Opportunities.” Knowledge drawn from data analysis is a powerful tool to help CDI programs identify the most likely opportunities. However, in this increasingly complex environment of CDI practice, it is equally imperative to understand those areas that need to be approached with a higher level of care. Participants will learn data-driven tactics to improve the foundation of their CDI programs.

**DAY 2**

**9:45–10:45 a.m.**  
Stephanie L. Jensen, BSN, RN, & Melanie Reineke, CCS, CPC, present “Help Me Help You: CDI and Inpatient Concurrent Coding.” Nebraska Medicine’s concurrent coding process provided inpatient coding and CDI teams the ability to align individual strengths while collaborating on shared goals. Concurrent coding facilitates the opportunity for inpatient coders to develop the working DRG while patients are still admitted and allows the CDI team to focus on clinical validation and accurate patient documentation through provider queries and education.

**11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.**  
Megan H. Cortazzo, MD, presents “End the CDI Silo: How Collaborative Programs Improve Revenue, Quality, and Physician Engagement.” Success hinges on developing strong and collaborative relationships within the hospital system. No matter where your organization is currently with respect to the development of your CDI program, this session will provide insight into key stakeholders, relationships, and processes that could enhance the program you already have.
1:45–2:45 p.m.
Karen D. Elmore, RN, BSN, CCDS, & Julie Weiss, RN, CCDS, CCS, CRC, present “Second-Level Chart Reviews: Advanced Models for Finding Chart Review Gems.” Come and learn how to add sparkle to your program by providing a second look at the records prior to the record being billed. Learn ways to advance to the next level in record review with the addition of a pre-bill record review process. Bring the shine back to your program by binding the essential elements of the record: quality, validity, support, and continuity.

3:30–4:30 p.m.
Johanne E. Brautigam, RN, BSN, CCDS, Sydni Johnson, RN, BSN, & LeeAnn Cheung-Conaway, RN, CCDS, join together for a “Panel Discussion: Remote CDI” discussing how to get the most from remote programs, working when the lights go out, engaging physicians despite off-site staff, and more. Flexibility in schedules, coupled with education, monitoring, peer-to-peer audits, and clearly defined expectations represent key aspects of remote program success. During this session, speakers will explore their experiences and offer attendees insight into how to implement an effective remote process.

DAY 3
9:15–10:15 a.m.
Nicole Fox, MD, MPH, CPE, presents “Playing Above the Line: Is Your Program Everything It Can Be?” All areas touching documentation need to work in synergy to be fully functional. This session is for any professional who is ready to move the needle on their CDI program but requires tangible, widely applicable methods to do so. Topics covered include physician engagement (beyond the basics, keeping physicians engaged and interested in the program), expanding to point-of-entry CDI, outpatient CDI (managing E/M, HCCs, etc.) and expanding the CDI umbrella to encompass physician advisors, utilization, and the denials process.

11 a.m.–noon
Mel Tully, MSN, CCDS, CDIP, & Amy S. Leopard, JD, MS, present “AI Technology and Clinical Documentation: CDI Compliance at the Crossroads.” As clinical documentation advances across practices and integrates with the EHR and enabling CAPD and AI technologies, new compliance risks arise. In this session, attendees will identify ways in which accelerated EHR and other technologies increase documentation complexity and leave with tools to manage compliance safeguards.

“My first ACDIS conference was awesome! I learned so much to bring back to our team. We are a small program, and unable to send more than one person. I never felt alone, was able to network with other attendees at breakfast, lunch, breakout sessions, no problem. Excellent topics, liked the idea of the different tracks to follow. App was great to know where I needed to go next, what sessions were available. My plan for sessions changed during the course of the conference as I learned new things. We have such a unique job, it was so nice to be in the company of others who understood what I do for a living and to see their passion. Truly inspiring. Thank you!”

Patti Runge, RN, BSN, CDS Facilitator
St. Vincent’s Hospital
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2018 attendee
TRACK 5: IDEA LABORATORY

The presentation submissions for the 2019 conference included a number of innovative ideas describing ways CDI programs are branching out, collaborating with other departments, conducting academic research, and searching for ways to better capture patient severity beyond hospital walls. ACDIS devotes Track 5 to these sessions, combining speakers on similar topics to ensure attendees get a wide range of viewpoints on cutting-edge CDI ideas.

Program note: Some of these sessions are 30 minutes long. Attendees are expected to attend both 30-minute sessions within a time block to qualify for continuing education credits.

DAY 1

9:45–10:45 a.m.
Vaughn M. Matacale, MD, presents “Clinical Validation: Do We or Don’t We?” If attendees are questioning if, why, or how clinical validation should be done, join this session’s speaker to explore current views by reviewing published guidance and exploring potential methods to organize and formalize a clinical validation process for your organization. Review clinical validation denial examples and learn the top five diagnoses to focus on and the clinical definitions to use.

