FAQ: ICD-10

1. When will ICD-10 be offered? *We are developing two ICD-10 focused courses, with both scheduled to start in the Fall 2012 semester.*

2. Will the complete ICD-10 coding classification system be taught in a single course? *We plan to offer two separate courses in ICD-10: ICD-10-CM, and ICD-10-PCS.*

3. I have completed HIT 200 (ICD-9), but have not finished HIT 205 and HIT 280. Will I need to take the new ICD-10 courses? *Students who graduate before October 2013 need to complete the currently published Coding and/or HIT AS curriculum. We will continue to offer HIT 205, HIT 280, and HIT 200 during the Fall 2012 semester.*

4. When will the CCA and CCS exams shift to ICD-10? *Per information published by AHIMA, these certification exams will shift from ICD-9-CM to ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS, effective 10/2013.*

5. Is ICD-10 that different from ICD-9? *There are two aspects to ICD10. ICD-10-CM is the 10th revision of the ICD coding classification system. Therefore the basic foundation of ICD-10-CM is very similar to ICD-9-CM. ICD-10-PCS is the replacement for the procedure codes currently found in ICD-9-CM volume 3. ICD-10-PCS is viewed as a new coding classification system and differs greatly in foundation and concepts from those found in ICD-9-CM volume 3.*

6. What do I need to know about ICD-10-CM/PCS if I graduate in 2012? *This will vary based on your coding position/job tasks, and the requirements of your employer. We currently provide some exposure to ICD-10-CM/PCS in HIT 200 and HIT 205. However, there is limited hands-on application of ICD-10-CM/PCS codes in these courses. Furthermore, students in HIT 200 and HIT 205 are not currently required to purchase ICD-10-CM/PCS coding manuals. Students who graduate in 2012 may wish to take the newly offered ICD-10-CM/PCS courses; however, if students who graduate in 2012 take a national*
certification exam from AHIMA before October 2013, the ICD coding classification tested on that exam will be ICD-9-CM.

7. Do I have to know CPT or take HIT 210 if I am planning to graduate after 2013?
   Yes, CPT which is part of the HCPCS Coding classification system will not be deleted with implementation of ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS in 2013.

For additional information on ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS
http://www.ahima.org/icd10/default.aspx
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http://www.ahima.org/icd10/freewebinar.aspx