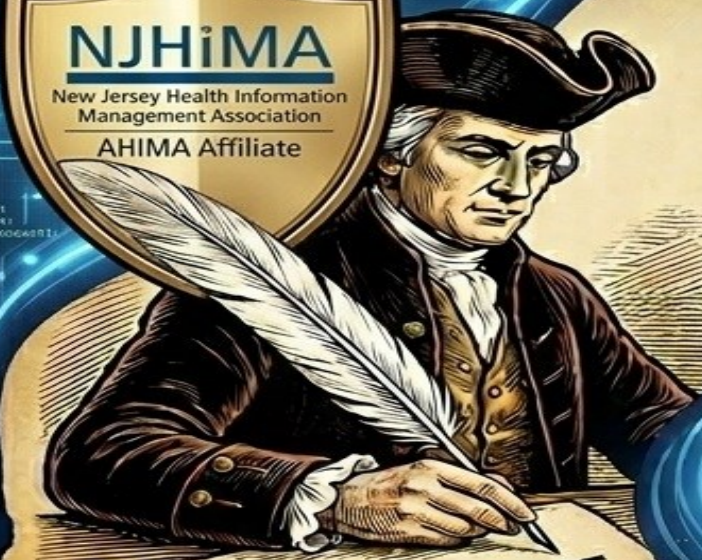




# 2026 NJHIMA ANNUAL MEETING & CODING ROUNDTABLE



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Algorithm Uses

2026

4618  
40.7%

190

12.0%

2025

3004  
1.5%

EHR Workflow

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# Welcome to the 2026 NJHIMA Annual Meeting

The NJHIMA Board of Directors welcomes you to the 2026 Annual Meeting and Coding Roundtable at Resorts Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City.

Each session has been designed to address key domain areas identified by the Commission on Certification for Health Informatics and Information Management (CCHIIM) for maintenance of certification. The domain areas covered include:

- I. Data Structure, Content, and Information Governance*
- II. Information Protection: Access, Disclosure, Archival, Privacy, and Security*
- III. Informatics, Analytics, and Data Use*
- IV. Revenue Cycle Management*
- V. Health Law and Compliance*
- VI. Organizational Management and Leadership*
- VII. Clinical Foundations*
- VIII. Evolving Topics and Other HIIM-Relevant Topics*

Our three-day event begins on Wednesday evening with the Coding Roundtable. This year's session, "Trends in Nutrition Diagnosis, Weight Loss Medications: Documentation, Patterns, and Audit Insight," will be presented by Deana Rodriguez, RDN, CFNC, FNLP; Carole Liebner, RHIT, CDIP, CCS; and Anna Lisa Russo Scholer, BHS, RHIT, CDIP, CCS.

On Thursday, we are pleased to welcome our keynote speaker, Elizabeth Barry, who will present "The Human Nervous System of Healthcare: Empathy, Presence, and Purpose."

Be sure to visit our Exhibit Hall, featuring our valued sponsors and vendors.

Our Thursday evening Reception will be held in the VIP Lounge, providing an excellent opportunity to connect with colleagues and industry partners.

We encourage you to attend each session. Following each session, CEU credit(s) will be reflected in your profile. To view your credits, visit the NJHIMA website, sign in, and navigate to Continuing Education > My CEUs. Credits for webinars will be added by the system administrator.

The Board of Directors extends its sincere appreciation to our exhibitors, signature partners, and those who have contributed to the Kathleen A. Frawley Memorial Scholarship Fund.

We hope you enjoy the 2026 Annual Meeting and thank you for your continued support of NJHIMA.

Sincerely,  
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# **2026 NJHIMA Elections**



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**Nominating Committee: Dasa Simova, MS, CCS,  
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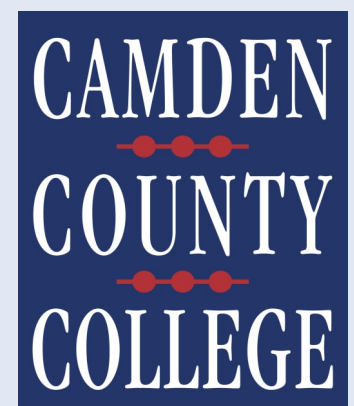


*"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined." — Henry David Thoreau*

Congratulations to the Class of 2026!

Thank you to all the Professional Practice Sites for supporting our HIT and HIM Students.

We are grateful to all New Jersey Educational Programs for their dedication and hard work in shaping our future professionals.



