



Newsletter

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President's Message April 2020 Newsletter

By Keith Hass, RHIA

COVID 19 Response

Hello SDHIA newsletter readers! Most of you are now aware of the COVID 19 situation that is occurring in the country. Here in San Diego different businesses have their employees work from home until further notice. Along with that the public is adhering to health officials about prevention so individuals are safe from contacting the virus or what to do if it is suspected or there are symptoms.

San Diego County – Coronavirus Disease 2019

https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/community_epidemiology/dc/2019-nCoV.html.html

California Department of Public Health –

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/ncov2019.aspx>

World Health Organization (WHO)

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

***In response to this, SDHIA is cancelling the April 10, 2020 educational session. The SDHIA May Dinner event is cancelled and may be rescheduled later for June (TBD).**

The AHIMA Advocacy Summit that was to be held in Washington, D.C. in the third week of March was cancelled, due to the COVID 19.

On a brighter note, the SDHIA ballots have been counted and a new 2020-2021 SDHIA Board is now elected and counted.

SDHIA 2020-2021 Board – (July 1, 2020-July 1, 2021)

- President- Hernan Amezcua, RHIA
- President-elect- Ashley Baker, RHIT
- Past President- Keith Hass, RHIA
- Treasurer- Steffanie Hezlap (Morgan), RHIT
- Secretary- Jacquelyn Bersuela-Colman, RHIT

CHIA Positions from SDHIA

- CHIA Director – Daniel Castanon, RHIA
- AHIMA Alternate Delegate - Vilena Boussarova, RHIA, CHDA, CCS

SDHIA Scholarship Award – The winner(s) will be notified by e-mail by April 14, 2020.

Thank You,

Keith Hass, SDHIA President

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EDUCATIONAL CORNER

By Daniel Castanon, RHIA

It was an honor to having CHIA Past President Maria Caban Alizondo as a speaker. She shared her story and a future study she is working on in regards to "Exploring the Identities of Latinx Women who Lead in HIM." Maria is working on a study for her dissertation to gain deeper understating of the ways in which Latinx women hold and share their identities simultaneously, and how they navigate the complexities of the challenges they face in their workplace. HIM is a field of over 94% females, yet there is little data/literature on Latinx women in HIM. Latinx is a term to encompass all people of Latino/Latina cultures. Once she is done with these study Maria will be happy to share the results.

CODING CORNER

Revised New Coding Guidance

New Coding Guidance – What you need to know.

Vaping Related Disorder

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), using an electronic cigarette (e-cigarette) is commonly called vaping. E-cigarettes are also called vapes, e-hookahs, vape pens, tank systems, mods, and electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS). E-cigarettes work by heating a liquid to produce an aerosol that users inhale into their lungs. The liquid can contain nicotine, tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and cannabinoid (CBD) oils, and other substances, flavorings, and additives.

New ICD-10-CM Code for Vaping-Related Disorder Implementation April 1, 2020 Effective April 1, 2020, code U07.0, Vaping-related disorder, will be implemented in response to the recent occurrences of vaping related disorders. The new code is in Chapter 22, which is a new chapter within ICD-10CM. Chapter 22 has a reserved block of codes for special purposes (U00-U85). There is also a new section "Provisional assignment of new diseases of uncertain etiology or emergency use (U00-U49)." Codes U00-U49 are to be used by WHO for the provisional assignment of new diseases of uncertain etiology.

There is also a supplement to the ICD-10-CM Official Coding Guidelines for coding encounters related to E-cigarettes, or Vaping Product Use, which was posted on October 17, 2019, available at:

https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/icd/Vapingcodingguidance2019_10_17_2019.pdf

2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) ICD-10 and CPT Update

The CDC announced Wednesday that due to the "urgent need to capture the reporting of [COVID-19] in our nation's claims and surveillance data," the agency has changed the effective date of new diagnosis code U07.1, COVID-19, from October 1 to April 1, 2020.

Be sure to look for more coding guidance regarding the use of "U" codes on the CDC website.