11:30 a.m.–12 p.m.
Amy Sanderson, MD, & Corinna McFarland, MBA, present “Looking Beyond Reimbursement & Severity: Setting Your Sights on Academic Research.” Have you ever thought about using research to uncover trends within your institution? Do you want to better understand how to apply those findings to educational and operational opportunities? These presenters will highlight research projects undertaken by every member of the CDI team at their institution. Come hear concrete steps on how to take your department in this exciting new direction.

Noon–12:30 p.m.
Howard Rodenberg, MD, MPH, CCDS, presents “Research as the Future of CDI.” It’s been said that the only constant is change, and the CDI world is no exception. In this session, attendees will learn how to use claims data research to demonstrate increased value to the institution. Following a brief discussion of research, four sample projects will be described: A model to verify a secondary diagnosis; a means to test for potential CCs; an evaluation of the impact of new clinical definitions; and an interdepartmental effort to decrease length of stay.

1:45–2:15 p.m.
deAnne Wilk, CCDS, CCS, CMS, presents “CDI and the Effect on Population Health Through Social Determinants.” This presentation will discuss the role of CDI in population health social determinants and the organizational impact it can have on quality outcomes, patient satisfaction, and public reporting.

2:15–2:45 p.m.
Cassi L. Birnbaum, MS, RHIA, CPHQ, FAHIMA, presents “Enterprise Documentation and Coding Strategies to Improve in Population Health.” Learn how to redesign the coding and documentation enterprise to create a holistic, singular approach to improve HCC risk adjustment coding, enterprise charge capture, quality, and medical necessity edits.

3:30–4:30 p.m.
Susan Lynne Fantin, MSA, BSN, RN, CCDS, CDIP, & Shawn M. MacPhee, MSN, RN, CCDS, CDIP, present “Clinical Validation Across a Healthcare System.” This session features how McLaren Health Care standardized clinical validation into a multidisciplinary team approach, including physicians, quality, coding, clinical documentation, and finance members. Presenters will share methodology, outcomes, and challenges faced by the team.
DAY 2

9:45–10:45 a.m.
Ailsa S. Henley, RN, MHA, CCDS, CRCR, presents “Do You Speak CFO?” During this session, attendees will gain an understanding of how CDI fits in the revenue cycle as well as how to effectively interpret and communicate the metrics associated with your CDI program to administration leaders.

11:30 a.m.–noon
Sommer Slavin, RN, MS, MBA, CCDS, presents “CDI as an Integral Part of the Revenue Cycle.” During this session, attendees will learn how utilization management plays a role in concurrent coding, how to develop service-level documentation guidelines, and interdepartmental collaboration.

Noon–12:30 p.m.
Patricia Henry, RN, MSN, CCS, CCDS, & Maryellen McGowan, MS, RHIA, CPC, present “Performance Improvement in Finance: Pedaling Through the Revenue Cycle.” CDI staff no longer work in silos. It takes an army to run a finance department, and a working understanding of the revenue cycle is essential. In this session, speakers will explore how they partnered with quality and incorporated performance improvement projects into patient financial services as an outgrowth of CDI efforts.

1:45–2:45 p.m.
Shirlivia M. Parker, MHA, RHIA, CDIP, Kimberly Huff, BA, CPC-H, CCDS, & Christopher Zepeda, MHA, BS, CPC, present “I’m in Denial: CDI’s New Role in Denials Management.” Is your CDI team being asked to assist with complex clinical validation denials and you don’t know where to start? This presentation will share how Providence St. Joseph Health’s CDI program became involved in complex clinical validation denials—from identifying the type of denial, to developing a process with revenue cycle and identifying key individuals to be involved in the appeal process. This session will provide attendees with tactics to avoid denials, sample processes and templates to help in the appeals process, and tips to ensure your CDI program is on the path to payer partnership and proper denial management.

3:30–4:30 p.m.
Debbie Worthington, RHIT, CCS, C-CDIS, presents “Pearls of Wisdom: Advanced CDI/Coding Perspectives.” As a CDI specialist, do you ever wonder about some of the ins and outs of coding that don’t seem to make sense? Presented by an auditor who has worked with multiple companies providing auditing and educational services, this session will discuss discharge dispositions and how they impact payment, as well as out-of-the-box thinking about principal and secondary diagnoses. You’ll also learn about clinical validation and why it’s important to documentation, as well as where to find new information critical to your role as a CDI professional.

DAY 3

9:15–10:30 a.m.
Melissa Varnavas joins with members of the ACDIS Local Chapter Advisory Board for a panel discussion on “Challenges for Mentoring and Leadership Transitions.” During this session, attendees will learn how local chapter involvement can help with professional development and obtain techniques for mentoring, training, and transitioning applicable both for chapter volunteers and in day-to-day activities.