**2026 Kathleen A. Frawley**

**Scholarship Awards**

***Congratulations to this years  
Scholarship Winners!***

***Fabiola Okeke - Rutgers***

***Jamie Marroquin - Rutgers***

***Jennifer Villacis Martinez - Rutgers***



# **2026 NJHIMA**

## **Outstanding Service Member**

*We thank these members for their dedication, leadership, and unwavering commitment to advancing the Health Information profession.*

***Carole Liebner, RHIT, CCS, CDIP***

***Marie Rommell, RHIA***

# **2026 NJHIMA**

## **Distinguished Member**

*While we did not receive any nominations for the Distinguished Member Award this year, we would like to recognize and thank all professionals whose outstanding achievements, leadership, and commitment continue to advance the Health Information profession and inspire their peers. We appreciate the ongoing support and engagement of our members and encourage nominations in future years to honor the exceptional contributions of our colleagues.*

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## Wednesday Coding RoundTable

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3:00 PM-4:00 PM Open

Atlantic 2

4:00 PM—6:00 PM Meet and Greet for all Attendees and Exhibitors

Ocean—Exhibit Hall

4:00 PM—6:00PM Registration

Registration Desk

5:00 PM—6:00PM Coding RoundTable Dinner

Horizon

5:45pm—6:45pm "Trends in Nutrition Diagnosis,  
Weight Loss Medications:

Deana Rodriguez, RDN, CFNC,  
FNLP

Horizon

Documentation, Patterns, and  
Audit Insight-A Dietitian's  
Perspective"

6:45 PM—7:00 PM Coffee and Dessert Break

Horizon

7:00pm—8:00pm "Trends in Nutrition Diagnosis,  
Weight Loss Medications:

Carole Liebner RHIT, CDIP, CCS -  
NJHA Healthcare Business  
Solutions; Anna Lisa Russo-  
Scholer, BHS, RHIT, CDIP, CCS -  
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Horizon

Documentation, Patterns, and  
Audit Insights — The ICD10  
Coding Perspective"

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## Thursday Sessions

6:30AM	Registration Opens	
6:30AM - 8:30AM	Continental Breakfast	
Ocean		
8:00AM	Exhibit Hall Opens	
8:00AM—8:15AM	Opening Remarks	Gina Yacovelli, DHSc, CCS, CCS-P, CPC, CPMA, CEMC, CPB
SuperStar Theater		NJHIMA President
8:15AM—9:15AM	The Human Nervous System of Healthcare: Empathy, Presence and Purpose	Keynote Speaker: Elizabeth Barry, BS
SuperStar Theater		
9:15AM—9:30AM	Break - Exhibit Hall & Take A Chance Raffle	
9:30AM—10:30AM	AHIMA in Action	David Cella, MBA, CEO, AHIMA & Tonya L. Bates, MSML, RHIA, CHPS, CC
SuperStar Theater		
10:30AM—11:15AM	Exhibit Hall & Take A Chance Raffle	
11:15AM—12:00PM	Concurrent Sessions	
Horizon	“Let’s Get Respiratory: Lungs, Tubes & Surgical Moves” - Part 1	Carole Liebner RHIT, CDIP, CCS - NJHA Healthcare Business Solutions; Anna Lisa Russo-Scholer, BHS, RHIT, CDIP, CCS - Pena4
Atlantic 2	Leveraging LinkedIn for HIMA Advocacy and Building a Thriving Online Community	Andriana Semko, MBA, RHIA, CCS, CCS-P, PC
Atlantic 3	Artificial Intelligence in HIM: Preparing a Workforce for the Future	Memory Ndanga, PhD, RHIA
Atlantic 4	Legal Wording in Charting of the Medical Record	Ines Chacon RN, BSN, CLNC, WCC, CCO
12:15PM—1:30PM	LUNCH	
Atlantic Ballroom		

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## Thursday Sessions—Cont

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1:45PM—2:45PM Concurrent Sessions

Horizon “Let’s Get Respiratory: Lungs, Tubes & Surgical Moves” - Part 2 Carole Liebner RHIT, CDIP, CCS - NJHA Healthcare Business Solutions; Anna Lisa Russo-Scholer, BHS, RHIT, CDIP, CCS - Pena4

Atlantic 2 The Hidden Burden: Managing Health Records on Legacy Systems Barbara Carr

Atlantic 3 Mentorship in Health Information Management: Building the Next Generation of Leaders Dr. Dasantila Sherifi, PhD, MBA, RHIA

