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## 2018 Session Suggestions

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### Track 1: Clinical & Coding

Proposed breakout sessions:

- *Coding Clinic* and *Official Coding Guidelines* updates
- How to use the DRG Expert book (What impacts a DRG and moves from medical to surgical)
- Excludes notes and what to look for
- Principal and secondary diagnoses definitions and case studies
- ICD-10-CM/PCS related concerns
  - Specific documentation requirements to support code assignment by diagnosis
  - Complex ICD-10-CM coding case studies
  - ICD-10 post-implementation
- CDI and concurrent coding
- Physician/clinically driven sessions on pathophysiology and diagnostic criteria (i.e., functional quadriplegia, ATN vs. AKI, hypertensive heart disease, sepsis, types of respiratory failure, encephalopathy, traumas, malnutrition, HCAP/CAP, etc.)
  - Cancer pathophysiology, metastatic sites
  - Unusual, rare, complex clinical conditions
  - Radiology, gastrointestinal
  - Palliative care
- Surgical procedures (CDI/coder with surgeon co-presenters)
  - Emphasis on ICD-10-PCS and root operations
  - Surgical complications
  - Incomplete procedures (procedures started but not finished)
  - Impella procedures
- Advanced chart review techniques, including interpreting subtle clinical indicators, lab values, etc.
- Dealing with unsupported diagnoses in the medical record
  - Clinical validity

### Track 2: Management & Leadership

Proposed breakout sessions:

- Principles of effective leadership and department management
- Policies and procedure development
  - Escalation policies
  - CDI/coding reconciliation processes
- Query etiquette
  - How to handle unanswered queries

- Review of query practice progression and industry guidance/ ACDIS & AHIMA Query Practice Brief
- Managing CDI staff
  - CDI training and orientation
  - Tools of the trade: Where to find appropriate resources and what to watch out for
  - Promoting Professionalism: CDI role, compliance, ethics, and professional growth
  - Productivity expectations
  - Rewards for high performers, managing underperformers
  - Career ladders and avenues of professional growth
  - Development of specialized CDI roles
- Engaging physicians
  - Initial buy-in and education, ongoing training
  - Tips for working confidently and effectively with providers
  - Educating residents and medical students in documentation
  - Physician advisor specific sessions – by physician advisors for physician advisor
  - Leveraging the EMH to engage physicians
- Metrics
  - Individual CDI versus program/department
  - Auditing staff performance for education and improvement opportunities
  - Analysis and interpretation of data
  - Leveraging data for physician engagement
  - Data mining for return on investment and administrative discussions
  - Explanation of CDI metrics to watch and why for c-suite, physician advisor, and director-level attendees
  - Next level of CDI metrics beyond CMI and CC/MCC capture
- Managing CDI in a regional/multi-hospital system
- Compliance initiatives and ethics in CDI

### **Track 3: Regulatory & Quality Initiatives**

Proposed breakout sessions:

- IPPS and CMS regulations
  - Payment calculations and how the IPPS works
  - MS-DRG shifts on the horizon
- APR-DRGs
  - Diagnoses that affect SOI/ROM but not reimbursement
  - A deep dive into the methodology beyond the basics
  - APR-DRGs related to procedures
- Hierarchical Condition Categories (how to leverage on the inpatient side)
- Patient Safety Indicators (PSI), PSI 90 nuances and updates
- Hospital Acquired Conditions, Hospital Acquired Infections, Present on Admission indicators
  - Potentially preventable complications/admissions
- Partnering with departments

- Collaborative efforts between quality, revenue cycle, case management, utilization review
- Bigger picture: Understanding how CDI efforts assists with utilization review in 2 midnight rule and medical necessity reviews
- Incorporating core measures (i.e., CMS Quality Measures) into CDI review
- Hospital Value Based Purchasing and the role of CDI professionals
  - Hospital Readmission Reduction Program
- Alternative Payment Methods/bundled payment initiatives and how CDI can help
  - Total knee replacements
- Mortality/retrospective reviews
- Accountable Care Organizations
- A review of publicly available scorecards and how to use them: Healthgrades, Leapfrog, Hospital Compare, etc.

#### **Track 4: Expansion and Innovation**

- Technology
  - Improving EHR CDI/physician documentation functionality
  - The problem with the problem list
  - Note bloat and copy/paste
  - Working with vendors/internal technology staff
  - Pros/cons of computer assisted coding and natural language processing, etc.
  - Remote CDI: leveraging technology, managing staff, engaging physicians
- Post-acute settings, including Long Term Acute Care (LTAC) and inpatient rehab
- Inpatient psychiatry
- Critical access/rural community hospitals
- CDI research projects or findings
- Recovery Auditor and up-front denials prevention
  - Denials deep dive/how to write an appeal letter
  - Sepsis denials

#### **Track 5: Outpatient CDI**

Proposed breakout sessions:

- Case studies of successful programs
  - Starting/implementing/staffing an outpatient CDI program
  - Defining payment models and metrics for success
  - Query etiquette/differences in query practice
- Coding in the outpatient world and documentation requirements
  - E/M
  - CPT
  - HCPCS
- Medicare Advantage/HCCs and medical record review strategies
- MACRA and physician payment reforms

- CDI in physician office setting
- CDI in the emergency department
- CDI for specialty services (radiology, ortho, cardio)

#### **Track 6: Pediatric CDI**

- Pediatric CDI Program Management: All aspects of management (metrics, auditing staff, etc...)
- Advanced sessions on SOI/ROM and APR-DRGs
- Outpatient pediatric CDI
- Pathophysiology sessions unique to pediatric patients including:
  - heart failure
  - acute respiratory failure
  - sepsis
  - trauma
- Ongoing measurement of pediatric CDI programs
- Pediatric research and quality improvement projects
- Pediatric quality reviews (HACs, PDIs, NQIs)
- CDI in maternity, pregnancy, post-partum, NICU, OB/GYN
- Challenges of available NICU codes
- Pediatric Physician Advisors (roles, responsibilities, choosing the right candidate)
- Physician engagement in children's hospitals
- Pediatric and Neonatal Mortality Reviews
- Clinical Validation
- Denials Management
- Risk Adjustment in Pediatrics
- Remote CDI in Pediatrics: Management and operational issues
- Training and orienting CDI staff, establishing career ladders, motivating senior CDI staff, providing continuing education
- Advanced chart review techniques, including interpreting subtle clinical indicators, lab values, etc.
- ICD-10-PCS nuances for common pediatric procedures and surgeries
- Electronic health records (EHR) management