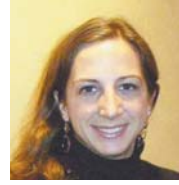


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»» “I’m here to see old faces, and for the educational benefits.”

—Sue Biedermann, MSHP, RHIA (right, pictured here with Nancy Rendon, RHIA; and Bill Rudman, PhD)



partake in more.”

»» “From a first-timer’s perspective, there’s so much to choose from at this conference. At my facility I’m one of the leads for ICD-10 implementation, and my goal is to learn a little bit more about it. The sessions have been very informative—I just wish I could

—Jillian Draper, RHIA



»» “This morning, I was awarded the Rising Star Triumph Award, which is reserved for those who have been in the profession for a short amount of time. Aside from that, I come to the conference for the education, which you can’t get anywhere else. The profession is constantly changing, and this is the best place to stay on top of all the new technology.”

—Megan O’Neill, RHIA



of teaching they’ll be receiving.”

»» “This is my 27th consecutive year at this conference, and I’ve noticed a strong increase in attendance. I think it helps that AHIMA now categorizes the sessions by topic and level of expertise. An experienced professional likes to know the level

—Ruth Walker, MIS, RHIA, CPHQ



»» “I come to this conference every year because it’s important to stay up to date with everything that happens in this industry. Plus this is a great opportunity to network with colleagues. I’ve always been very engaged in this organization.

—Meroat Abdellhak, PhD, RHIA, FAHIMA (shown here with her husband, Jack Coyle)



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»» “I come to the meeting annually—it shows the profession in the big picture and exposes all of us to the professional world at large. And it’s a great

—Rebecca Harmon, MPM, RHIA (second from left, pictured here with Elizabeth Rupp, Ashley Holmes, Patricia Anania-Firouzan and Tia Tomasié)

ADVANCE caught up with some American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) attendees in Grapevine, TX, and asked, »»

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