Atlantic 4 Utilization Review and Case Management Transition to eFax Tamara Wallenburg, RHIT

2:45PM—4:00PM Exhibit Hall & Take A Chance Raffle  
Ocean Coffee Break

4:00PM—5:00PM Concurrent Sessions

Horizon LTC—Roundtable and AMDC Current Trends Suzanne Douglass, RHIA, Virtua, Marie Rommel, RHIA

Atlantic 2 Closing the Operational Gap In Health Information Management Vrishti Talegaonkar, BDS, MPH, MSM, FACHDM

Atlantic 3 Leading the Record Keepers: Building the Next Generation of HIM Leaders Krishna Powell

Atlantic 4 Making Sense of AI Solutions for Med Rev Cycle in 2026 & Beyond Timothy Minnich

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6:00PM—9:00PM Reception “The Roaring 20’s!”

VIP Lounge

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## Friday Sessions

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8:00AM	Registration and Exhibit Hall Opens	
8:00AM - 9:00AM	Continental Breakfast	
Ocean		
8:30AM—10:00 AM	General Sessions	
Horizon	EPIC Panel	Jaclyn Barrett, RHIA, RWJBH Kelly Carovillano, RHIA Stephanie Kramer, MSITM, PMP Denese Zakaras, BS
9:30AM—11:00AM	Hotel Check Out/Exhibit Hall & Take A Chance Raffle	
11:00AM—12:00PM	Concurrent Sessions	
Horizon	Data, Decisions, and Directions: Turning Health Information Into Organizational Insight	Krishna Powell
Atlantic 2	Beyond the Code: An HIM Leadership & Innovation Panel	Courtne Simmons Hordge, MHA, RHIA CCS, CDIP, PMP, FAHIMA—Pena4
Atlantic 4	Business Value Consulting - Presentation Title Pending	Melissa Laing, RHIA, CCS, CRCR -MDAUDIT - Vice President
12:00PM—2:00PM	Brunch	
Ocean Ballroom		

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# Keynote Speaker

## Elizabeth Barry, BS

### **The Human Nervous System of Healthcare: Empathy, Presence and Purpose**



Elizabeth Barry, known as The Kind Communicator, is an executive coach, keynote speaker, and author of nine leadership books. She specializes in training the human nervous system for authentic presence and calm authority.

Her outstanding blend of heart coherence, breathwork, and emotional intelligence equipped leaders to restore their passion and live in the moment. Elizabeth's practical, story rich programs have empowered local and global professionals to lead with integrity and realize their superpowers.

A former reactor herself, she now inspires audiences to claim their intrinsic value in a profoundly moving, memorable way.

# Speaker Biography



**Jaclyn Barrett, RHIA**

With over 20 years of experience as a Registered Health Information Administrator, I have built a comprehensive career spanning both LTC and Acute care settings. I am currently serving as Manager of Data Integrity at RWJBar-nabas Health. I lead incentives focused on ensuring accuracy, consistency, and integrity of patient records, support-ing high standards of patient care and organizational performance. I have been a member of the NJHIMA Executive Board since 2023, serving as Secretary, Delegate, and President Elect. I am currently the President of the NJHIMA board for the 2026-2027 term.



**Tonya Bates, MSML, RHIA, CHPS, CC**

Tonya Bates currently serves as the Compliance, Privacy, and Security Officer at Enjoin, where she leads initiatives in Governance, Risk Management, and Compliance (GRC) and oversees all organizational audits. Tonya has an extensive history of leadership within the health information management community. She has held multiple roles with the Ohio Health Information Management Association (OHIMA), including President, Director, Delegate, and Nominating Committee Chairperson. Additionally, she served as President of the Northeast Ohio Health Information Management Association (NOHIMA) for more than 12 years. She contributes to the advancement of the profession through her service on the Advisory Boards for the Health Information Management Technology programs at both Cuyahoga Community College and Lakeland Community College. Outside of her professional responsibilities, To-nya enjoys reading, traveling, shoe shopping, and spending quality time with family and friends. She is also the mother of two adult sons.



**Kelly Carovillano, RHIA**

Kelly has over 25 years' experience as a RHIA, serving in a variety of roles and settings including both in healthcare organizations, trade organizations and consulting firms. Currently serving as the Assistant Vice President of Data Integrity for RWJ Barnabas Health, Kelly oversees enterprise-wide Identity and Data Integrity operations, which in-cludes medical record number merges, overlay resolutions, interface error remediation, chart corrections, and HIE operations for RWJBH's > 9 million patients. Kelly played a key leadership role in preparing the organization for their electronic health record project, which spanned 4 years and required the development of a DI team, department, policies, workflows, and training programs to support system-wide success.



