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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My Fellow HIM Professionals,

Thank you for placing your confidence and trust in me to serve as your President. How quickly the year has gone by, it seems like I was just voted in as your President-Elect. It is an honor to be the incoming President of a thriving professional organization and to work with a group of people with such talents and dedication.

This past year was a very busy one filled with many learning experiences. I would like to thank Karen Gallagher-Grant for her guidance in preparing me to serve as President. Thanks to Boston Children's Hospital, my employer, for supporting me. Thank you to Elisa Pelchat, MaHIMA Administrator for all you do in keeping MaHIMA running efficiently, thanks to the outgoing Board Members and Committee Chairs for your hard work in making MaHIMA a success.

I am excited and grateful for the privilege to serve as President of MaHIMA for the upcoming year and looking forward to working with the Board of Directors, Committee Chairs and members. I would like to introduce the 2017-2018 Board and Committee chairs:

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DON'T GET FRIED BY A PHISHING SCAM!

Martha Hamel, CHPC

In April, Michigan-based Airway Oxygen was hit by a ransomware attack which may have compromised 500,000 clients when a hacker gained access to the network and installed ransomware. PHI was stored in the affected network.

While officials said there is currently no evidence that PHI was accessed, the affected network data contained names, addresses, DOBs, phone numbers, diagnosis, service types and health insurance information. All identifiers most commonly used for medical fraud. Click here for full article.

These articles echo the ongoing need to keep our organizations personal, financial, sensitive and protected information secure and the critical role each staff member plays to help insure this happens. This applies to your personal email accounts, as well!

Chief Security and Chief Information Security Officers need to constantly be reviewing their intrusion detection/protection systems to ensure they are effective. Many organizations now have cyber insurance and new technologies to battle this ever changing and growing threat. Education is another key component to keeping cyber thieves at bay – teach your employees about cyberattacks whether at work or at home. It can happen anywhere.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MaHIMA, NYHIMA & ACDIS Northeast CDI & Coding Symposium
August 11
7:30 am - 4:00 pm
Newton, MA

Fall Meeting
September 15
7:30 am - 3:00 pm
Randolph, MA,
Randolph, MA

ICD-10 – FY2018 Coding Updates Workshop
September 30
8:00 am - 4:30 pm
TBD

Risk Adjustment Coding Workshop
October 21
8:00 am - 4:30 pm
TBD

Western Mass Meeting
October 27
7:30 am - 1:00 pm
Holyoke, MA

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CALLING ALL HIM THOUGHT LEADERS TO EMBRACE INFORMATION GOVERNANCE (IG) TODAY!

Lori McNeil Tolley

IG establishes policy-level rules, influences hospital investment priorities and supports accountability for managing the lifecycle of information. As HIM Leaders, our IG projects can underscore the value of information as an asset essential for advancing the goals and priorities of our organizations. Today's IG Corner reviews the origin of BCH's PatientSecure project which addresses 3 IG Principles data accountability, integrity and protection and how we got here, it's one story of HIM Leadership and how impactful we can be as IG Leaders as we assist in the building of new pathways to advance health information operations and leveraging today's technology.

On June 12, 2017 BCH Senior Leadership officially announced the launch of PatientSecure, a new pilot program whereby "patients ages 3 and up will be checked in through our Emergency Department, Admitting and Neurology using a harmless near-infrared scan (the same kind you'll find in your television's remote control) to illuminate the pattern of veins in the palm of their hand, creating an encrypted digital file. The scan is more reliable than fingerprints, and will create a 1:1 link between the patient and their medical record, seamlessly integrated with Epic. The PatientSecure scanner is also compatible with our existing registration kiosks. By inviting our patients to

"Give Us Five" when they check in, **we can reduce duplication of information and patient overlays, better protect patient information, and in an emergency, use the scan as part of a trauma search.** Our patients' privacy is a top priority, and the scan will be used solely as part of their care while here at Boston Children's. This information will help us increase safety, security and accuracy while also making check-in quicker and easier for our families. PatientSecure will be piloting in the ED, Admitting and Neurology throughout the summer, and we look forward to sharing the results and next steps with you in September. In the meantime, keep your eyes peeled for patients wearing stickers that say "I Gave Boston Children's a High Five," and be sure to thank them for helping us make every moment matter at Boston Children's."

How did we get here?

Mary Radley, former Director, Health Information Management at Boston Children's Hospital, MaHIMA past president and HIM thought leader knew the importance of high integrity in managing patient identity data (MPI) and understood that identity data is essential for health information exchange as well as

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MaHIMA Annual Conference
Silent Auction Gift Basket Competition Winners!!!

The HIM team at Good Samaritan Medical Center were the lucky winners with the most money raised! They received breakfast from Panera delivered to their department.

Thanks for supporting the MaHIMA Certification Scholarship Fund!!