11 a.m.–noon
Barinder K. Gill, CCS, CDIP, CCDS, presents “Improving Documentation in the Intensive Care Burn Unit.” Burn coding is unique in that physicians should be specific in documenting certain parameters of burn patients. Degree of burns, extent of burns (total extent, each degree burn extent), location of burns, and type of burns are information that is vital in the documentation and coding of these patients. Participants will obtain coding and documentation tips for this unique aspect of CDI efforts.
As the world of CDI continues to expand into distinct settings, ACDIS devotes this educational track to two bedrock areas of expansion—outpatient and pediatric endeavors. Whether charged with expanding your CDI efforts from the traditional inpatient setting to hospital-owned outpatient services or systemwide physician practice settings, this track offers attendees a glimpse into how to rise to the challenges related to outpatient record reviews. Similarly, children’s hospitals and hospital-owned pediatric centers will learn valuable tips for embarking on these reviews and for enhancing their existing programs.

**DAY 1**

**9:45–10:45 a.m.**

Kimberly Charles, CPC, CPCO, CPMA, CEMC, presents “Documenting Evaluation and Management Services.” During this presentation, participants will learn how to identify the overarching criteria for physician evaluation and management (E/M) services coding. Attendees will review guidelines for addressing the chief complaint, medical decision-making, and other items necessary for physicians to complete their own professional billing.

**11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.**

Barbi Kantner, RN, CCDS, & Lori LaFaver, RN, BSN, CCDS, present “Partnering With the Emergency Department.” This presentation will review lessons learned for concurrent CDI reviews of the emergency department, including ideas for how to engage resistant providers and engaging the coding team in the process.

**1:45–2:45 p.m.**

Julian Everett, & Lauren B. Shivers, MSHI, RN, CPC, present “Where Do I Start? Beginning a Pediatric Mortality Review Process,” and Julian Everett, CDIP, presents “Neonatal Mortality Reviews.” This presentation will provide insight into the need for mortality review in the pediatric population based on low severity and risk scores, as well how to develop a mortality review process and obtain support from administration and staff.

**3:30–4:30 p.m.**

Sheilah J. Snyder, MD, FAAP, Lucinda Lo, MD, Daxa P. Clarke, MD, & Amy Sanderson, MD, join for a panel discussion on “What Were They Thinking?!?” a discussion to help attendees understand what other terms providers use and how CDI specialists can help providers start using the appropriate documentation with four physician leaders from four different children’s hospitals.

**DAY 2**

**9:45–10:45 a.m.**

Marietta L. Morhardt, RN, BSN, CPN, CCM, & Pam McCall, BSN, CCM, CPN, presents “The Pediatric Altered Brain.” This presentation will cover the various conditions, syndromes, symptomology, and potential sequelae that involve disorders in the pediatric brain, including with anatomical differences, specifics of genetic diseases, encephalopathies, brain trauma, and the developmental consequences from those. Coding Clinic will be highlighted, and differences in SOI/ROM when all neurological issues are/are not appropriately documented will be discussed.

Attendees may choose from any session, in any track throughout the convention that pertains to their interest, abilities, and needs of their organization. There is no pre-registration for sessions or any need to stick to one track.
**11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.**
Karen Bridgeman, MSN, RN, CCDS, presents “It’s A Small World: Pediatric Malnutrition & Respiratory Failure.” This session will focus on the unique clinical indicators for malnutrition and respiratory failure in the pediatric and neonatal population. Participants will review compliant queries and develop strategies for physician engagement.

**1:45–2:45 p.m.**
James M. Taylor, MD, FAAFP, CRC, presents “HCC Outpatient Documentation: Strategies for Getting to 95%+ Accuracy in Supporting Documentation.” Attendees will learn strategies for physician buy-in, embedding CDI into the physician culture, and experiences of working CDI into both a large (1,000 physician) group as well as a small (50 physician) group practice.

**3:30–4:30 p.m.**
Judy Moreau, MBA, RN, & Andrea J. McLeod, RHIA, present “Implementing Outpatient CDI Across the Enterprise.” Attendees will walk away with examples from the Trinity Health CDI strategy and playbook as well as gain an understanding of how to use tools and technology to support outpatient CDI. Attendees will see how Trinity is measuring performance and tracking outpatient CDI metrics and benefit from learning about the challenges, barriers, and successes along the way so that outpatient CDI may not be as unwieldy and daunting as it seems.

**DAY 3**

**9:15–10:15 a.m.**
Nicole Cuellar, RN, BSN, CCDS, presents “Defending Pediatric Denials in an Adult Denial World.” Insurance denials affect every institution, and defending them is likely a familiar subject. However, this can become more complicated in pediatric populations. Auditors often use adult clinical criteria to establish when a diagnosis is invalid. Participants will learn how to craft a successful rebuttal for a pediatric denial when presented with adult-focused criteria and take home standard ways to defend against denials.

**11 a.m.–noon**
Brian Murphy and the ACDIS Advisory Board present “Finding CDI’s True North.” This closing panel discussion will evaluate the present state of the CDI industry, including its strengths and limitations, and offer insight and strategies for its necessary evolution. Participants will receive a valuable recap of some of the recent position papers and white papers developed by the board to help make CDI specialists’ jobs more efficient and align with the rapid changes transforming healthcare.

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