**Barbara Carr**

Barbara Carr, RHIA, Senior Strategic Advisor at Verisma, has 40+ years of experience in health information (HI). She most recently served as the Assistant Vice President of HIM, overseeing clinical documentation improvement and regulatory audits for Einstein Healthcare Network – a multi-facility 800+ bed teaching integrated healthcare sys-tem in Philadelphia. Barbara was also the Corporate Director of HIM for ChristianaCare – a 1,000+ bed teaching healthcare network in Wilmington, DE. She earned a bachelor's in health information/medical records administra-tion/administrator from Miami Dade College.



**David Cella, MBA, CEO, AHIMA**

Dave Cella is the CEO of AHIMA as of November 2025. Prior to becoming CEO, he served as President for HCPro, AHIMA's wholly-owned subsidiary, since 2023 and has also served as a member of AHIMA's executive team. With more than 20 years of executive leadership experience, Dave's deep understanding of product development, train-ing, and education in healthcare gives him unique insight as he leads the enterprise to improve health information for patients, providers, payers, and systems. Prior to joining AHIMA and HCPro, he served as Chief Product Officer for Simplify Compliance, HCPro's parent company, for five years, where he played a pivotal role in shaping the com-pany's strategy and direction. Before his time at Simplify Compliance, Dave held executive positions including Vice President of Product Management and Executive Publisher for Jones and Bartlett Learning, as well as Vice Presi-dent of Product Operations for the National Health Career Association (NHA/Ascend Learning). His diverse back-ground also includes serving as Publishing Director, Life Sciences at Elsevier. Dave holds an MBA from Babson College and a Bachelor of Science in Resource Economics from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. He is also certified in Pragmatic Marketing.

# Speaker Biography



## **Ines Chacon RN, BSN, CLNC, WCC, CCO**

Ines is currently the Chief Clinical Officer for a large New Jersey Adult Medical Daycare Company. Locations are in Passaic County, Essex County, Morris County, Hudson County and Union County. She oversees all clinical issues, documentation and compliance maintenance. With her experience as Director of Nursing for various facilities she brings with her the strength of and ability to ensure proper documentation, explicit and careful documentation and presentation. Ensuring precise documentation and alertness to language use in documentation to ensure legal compliance for nursing. Maintaining scope of practice and documentation precision under the legal New Jersey Standards of Practice. Per diem work as Certified Legal Nurse consultant for various law firms in Passaic County New Jersey. Dealing with medical malpractice lawsuits, motor vehicle accidents and TORT cases. Licensed educator in the state of New Jersey. Bilingual/ Spanish, educate CHHA, Certified Nursing Assistants, Certified Medication Aides. Maintains current and active community involvement with the geriatric population in high-risk communities.



## **Suzanne Douglass, RHIA**

Suzanne Douglass is the Manager of Health Information Management at Virtua Mount Holly in Mt. Holly New Jersey. Suzanne is an active member of the long-term care chapter of NJHIMA and has 37 years of experience in Health Information Management. In addition to acute care, Suzanne has experience in consulting for Adult and Pediatric Medical Day Cares, Dialysis Centers, and Skilled Nursing Facilities. Suzanne is married to her husband for 36 years and has three daughters, two beautiful granddaughters and a handsome Chocolate Lab and a ruby Cavalier King Charles.



## **Stephanie Kramer, MSITM, PMP**

Stephanie Kramer is an IT Director of HIM Systems at RWJBarnabas Health. After earning her B.S. in HIM from Saint Louis University, she started as an Epic HIM Analyst for SSM Healthcare before transitioning to consulting. Over her 11+ years at Nordic Consulting, she gained valuable experience in both Clinical and Revenue Cycle spaces working in analyst and project management roles across the country. She left consulting to join RWJBH full-time in 2023. She also earned her M.S. in IT Management from Western Governors University and currently resides in Sacramento, CA with her partner Ange and their dog Oliver.