<https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/icd/icd10cm.htm>

Previously, the CDC has released [interim coding guidance](#) to be used in conjunction with the current ICD-10-CM classification and the most recent *ICD-10-CM Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting*.

According to the document, the guidance is “intended to provide information on the coding of encounters related to coronavirus. Other codes for conditions unrelated to coronavirus may be required to fully code these scenarios in accordance with the *ICD-10-CM Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting*.”

<https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/icd/ICD-10-CM-Official-Coding-Gudance-Interim-Advice-coronavirus-feb-20-2020.pdf>

CPT Update:

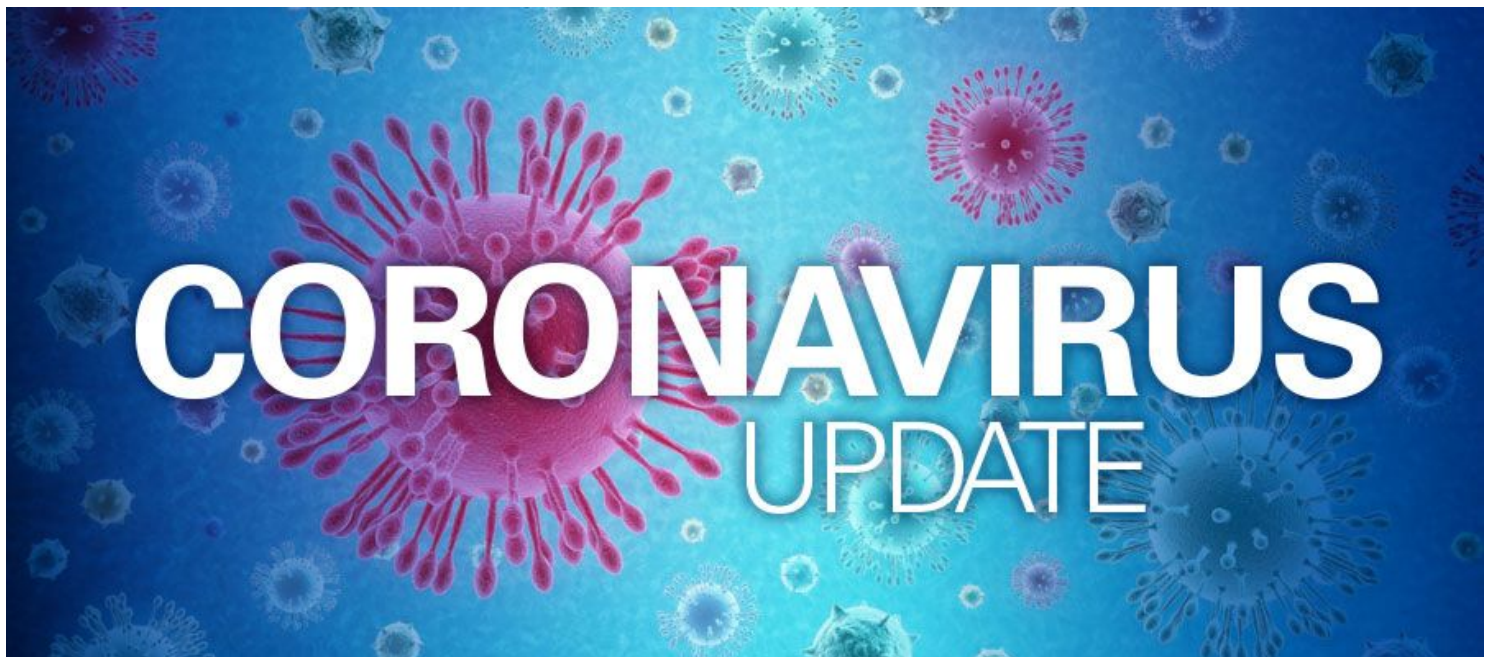
In the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, the CPT Editorial Panel has expedited approval of a unique CPT code to report laboratory testing services that diagnose the presence of the novel coronavirus. The new CPT code assigned to the test for the novel coronavirus provides analytical advantages for tracking, allocating and optimizing resources as testing ramps up in the United States.”

