

January 16, 2011

## Calendar—2012

### Chapter Meetings

All meetings will be held in the Schuster Conference Room at Kettering Medical Center from 3:30—5:30.

- January 25th
- April 18th
- July 18th
- October 17th

Mark your calendars—it's going to be a great year!

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## Year in Review

Welcome to 2012! I'd like to reflect on the progress our Southwest Ohio ACDIS chapter made in 2011. We had a total of 4 chapter meetings, 6 officer meetings, 1 St. Patty's Day party and a special CDS week dinner! All members received an ACDIS Southwest Chapter t-shirt as a gift. We grew to over 30 members and although it took some trial & error to get established, we became a formal chapter in July!

Our St. Patty's day celebration was such fun! We played CDI Jeopardy and the teams were close, but it was team 1 that took the win! It was both informative and educational!

Another major achievement in 2011 was the formal recognition of the Clinical Documentation Specialist Certification by Magnet! As our CDI roles continue to evolve across

the country, this recognition demonstrates the value & professional status of the CDS!

In October, 2011, we welcomed our first professional speaker to our chapter meeting. Angela Carmichael from JA Thomas gave an incredible presentation on the upcoming transition to ICD-10. We had 24 chapter members in attendance and everyone walked away much more aware of the potential impact this change in the Medicare coding system will have on hospitals. We also learned that hospitals without a robust CDI program will suffer the greatest financial loss from the change.

Karen Newhouser, Jean Sands and Carol Price attended the 4th Annual ACDIS conference in Orlando. Karen & Jean participated in the poster pres-

entations with: *Creating a Safe Path through the Electronic Labyrinth: Real-Time*

*and Clin Doc GPS* for the Comprehensive Electronic Medical Record. They brought back goodies to share as door prizes at our July & October meeting.

In closing, I'd like to thank each one of you for your attendance & participation in our chapter meetings. Pulling together as a chapter will only help us to positively impact the role of the professional CDS—you certainly have a hand in the growth of what many hospital CFO's see as a vital & critical role to the financial & quality viability of our nations acute care providers. Let's continue to grow our chapter in 2012 and play a **major** part in driving the awareness & crucial necessity of the Clinical Documentation Specialist!

## Change in Southwest Ohio ACDIS Chapter Officers

After a vote by our Chapter members, Karen Newhouser was our President elect for 2012. Karen was offered a position as a consultant and needed to decline the position. At the October chapter meeting, members voted to retain Teri Sholder as 2012 Chapter President, Kay Huber, Vice President, Jean Sands, Treasurer and Tari Huffman as chapter Secretary. Congratulations 2012 Officers!

## 2012 Strategic Plan

Several members and officers from our chapter met on November 22nd, 2011 to discuss the 2012 plan for our Southwestern Ohio ACDIS chapter. Susan Bierlein, Jean Sands, Teri Sholder, Teri Terrett, Tari Huffman and Diana Knoth developed strategies to inspire growth and substance to our chapter. Approved action items are as follows:

- CCDS study group
- Contact AHA/JATA/AHIMA for CEU presentations at 2012 meetings
- Fundraising ideas for chapter financial supplement
- CDS library: ICD-10 resources, CDI strategies
- Summer picnic & Christmas party
- Earlier meeting time start: 3:30p
- ICD-10 readiness & training for members
- CDI week recognition: send ppt from ACDIS chapter to all member hospital senior leaders
- Communication: Quarterly chapter newsletter, Blog, Facebook page
- Officer tenure: President—2yrs, VP— 1 yr before assuming President. Treasurer/Secretary—2 yrs.

Thank you to all who helped develop our 2012 strategic plan. The CDS professional is becoming a **hot** commodity in the health care market! All you need to do is check the job boards and you will find many hospitals across the country looking for experienced CDS' and leaders of this new and invaluable nursing specialty!

The experienced CDS has become a valuable asset to hospitals. It's no longer about reimbursement alone. It's about mortality, length of stay and accurate diagnosis of the publically reported Patient Safety Indicators, which are all now or going to be included in the scores hospitals receive through Value Based Purchasing. The scores our hospitals receive directly correlate with reimbursement. As many of you know, all hospitals will experience a 1.5% reduction in DRG payments under the 2012 Value Based Purchasing. The only way we can recoup this money is through the aforementioned quality measures that the CDS DIRECTLY impacts.

A big CONGRATULATIONS is extended to each of you for choosing a profession that Chief Financial Officers in hospitals across the country are taking notice of!!! The headhunters are aggressively seeking us out!

What's to come??? We are going to expand our chapter, develop web based communication and make sure that ACDIS knows we are here!! This will be accomplished through quarterly newsletters (sent to you and posted on the ACDIS website), a special "CDI week" power point sent to CFOs and nursing leaders at our member hospitals, empowering the CDS professional by separating ourselves from the AHIMA requirements, because WE ARE NURSES, with clinical expertise and knowledge. We ARE the expert bridge between the true acuity of the patient and what is documented! You are awesome & unique:)

## Our Chapter Leader **NEEDS** Your **VOTE**

**Teri Sholder** is a finalist candidate for a member of the ACDIS Advisory Board!! The original candidates were narrowed down to 40, then 20, then 9!! Teri is still a candidate for the 4 ACDIS Advisory Board positions, but we **need your vote** to make it happen!!

ACDIS members will receive an e-mail in the next week or so. It will contain the candidates resume and a brief explanation of why the candidate is qualified to serve on the ACDIS Advisory board. **Please take the time to vote!** This is a wonderful opportunity!!



## 2012 Important Dates!

Sept 16—22: CDS Week!!

April 18, 2012—Quarterly ACDIS meeting

July 18, 2012—Quarterly ACDIS meeting

October 17, 2012—Quarterly ACDIS meeting

Special Event dates: To Be Announced