## **Melissa Laing, RHIA, CCS, CRCR**

Melissa Laing serves as Vice President of Business Value Consulting at MDaudit, bringing more than 25 years of leadership experience across health information management (HIM) and revenue cycle operations. A recognized healthcare revenue cycle and revenue integrity subject matter expert, her expertise spans medical coding, audit and compliance services, patient identity and data integrity, enterprise HIM operations, IT implementations, and AI-enabled product development. In her current role, Melissa partners with multidisciplinary teams and healthcare organizations nationwide to translate data and operational insights into actionable strategies that strengthen compliance, improve coding quality, optimize revenue cycle performance, and drive sustainable financial outcomes. She leads strategic initiatives focused on aligning industry trends, market intelligence, operational best practices, and customer outcomes across the healthcare continuum. Known for her collaborative leadership style and practical operational perspective, Melissa provides thought leadership on revenue integrity, denial prevention, coding accuracy, and prebill excellence. Her extensive operational background enables her to help health systems navigate evolving payer scrutiny, staffing challenges, and increasing regulatory complexity while advancing proactive, data-driven revenue cycle strategies. Melissa is also passionate about developing future industry leaders and fostering a culture of continuous learning, innovation, and excellence across healthcare organizations.



## **Carole Liebner, RHIT, CCS, CDIP**

Carole Liebner is a health information professional, educator, and longtime AHIMA volunteer with 28 years of experience. She currently serves as Director of Education and Program Development for NJHA-Healthcare Business Solutions, overseeing staff, client relations, quality assurance, and educational programming. Carole has been a Senior Adjunct Instructor at Rowan College at Burlington County for 14 years and is an alumna of the program. She has held numerous leadership roles with NJHIMA and AHIMA, including two terms as NJHIMA President, and currently is serving on The AHIMA Council for Excellence in Education™ (CEE).

# Speaker Biography



## **Tim Minnich**

Tim Minnich is a Senior Solution Consultant at Optum specializing in AI-driven technologies for the Middle Revenue Cycle, including Computer-Assisted Coding (CAC), Clinical Documentation Integrity (CDI), and Outpatient Charge Capture. Tim has more than 40 years of experience on the vendor side of Healthcare Information Systems, with the past 27 years focused on AI driven solutions for Middle Revenue Cycle.



## **Memory Ndanga, PhD, RHIA**

Memory Ndanga, PhD, RHIA, is the Academic Program Director for Health Information Management Program at CUNY SPS. She has held various positions including HIM manager, instructor, lecturer, assistant professor and interim program director for the Health Information Management program.

Dr. Ndanga earned her BS in HIM at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of NJ and subsequently received a Master of Science in Biomedical Informatics and a PhD in Health Informatics from Rutgers University.

Serves on the NJHIMA board as a delegate and participates on the American Health Information Management (AHIMA) educational and research work groups. Dr. Ndanga has been a speaker at the AHIMA Conference, AOE and CAHIIM Summit.



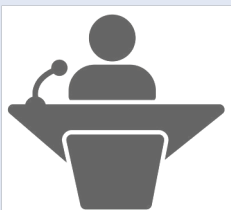
## **Krishna Powell**

Krishna Powell, known as “Your Multi-Gen Leader”, is the Founder & CEO of The Genuine Leadership Group, a leadership and talent development firm trusted by HR executives who need fast, measurable improvement in manager effectiveness, retention, and culture across multigenerational, multicultural workforces. Featured on CNBC, Yahoo Finance, CareerBuilder, and Glassdoor, Krishna has also served as faculty for Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses, where she equipped leaders to build scalable, compliant people practices. Krishna is brought in when the business is moving faster than the manager bench and HR needs a partner who can stabilize performance, tighten leadership behavior, and protect culture without political disruption. She designs and delivers high impact leadership programs, workforce strategy, and executive coaching that extend internal HR teams and make HR look exceptional with clear frameworks, strong facilitation, clean communication, and outcomes leaders can feel. With global experience supporting organizations across the United States, the United Kingdom, France, China, Singapore, and Africa, Krishna is known for calm authority, discretion, and converting complexity into action that sticks.



## **Deana Rodriguez, RDN, CFNC, FNLFP**

Deana Rodriguez, RDN, is a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist, Certified Functional Nutrition Coach, Functional Nutrition Lifestyle Practitioner, and Certified Holistic Health Counselor with over 26 years of clinical and educational experience. Her background spans long-term care, assisted living, and adult day care, providing a strong foundation in complex patient care and documentation. In private practice, she specializes in functional nutrition, gastrointestinal disorders, autoimmune conditions, and metabolic health, with expertise in Hashimoto's thyroiditis, celiac disease, IBD, IBS/SIBO, GERD, and hormonal imbalances. Deana is committed to identifying root causes and delivering insurance-based, evidence-informed care that empowers individuals to achieve sustainable, personalized health outcomes. She believes that food is fuel and life-giving medicine. But she also believes that food is community, history, lived experience, and joy. She believes that every individual is unique, all factors matter, and nothing is overlooked. Her clients are treated as individuals -not diagnoses.



