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A BIG thank you for your patience while I learn the Administrative position! -Marianne



From Bedside to Boardroom: My Journey in Health **Information Management** 

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My career in healthcare began, as many do, at the bedside. For five years, I worked as a nurse, dedicating myself to providing direct patient care. This time was fulfilling, but life has a way of leading us down unexpected paths. A curveball came my way, prompting me to re-evaluate my career and discover a new direction entirely. This pivot led me to stumble upon the Health Information Management (HIM) major at my local community college, a field I knew little about at the time, but which would ultimately define my professional life for decades to come. When I entered the HIM program, I did not know what to expect, but I was quickly captivated by the world of medical coding. My passion must have shown through, because my professor soon told me that I had a real knack for it. This encouragement was instrumental in my decision to pursue coding, and after

and guided me, and without them, I would not be where I am today. Read More

graduating, I threw myself into the field. I was fortunate early in

my career to have two incredible mentors who saw my potential