For quick reference, the new Category I CPT code and long descriptor are:

- 87635 Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA); severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]), amplified probe technique

The code is effective immediately for use as the industry standard for reporting of tests for the novel coronavirus across the nation’s health care system. In addition to the long descriptor, CPT code 87635 has short and medium descriptors that can be accessed on the AMA website.

<https://www.ama-assn.org/practice-management/cpt/cpt-releases-new-coronavirus-covid-19-code-description-testing>



San Diego Health Information Association, SDHIA CALENDAR of EVENTS for 2019-2020

Date & Location	Speaker	Topic, Domain & Sponsor
<p>September 10, 2019 (2nd Tuesday)</p> <p>Location: Sharp Techway Building 8520 Tech Way 1st Floor-Room A San Diego, CA 92123</p>	<p>James Williams, RHIA</p> <p>Maria Hewett, MBA, RHIA</p> <p>Keith Hass, RHIA</p> <p>Morgan Hezlep, JD, CHC, CHPS, RHIT</p> <p>Suzanne Forrest, RHIA</p>	<p>Topic: Alternate Career Pathways in HIM</p> <p>Domain: Management Development</p> <p>Sponsor:</p> 
<p>October 22, 2019 (4th Tuesday)</p> <p>Location: Sharp Corporate Building Sharp Auditorium 8695 Spectrum Center Blvd. San Diego, CA 92123</p>	<p>Hika Mengitsu, MHIS, RHIA, CDIP, CHP, CSCS</p> <p>San Diego County Sheriff's Dept.</p>	<p>Topic: What do HIM Professionals Do in Correctional Facilities.</p> <p>Domain: Management Development</p>
<p>October 26, 2019 (Saturday)</p> <p>Location: Sharp Techway Building 8520 Tech Way 1st Floor-Room A San Diego, CA 92123</p>	<p>Victoria Hernandez, RHIA, CDIP, CCS, CCS-P</p> <p>AHIMA-Approved ICD-10-CM/PCS Trainer</p> <p>Louis Grujanac, D.O Chief Medical Director</p>	<p>Topic: Coding Round Table New ICD 10 CM/PCS 2020 Codes</p> <p>Domain: Clinical Classification Systems and Coding</p>
<p>November 12, 2019 (2nd Tuesday)</p> <p>Location: Sharp Corporate Building Sharp Auditorium 8695 Spectrum Center Blvd. San Diego, CA 92123</p>	<p>Dr. Lenora C. Langlais MS, BSN, CDR (USN-R)</p>	<p>Topic: Breast Cancer- A Person's Journey through the Cancer Wilderness</p> <p>Domain: Clinical Foundation or External Forces</p>

<p>December 10, 2019 Location: Tom Ham’s Lighthouse 2150 Harbor Island San Diego, CA. 92101</p>	<p>Cassi Birnbaum MS, RHIA, CPHQ, FAHIMA</p> <p>Sponsor: </p>	<p>Topic: Follow Your Yellow Brick Road to Realize Your HIM Vision Domain: Management Development Sponsor: </p>
<p>January 14, 2020 (2nd Tuesday) Location: Sharp Techway Building 8520 Tech Way 1st Floor-Room A San Diego, CA 92123</p>	<p>Kie Copenhaver, RHIA, RCFE, CSA</p>	<p>Topic: HIMs Non-Traditional Role and Their Impact on the Aging Population Domain: Management Development Sponsor: </p>
<p>February 8, 2020 (Saturday) Location: Sharp Techway Building 8520 Tech Way 1st Floor-Room A San Diego, CA 92123</p>	<p>John Folger, RHIA, CCS, CCS-P Manager, Health Care, Consulting, Wipfli LLP</p> <p>Judy Holloway, MPH, RHIA, CCS, CCS-P Director, Health Care, Consulting, Wipfli LLP</p>	<p>Topic: Coding Round Table-New CPT Codes Domain: Data Structure, Content, and Information Governance</p>
<p>March 10, 2020 (2nd Tuesday) Location: Sharp Techway Building 8520 Tech Way 1st Floor-Room A San Diego, CA 92123</p>	<p>Maria C. Alizondo, MOL, MLC, RHIT, FAHIMA (SCHIA) Director, Enterprise HIM, UCLA Health System</p>	<p>Topic: Exploring the Identities of Latinx Women Who Lead in HIM Domain: Evolving Topics</p>