## **Marie Rommel, RHIA**

Marie holds a B.S. in Management and Nutrition from Montclair State University and a Post-Baccalaureate degree in Health Information Management from Kean University. She is the Director of Medical Records and Quality Assurance at Mountainview Behavioral Health Hospital and the CEO of Health Information Specialists (HIS), a consulting firm specializing in health information management, compliance, EMR, HIPAA, ICD-10, and documentation standards. An active member of NJHIMA and former Chairperson of its Long-Term Care Committee, Marie is a recognized healthcare consultant and speaker with expertise in long-term care, behavioral health, assisted living, adult medical day care, and DDD Day Habilitation programs.

# Speaker Biography

## **A. Lisa Russo-Scholer, BHS, RHIT, CCS, CDIP**



Anna “Lisa” Russo-Scholer is a seasoned Health Information Management professional with over 25 years of experience in coding, auditing, clinical documentation improvement, and education. She currently serves as Manager of Coding, Quality Improvement and Education at Pena4 Inc., where she leads coding quality initiatives, staff education, and client engagement strategies. Lisa holds a Bachelor of Health Studies (Public Health) from William Paterson University (2023) and an Associate degree in Health Information Technology from Rowan College at Burlington County. She also completed coursework in coding and medical billing at Mercer County Community College and earned a Certificate in Graphic Arts and Design from Brick Computer Science Institute. She maintains multiple AHIMA credentials, including RHIT, CCS, and CDIP, and has been an AHIMA-approved ICD-10-CM/PCS Trainer since 2015. In 2020, Lisa was elected President of the New Jersey Health Information Management Association (NJHIMA). Lisa began her HIM career in 1990 at Community Medical Center and later spent over a decade in architectural design and management before returning to healthcare. Since re-entering the HIM field, she has held key roles at Virtua Health and the New Jersey Hospital Association, where she specialized in coding quality, auditing, CDI collaboration, and provider education. Lisa is passionate about advancing coding accuracy, strengthening documentation integrity, and mentoring the next generation of HIM professionals.

## **Andriana Semko, MBA, RHIA, CCS, CCS-P, CPC**



Andriana Semko is a faculty member in the Health Information Management program at SUNY Polytechnic Institute in Utica, New York. She earned both her Bachelor of Science in Health Information Management and her MBA in Technology Management with a concentration in Health Informatics from SUNY Polytechnic Institute and is currently pursuing her PhD in Systems Science at Binghamton University. Prior to joining SUNY Poly, she served as Program Coordinator for the Health Information Technology program at Mohawk Valley Community College and as Program Director for the Medical Coding and Reimbursement program at Bryant & Stratton College. She also previously worked as Director of Health Information Management at Sitrin Health Care Center. Andriana holds multiple professional certifications through American Health Information Management Association including RHIA, CCS, and CCS-P, as well as the CPC credential through American Academy of Professional Coders. She brings extensive coding and healthcare leadership experience into the classroom and is fluent in Ukrainian.

## **Dansantila Sherifi, Ph.D, MBA, RHIA**



Tila is an assistant professor and HIM program director. She is an HIM educator for over 20 years and has been awarded for her teaching excellence at DeVry University and Rutgers University. As a teacher, she believes that students should be provided with the proper foundation and resources and at the same time challenged in their thinking and deliverables. As a program director she believes that it is important to know all program courses well, and create good relationships with faculty, students, and instruct professionals. She has a Ph.D. in health services from Walden University, MBA from Southern Illinois University Carbondale, a bachelor’s degree in health information administration from Gwynedd-Mercy University in Pennsylvania, a bachelor’s degree in marketing from the University of Tirana, Albania, and an advanced management training certificate from the University of Nebraska. Tila has volunteered in various positions with the PHIMA and SEPHIMA and is currently an AHIMA board member.

