

# Making A World of Difference In Healthcare Documentation



## SPECIALISTS

HDSs apply their vast knowledge and expertise across a multitude of healthcare roles.

## PARTNERS

HDSs partner with healthcare providers to ensure high quality medical records.

## CHAMPIONS

HDSs advocate for the integrity of clinical documentation.

National Medical Transcriptionist Week: May 13-19, 2018

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Each May, AHDI celebrates healthcare documentation specialists (HDSs) who play a critical role in capturing each patient's healthcare story and ensuring its accuracy and integrity. With the evolution of assistive technologies like the electronic health record (EHR) and speech recognition technology (SRT), as well as the workforce challenges our sector is facing, AHDI is urging all stakeholders to recognize the skilled knowledge professionals who will continue to play an invaluable role in the electronic future of healthcare delivery.



## WE ARE SPECIALISTS

HDSs apply their knowledge and expertise to perform a variety of roles in patient data capture and document integrity. Their mastery of medical terminology and the English language, understanding of clinical practice and the basics of health IT, and credentials attest to that expertise. HDSs are well versed in the requirements of HIPAA and HITECH, and the workflow and processes in clinical documentation. The broad and extensive responsibilities and services performed by HDSs serve critical roles in the creation of accurate and comprehensive patient care records.



## WE ARE PARTNERS

HDSs partner with clinicians and other stakeholders to ensure accurate and complete documentation—working together for patient safety. They transcribe voice files, edit speech recognized text, and perform quality assessments of clinician-created documentation; they are valuable partners ensuring high-quality healthcare documentation. HDSs are integral to preserving the integrity of the health record and serve as subject matter experts who can work with providers to create documentation best practices.



## WE ARE CHAMPIONS

The title *healthcare documentation specialist* refers to individuals who have built on their core knowledge and skills to follow varied career paths. HDSs are trained to look for and identify potential errors in the medical record, regardless of how the record was created. It is the interpretive clinical knowledge of this skilled professional that will continue to differentiate between risk and quality in healthcare documentation.

### Ways to help promote this campaign in 2018

- Get credentialed!
- Invest in membership!
- Take advantage of member benefits, continuing education, and networking opportunities!
- Invite healthcare colleagues to join AHDI!
- Bring a friend to a local, regional, or national meeting! Our Healthcare Documentation Integrity Conference (HDIC) is in Orlando, Florida, this August.
- Become a mentor and help someone get credentialed!
- Spread the word! Share our message with healthcare colleagues far and wide!

Lastly, participate in our 2018 Thunderclap Facebook campaign to help spread the word!  
Find full details at the website below.

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