

YOUR CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2019

Education and Networking Day BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE - EMBRACING CHANGE

FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2019



The BCYT CHIMA Chapter will be holding a full-day education and networking event on Friday, March 22, 2019. Remember this counts for 6 CPE credits! Check to see if your employer might offer relevant educational funding.

\$100 MEMBERS \$125 NON-MEMBERS \$75 STUDENTS (LUNCH&SNACKS INCLUDED)

> ST. PAUL'S HOSPITAL, VANCOUVER, BC

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OUR SPEAKERS

- --KARANNE LAMBTON Certified Life Coach
- --JEANNETTE VAN DEN BULK Deputy Commissioner, Policy, Adjudication, and Audit
- --MONIQUE RASMUSSEN Regional Manager, Coding and Informatics, Providence Health Care
- --STEVE SUNG
 Business Intelligence
 Architect Lead, Lower Mainland
 Health Information
 Management
- --JEFF NESBITT CHIMA CEO and Registrar
- --TERI PRICE Healthcare Advocate

- -- JOSEPH TESORO
 Education Awareness
 Specialist, Provincial Health
 Services Authority
- --TINA COSTA Learning & Capability Development, BC Quality Academy
- --FRANCIS LAU
 Professor, School of Health
 Information Science, University
 of Victoria
- --INSTITUTE FOR HEALTHCARE IMPROVEMENT (IHI) OPEN SCHOOL, UBC



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DOES YOUR CODING MATCH UP?

Everyone who registers for this year's Education Day will have a little extra homework before the session! You will be sent a real chart to code prior to the day of the workshop, and this same chart will be sent to CIHI for their experts to code. Bring your answers, and get the opportunity to compare your results and ask each other questions.



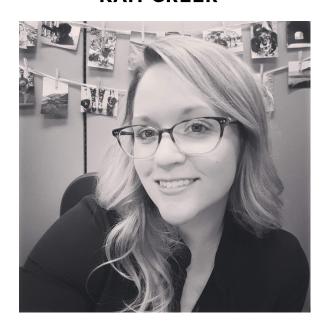
Getting ready for our Education and Networking Day

COMPUTER-ASSISTED CODING

Computer Assisted Coding (CAC) has been a part of health information management discourse since before 2009, promising an increase in coding productivity, accuracy and compliance by leveraging available technologies to generate medical codes. While some feared that this would replace human coders, almost all accounts of CAC implementation suggest that the coder's role is essential. For example, AHIMA pilot testing of CAC software found that coders did not accept up to 75% of the diagnoses suggested. Rather, the software only gave the coders a starting point in order to find to a more appropriate code. One Cleveland Clinic study from 2013 found that it can only maintain accuracy while improving productivity with the participation of a human auditor. Though this study is often cited, it only used a sample of 25 charts. There are still many gaps to be figured out before CAC can fully transition the coder's role from author to auditor, such as how to have well-interfaced systems and improved clinical documentation, how to fully understand the impact on coder development, and how to bear the costs of implementation. However, accounts of CAC implementations are encouraging. CAC can increase coder satisfaction by centralizing all relevant documentation in one system, and allow coders to concentrate on more interesting and complex cases by automating the more mundane tasks. Just as encoders changed the coding process, CAC is also poised to shift the work of coders. Join us in March to hear Monique Rasmussen, Regional Manager of Coding Informatics at PHC, speak on facing the future with new coding technologies!

OUR NEWEST CHAPTER MEMBER

KAIT GREER



Kait is the Policy Coordinator at Northern Health, where she supports the development, revision, evaluation and access to regional policies and clinical practice standards. Over the past five years, Kait has worked as a Project Lead, HIM and as Clinical Systems Analyst, ITS. Prior to becoming certified in Health Information Management, Kait received a Master of Information degree from the University of Toronto with specialties in Archives and Records Management, and Library and Information Science. She brings an exciting blend of skills and education to the BCYT Chapter Committee, and is enthusiastic about engaging with HIM professionals across the BC-Yukon region and beyond. Outside of work, Kait enjoys teaching yoga. volunteering with BC Girl Guides, and planning her family's next big adventure.

HEALTH INFORMATION PROFESSIONALS WEEK: MARCH 24-30, 2019

This year, the theme is: It's All in the Data - Quality Care through Storytelling. Remember to partcipate and use #HIPWeek19 in your social media posts!

UPCOMING CPE SESSION

There will soon be new free CPE session worth 0.5 credits offered by the BCYT Chapter, featuring Steve Sung from Business Intelligence at Lower Mainland Health Information Management. In the meantime, catch the current one offered by Dawn Priestly, certified Life and Career Clarity Coach.

THE GRADUATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM IN HEALTH TERMINOLOGY STANDARDS

This new program offered by the University of Victoria has an application deadline of May 1, 2019 (for entry in September).

WHY YOU SHOULD INVEST IN LIFELONG LEARNING

- It's good for your health there's evidence to suggest learning and developing skills can delay symptoms of Alzheimer's and reduce stress.
- Education correlates with financial earnings it's no secret that education can help with career advancement! Continuing education is particularly important in the changing landscape of HIM.
- Networking and meeting new people group learning is a way to connect with other's who share your interests.
- Learning spurs your personal growth as we all know, life isn't always about work and continuing to participate in educational development will help your personal life as well as professional.
- Discovery of new knowledge there is a world of knowledge out there, and lifelong learning keeps you humble and thirsty for more.

