



For The Record

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR HEALTH RECORD ASSOCIATION

****This will be our last newsletter with our old logo, folks. Once the new branding is completed, we will be changing to our new NLHIMA title****

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Time surely does fly. Already 6 months have past since I was acclaimed as your president.

Now that spring has arrived we cannot help but think about sun, warm weather and of course holidays! Enjoy a wonderful and safe summer season.

In reviewing several Newsletters and our web site, I have learned that I have much to learn. Did you know that the inception of our organization was initially the work of Central Newfoundland Regional Medical Records Committee? See History on your web page: www.nlhra.nf.ca

Our Spring Data Quality Session is fast approaching and as always, our Education Committee has worked long and hard to provide you with a day filled with interesting information on topics suggested by you, the membership. Please register as soon as possible.

I am looking forward with anticipation to attending the CHIMA annual conference in

June, which is being held in New Brunswick. As well I will be attending the Alliance meeting

which as in recent years, will also meet at this conference.

The NLHIMA executive are looking for new members this fall and welcome input from our new members as well we are dependent on the knowledge and experience of our more experienced members. Please consider throwing your hat into the proverbial ring.

Elizabeth Hunt

"No one is useless in this world who has lightened the burden of others"

~Charles Dickens~

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

The newsletter committee continues to work to provide you with current events as they relate to our profession. We certainly hope that this newsletter is of interest and benefit to all those members who read it. If any of our NLHIMA members has something they would like to see appear in our newsletter, or has any questions for the committee, please do not hesitate to contact me at the email address below. As I type this, I can almost see my entire walkway through my window...the snow is finally disappearing! Hooray, bring on the spring!

Michele Bishop
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EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Spring Data Quality Session is planned however we keep running into difficulties with the video conference availability or availability of the speakers. So here is the plan at the time of printing:

Date: Friday, June 23, 2006
Place: TETRA Room to be announced
Time: Registration at 8:30 a.m.
Presentation begins at 9:00 a.m.
Morning Topic: Data Quality Edits
Presented by: Cindy Smith & Rosalie Haire
Afternoon Topic: Endometriosis & Dysplasia,
Presented by: Dr. A. Gill

The registration forms with updated and further information will be sent soon.

Planning of the Professional Development Day in September is ongoing...make your plans for September to attend both the AGM and PDD in Gander.

Rosalie Haire

→ DATA QUALITY TIP ←

**Assignment of codes from categories B95-B97 is optional; if coded, they must be assigned diagnosis Type 3.
See Standards - Page 49.**

PROVINCIAL CODING COMMITTEE

The Provincial Coding Committee is currently revising its Terms of Reference and these will be published in the next newsletter for those of you who may be new to the profession and/or who want to know more about our committee.

REGIONAL ROUND-UP

No regional updates were submitted

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR CENTRE FOR HEALTH INFORMATION

The Centre continues to work on various projects, collaborations, research and evaluation reports, etc.

The Health Information Network (HIN) Division continues its endeavors and is currently focusing on the Newfoundland and Labrador Pharmacy Project proposal. This work will move the HIN project forward in developing an integrated Pharmacy network. Another vital component of an integrated HIN is the initiative currently underway to create a provincial Diagnostic Imaging archive that will be accessible to appropriate providers province-wide. This initiative will be another key component in the creation of a provincial, fully integrated electronic health record (EHR).

The UPI/Client Registry will be an integral component of both of these provincial initiatives.

The 2004/05 clinical data has been finalized and is now available for use. The 2006/07 DAD and Coding Standards are available for download and all regions of the province have been made aware of their availability.

The Research and Evaluation division of the Centre has completed three new reports which will be available this spring. These reports are:

- Live Birth Trends (2000-2004)
- Mortality Trends (2000-2003)
- My People Where (2003/04, 2002/03, 2001/02)

Michele Bishop

FROM HEALTH CANADA'S CALENDAR

May	
Cystic Fibrosis Month	
Foot Health Awareness Month	
Hepatitis Awareness Month	
Huntington's Disease Awareness Month	
Medic Alert Month	
Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month	
National Physiotherapy Month	
Speech and Hearing Awareness Month	
June	
ALS Awareness Month	
National Spina Bifida & Hydrocephalus Awareness Month	
Seniors Month	
Stroke Awareness Month	
July	
11	World Population Day
16	Canada's Parks Day

NLHIMA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICE

REMINDER! REMINDER! REMINDER!

Membership applications for 2006-2007 were sent out to all members in March 2006. In order to be eligible for a draw for free membership for 2007-2008, you need to have your renewal submitted to Philly O'Grady by April 15, 2006.

Deadline for renewal of membership is June 30, 2006. If you do not submit your membership before this date, there is an extra \$10.00 for reinstatement fee. Everyone is encouraged to register before that time.

GEORGINA WILLIAMS SCHOLARSHIP

All members are reminded to review the requirements for the Georgina Williams Scholarship. Georgina Williams was a wonderful advocate for the importance of education to help individuals to achieve their goals and dreams. She was a spokesperson for the health information profession, sharing knowledge and expertise with all she came in contact with.

Information and applications for this scholarship is included annually in your AGM handouts, but for those of you who do not have this information, it will be included as an attachment with this newsletter.



Have a Nice Spring Everyone!