

Health Information Management -- Career Resources

What can I do with a degree in Health Information Management?

The health information management (HIM) field places you right where the expanding arena of healthcare meets the cutting edge of technology. As an HIM professional, you are the expert on patient data that doctors, nurses, and other providers rely on to perform their jobs. By maintaining, collecting, and analyzing health information, your work makes an important contribution to the delivery of quality care. A career as a health information management (HIM) professional is dynamic. As healthcare advances, HIM provides the patient data needed to successfully navigate the changes. HIM encompasses a wide range of job functions. Among them are Medical Records Management, Privacy Officer, Risk Management, Medical Coding, Corporate Compliance, and Data Analysis and Reporting.

From the AHIMA website-- http://www.ahima.org/careers/career_counseling.asp

Includes Traditional and Non-Traditional Titles, some require additional training or graduate/post graduate degrees

Health Information Management Job-Related Titles		
Health Information Technician Coding Assistant Coding Specialist Risk Management	Medical Records Technician Data Quality Manager Chief Privacy Officer Corporate Compliance	Health Information Administrator Consultant Data Analysis

Bureau of Labor Statistics Information

<http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos014.htm>

Health information managers are responsible for the maintenance and security of all patient records. Recent regulations enacted by the Federal Government require that all health care providers maintain electronic patient records and that these records be secure. As a result, health information managers must keep up with current computer and software technology and with legislative requirements and developments. In addition, as patient data become more frequently used for quality management and in medical research, health information managers ensure that databases are complete, accurate, and available only to authorized personnel.

Health Information Management Job Search/Listings Websites

- American College of Health Care Administrators (<http://www.achca.org>)
- American College of Healthcare Executives (<http://www.healthmanagementcareers.org>)
- American Health Information Management Association (<http://www.ahima.org>)
- HealthCareerWeb.com (<http://www.healthcareerweb.com/>)
- Hospital Jobs Online (<http://www.hospitaljobsonline.com/>)
- MedHunters.com (<http://www.medhunters.com/>)
- Medical Group Management Association (<http://www.mgma.org>)

Books and other Print References

Health Information Management Books at UNT Dallas Library

TITLE	AUTHOR/PUBLISHER	CALL#	YEAR
ACPE's The Leading Edge	American College of Physician Executives	Periodical RA 1	2004-Present
Applying Quality Management in Healthcare	Kelly, Diane	Netlibrary	2003
Careers in Healthcare Management: How to Find Your Path and Follow It	Haddock, Cynthia Carter	Netlibrary	2002
Leadership for the Future: Core Competencies in Healthcare	Ross, Austin	Netlibrary	2002