Time Line of Accomplishments—2010

> *"Achievement is largely the product of steadily raising one's levels of aspiration . . and expectation."*
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> **Jack Nicklaus**

Quarter 1

- Submitted AHDI/MTIA official comments on meaningful use to HIT policy committee, CMS, and ONC.
- During the 5th Annual AHDI-MTIA Advocacy Summit, met with the offices of 47 Republican and 46 Democratic federal legislators encouraging them to support efforts to have the dictation-transcription process acknowledged in the "meaningful use" regulations.
- Sent letters from over 600 AHDI and MTIA members to their legislators in support of their colleagues who went to Capitol Hill.
- Secured eligibility for MTs/MTSOs to receive small business loans for HIT through House Bill HR3854.
- Engaged the American Medical Association, getting dictation/transcription language included in AMA comment on meaningful use.
- Released *Ethical Best Practices Manual* providing the medical transcription industry with legal guidance on transparent and ethical business practices.
- Premiered the long-anticipated companion workbook to *The Book of Style for Medical Transcription, 3rd edition*, containing practical application exercises to assist students, postgraduates, and working MTs with orientation to standards and preparation for AHDI credentialing exams.
- Created the Outreach Workgroup for News & Networking (OWNN) to ensure delivery of a clear and unified message about who AHDI is and what its contribution to healthcare delivery is and should be in an evolving electronic communications environment.

Quarter 2

- Kicked off the ACE365 website highlighting 2010 annual conference information to integrate Web 2.0 social networking with the convention as a virtual experience.
- Performed job task analysis to assess current workplace needs and trends in transcription/editing skill qualification to assist with new credentialing examination design.
- Released *Speech Recognition Adoption Guide* (with MTIA) offering guidance to MTSOs and provider groups on the effective use of speech recognition technology.

Quarter 3

- Launched new and improved Career Connection job site reaching out to MTs and MTSOs through Twitter, Facebook, and LinkedIn to offer and draw applicants for a wide variety of healthcare documentation specialist positions and related roles.
- Revised *Dictation Best Practices Tool Kit* and secured endorsement by AHIMA, providing policies and training practices that promote high quality dictation to ensure the best documentation outcome.
- Collaborated with MTIA and AHIMA to produce *Healthcare Documentation Quality Assessment and Management Practices,* a resource for establishing a comprehensive transcription QA program for healthcare organizations.

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- Streamed first-ever live video feed from the 32nd Annual Convention & Exposition (ACE) in Austin, Texas, to the ACE365 site, launching a hybrid convention experience for participants.
- Announced a resolution approved by the House of Delegates that (1) supports a requirement that protected health information be created and accessed only by properly trained, educated, and credentialed individuals, and (2) supports and promotes uniform and consistent training and education for all non-clinicians assisting in the creation of healthcare records.
- Engaged in comprehensive governance restructuring under an approved House of Delegates resolution to reshape its governance structure in a manner that supports its members and components in better advocating for and advancing the medical transcription profession.
- Released the *Ethical Best Practices: Resource Guide for Healthcare Documentation Specialists* specifically designed for medical transcriptionists providing guidance on organizing a compliant home-based office.
- Released jointly with MTIA statement on proposed HITECH privacy regulations to U.S. House Ways and Means Committee.

Quarter 4
- More than doubled AHDI Facebook fans in one year, with 3,000 just around the corner!
- Reviewed, under the authority of the Approval Committee for Certificate Program, 20 medical transcription training programs, approving 12 - for a total of 23 currently approved programs.
- Beta-tested the new RMT and CMT exams, facilitated by new online testing provider Kryterion, with online proctoring available in 2011 to increase accessibility for test-takers.
- Launched 3rd volume of CMT Prep Quizzes, developed specifically for new credentialing exam candidates.
- Kicked off Component Liaison Program to provide support and outreach to chapter leaders.
- Developed and finalized the *AHDI Medical Transcription Education Program Approval Manual, Third Edition,* to streamline and simplify the process for schools seeking AHDI approval.
- Updated *AHDI's Model Curriculum for Medical Transcription* elevating the standard of compliance for educational programming focused on producing competent entry-level medical transcriptionists and assuring consistency and high-quality outcomes for medical transcription education.