## **Cortnie Simmons Hordge, MHA, RHIA, CCS, CDIP, PMP, FAHIMA**



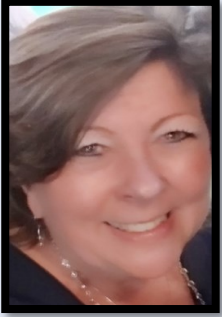
Cortnie Simmons Hordge is the Vice President of Coding, Data Quality, CDI, and Education at Pena4. With more than 25 years of experience in health information management, coding compliance, quality oversight, and revenue cycle leadership, she has led large-scale operational and quality initiatives across healthcare organizations. Cortnie is a past President of the Florida Health Information Management Association (FHIMA), educator, speaker, and advocate for advancing the HIM profession through leadership, innovation, and mentorship. She is passionate about workforce development, AI in HIM, and preparing professionals for the future of healthcare data and technology.

## **Vrishti Talegaonkar, BDS, MPH, MSM, FACHDM**



Vrishti Talegaonkar is a healthcare IT and revenue cycle management consultant specializing in interoperability, HIPAA compliance, and claims workflow optimization. She works with healthcare organizations to improve data accuracy, reduce billing inefficiencies, and strengthen operational alignment between clinical and administrative systems.

# Speaker Biography



## **Maureen Trainor, RHIA**

Maureen was a member of the New Jersey Health Information Management Association (NJHIMA) 1985-2008 and was actively involved as a Board Member in the 1990s. In 2008 she relocated to Deerfield Beach, Florida to work at Broward Health, a large 4 hospital public health system as the Director of HIM. She was there for 13 years, but in 2021 she decided to return home to her New Jersey roots to work as the Director of HIM at Cooper University Health Care in Camden, NJ. Maureen also has the responsibility for the HIM Department at the Cooper Cape Regional hospital in Cape May, NJ. Maureen is an active member of the HFMA, AHIMA and NJHIMA. She has worked in other large healthcare facilities in NY, NJ and Pennsylvania; including Pocono Medical Center, St. Vincent's Hospital, NYC and Saint Clare's Health System in Denville, NJ.



## **Tamara Wallenburg, RHIT**

With over 26 years of experience in Health Information Management (HIM), I am a highly skilled Application Systems Analyst III specializing in the integration and optimization of healthcare technologies. My expertise spans across all facets of Epic integration with Health Information including Identity, Coding, Release of Information, and Deficiency Analysis. I also am a certified Hyland OnBase Healthcare Administrator. I bring a deep understanding of healthcare operations and technology systems, supported by dual master's degrees in Healthcare Administration and Finance, while maintaining my RHIT. This combination of technical proficiency and strategic insight enables me to bridge the gap between IT solutions and healthcare management, delivering efficient and compliant workflows.



## **Denese Zakaras, BS**

Denese Zakaras, HIM/Identity Application Lead at RWJBH with 18 years of experience in Healthcare IT. Specializing in Epic IT support for EMPI and chart health. Denese has a proven track record of facility integration, which includes RWJBH's 14 hospitals, 4 Community Connect sites and our two Ambulatory organizations, with numerous practices. She holds a B.S. of Computer Science from St. John's University and is big Red Storm fan. I currently hold multiple HIM/Identity EPIC certifications. Outside of work, Denese enjoys reading and travelling and resides in Toms River, NJ.