JOBS SECTION for NEWSLETTER

Hello Newsletter readers,

The employment section of the newsletter is now being updated with links to the employers. The reason for this is since job opportunities change quickly and for the SDHIA newsletter editors to keep track of those changes is not beneficial to members. It is best for students and members to check the job links and keep a record for yourself to see who you have applied with and keep tabs on the jobs you want in the HIM field. Create a spreadsheet or other type document for your records and sometimes a notebook will suffice for others.

We encourage any sponsors who are readers of the newsletter that if you would like to sponsor SDHIA and post your opportunities to please contact SDHIA@CaliforniaHIA.org
If you are attending one of our meetings let us know at the meeting or beforehand that you would like to make some job announcements to the attendees.

The following is not a complete list, but assistance in your search.

Some helpful hints in your job search:

- Have a blanket resume/CV and cover letter.
- Amend resume and cover letters to the opportunity you are applying to.
- Read the requirements for applying to a position.
- Network outside of job boards with co-workers, professional organizations and do online research for ideas and tips.
- Speak with the sponsors when sponsors are at local meetings and conferences.
- Bring resume(s) to events
- Use social media for example, LinkedIn to reach out to recruiters.

HIM Organization job boards within the HIM organization hierarchy:

- AHIMA: <https://careerassist.ahima.org/jobs/>
- CHIA: www.JobBoard.CaliforniaHIA.org

Local San Diego employers

- Sharp Healthcare: <https://careers.sharp.com/>
- Scripps Health: <https://www.scripps.org/about-us/careers>
- Rady Children's Hospital: <https://jobs.rchsd.org/>
- Family Health Centers of San Diego: <https://www.fhcsd.org/careers/>
- UC San Diego: <https://jobs.ucsd.edu/>
- Kaiser Permanente: <https://www.kaiserpermanentejobs.org/>
- Palomar Health: <https://www.palomarhealth.org/careers/careers-at-palomar-health>
- Peak Health Solutions: Multiple Positions-Contact-Monica Herra (949) 721-2795 mherra@hcsstat.com
- Excite Health Partners: Multiple IP/OP Remote Coder Positions-Contact-Ann McGrail (216) 447-9808x1020 amcgrail@excitehp.com
- San Diego County: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/sdcounty> - Use dropdown menu to find job category.
- State of California: <https://www.calcareers.ca.gov/>

- Veterans health: <https://www.vacareers.va.gov/>
- * SAN YSIDRO HEALTH: Contact-Marci Arkin marci.arkin@syhealth.org
Website: www.syhealth.org



- Contact: Alejandro Sangiovanni <https://nextgate.com/about-us/careers/>

Please contact us at careers@nextgate.com for more information.



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- SDHIA/CHIA Nominating Committee: Daniel Castanon, RHIA; Ashley Baker, RHIT; Jackie Coleman, RHIT
- Hostess: Hailey Lee; Walid Al Abdullah

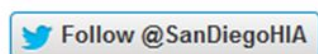
CHIA BUSINESS SUBMISSION DEADLINES

1. July 31, 2019 CLA Name of the Nominating Committee Representative
2. July 31, 2019 CLA Financial Reports & Quicken data file
3. Jan 31, 2020 CLA Financial Reports & Quicken data file
4. Feb 28, 2020 CLA Leadership Rosters
 - CLA Delegates to the 2020 CHIA House
 - CLA Board Leaders for FY 2020- 2021 (FY starts July 1, 2020)
5. May 1, 2020 CLA Proposed Budget
6. May 1, 2020 CLA Annual Report



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