



# OAHIMA Newsletter

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

## October is Data Month!

Informatics and data analytics are crucial operations for healthcare organizations. Practitioners are required to acquire, manage, analyze, interpret, and transform data into accurate and consistent information in a timely manner. Informatics and data analytics professionals are expected to have the knowledge and ability to communicate with individuals and groups at multiple levels, both internally and externally, while balancing the big picture strategic vision with day-to-day details.

Data is everywhere and constantly growing. Want to know what else is growing as a result? Career opportunities for health information management (HIM) professionals!

HIM professionals ensure the accountability, transparency, integrity, protection, compliance, availability, retention, and disposition of healthcare data. More data means greater demand for experts to fill HIM roles. Are you ready to step into a future of new and exciting HIM roles addressing:

- Population health
- Healthcare data reporting
- Data collection for regulatory and other purposes
- Data mining
- Data Science
- Data Integrity and analysis
- Data security and protection

This October take **advantage of 10 percent off** select products. Go to [ahima.org](http://ahima.org) to find out more!



**Fall Quarterly Meeting**  
October 21—7:30-3:00  
Mercy Hospital  
5 CEUs

**Winter Quarterly Meeting**  
January 13, 2017  
Cox Medical Center South  
5 CEUs

**Spring Quarterly Meeting**  
March 24, 2017  
Cox Medical Center Branson  
5 CEUs

**Summer Quarterly Meeting**  
June 16, 2017  
Burrell Behavioral Health  
5 CEUs

## OAHIMA Past-President: Brenda Fuller

Brenda Fuller began her career in HIM 29 years ago as a “file clerk” at Burrell Behavioral Health. Developing a passion for HIM - her career advanced within the organization to the position she holds today. The areas she has direct oversight encompass a staff of over 150 positions in both Central and Southwest Missouri. In addition to her work, Brenda has taught Health Care Statistics and Electronic Health Records to Health Information Technology students at a local college; has served as President of OAHIMA; volunteered to serve on AHIMA Practice Council group related to Health Information Exchange; currently serving as a member of the AHIMA Foundation Leadership Committee and as a volunteer for MoHIMA planning committee with an emphasis on behavioral health topics. Brenda has been a guest speaker regarding specific areas related to behavioral health and social media and received the Shooting Star award in 2013 for her volunteer efforts.

Brenda is a RHIA; holds a Master’s in Strategic Leadership; and carries the Certified in Healthcare Compliance (CHC) compliance credential. In her spare time, she loves to travel with her husband of 24 years (via motorcycle) and enjoys spending time with their grown children and their significant others.



**YOU COULD  
WIN A  
KINDLE FIRE!**

All attendees at our Quarterly Meeting on October 21 will be entered to win a Kindle Fire or another awesome door prize!

Register for the meeting at:  
[mohima.org/events](http://mohima.org/events)