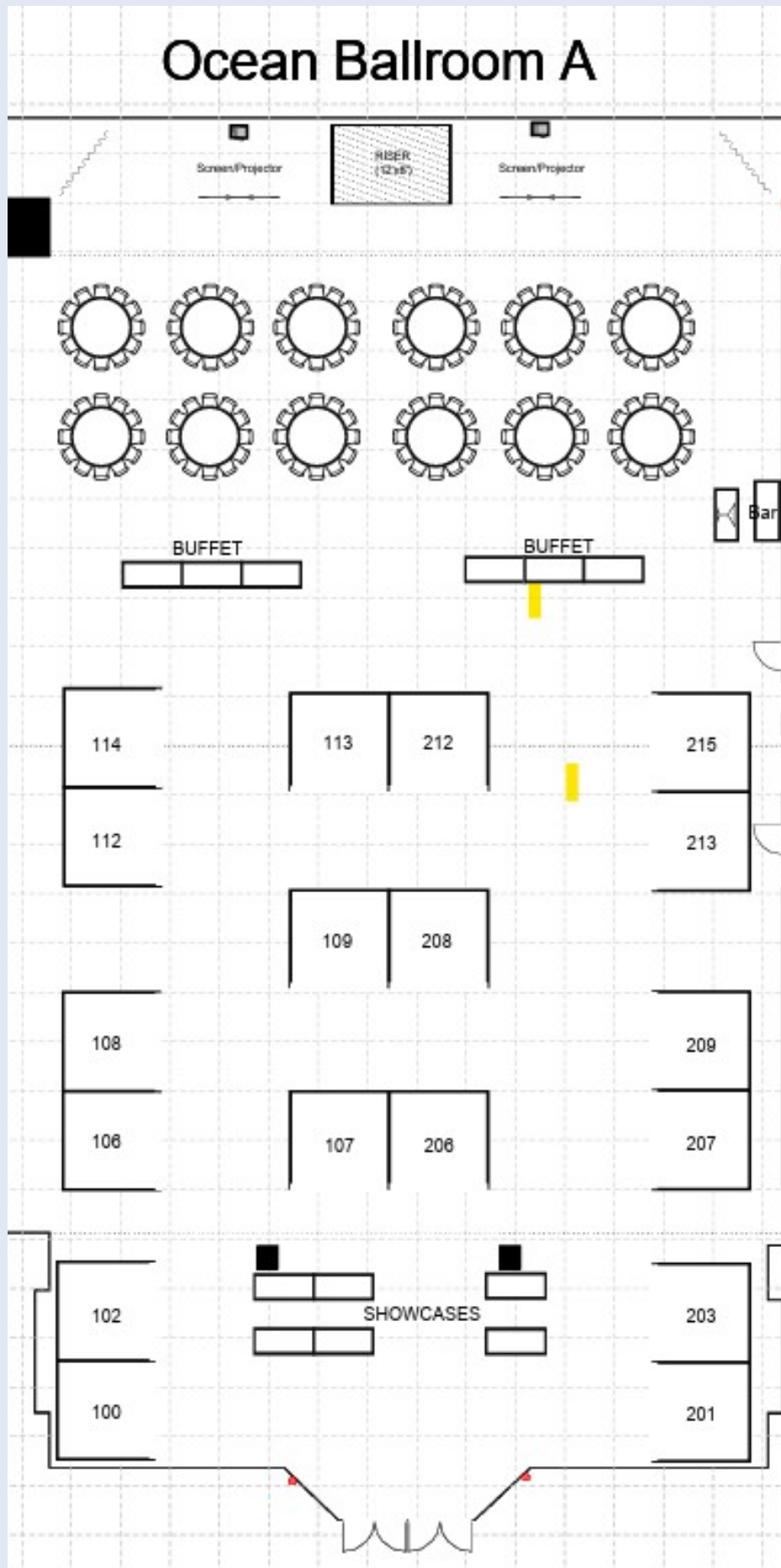
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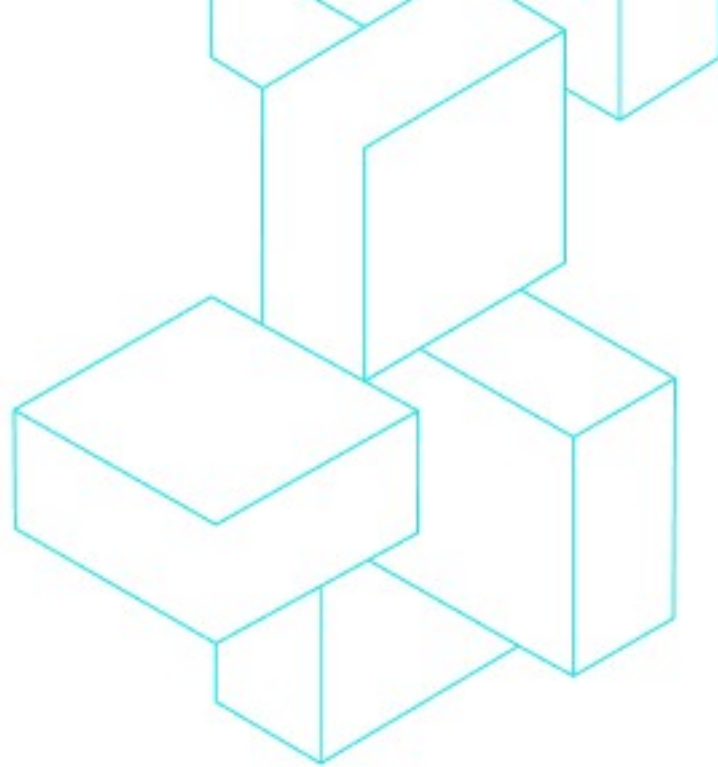
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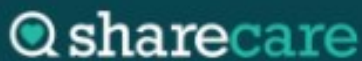
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