



On behalf of the OrHIMA Board of Directors, I would like to welcome you to the association. You'll find many benefits in being a member of OrHIMA including networking opportunities and gaining knowledge shared at our education meetings. Our 500+ members work in a wide range of settings including government agencies, educational institutions, insurance companies, consulting firms, hospitals, clinics, home health agencies, nursing homes, and other healthcare related companies.

As a member of the association, we hope to serve you in many ways. Explore our website (www.orphima.org) to become familiar with the people and activities that make your association special. Be sure to check out the list of scheduled education offerings and read past issues of our newsletter, the ePursuit. In addition, the American Health Information Management Association website is another excellent resource for information. This can be found at <http://www.ahima.org>. Be sure to subscribe to the Oregon Community of Practice (COP) on the AHIMA website.

There are many ways for you to be engaged in the association and all levels of expertise are welcome, from new graduate to seasoned professional. We are working on a number of projects, including development of new social networking opportunities for members and preparation and training of members for ICD-10 implementation. If you would like more information about our projects or would like to get involved in a project, complete the "volunteer here" inquiry form on the OrHIMA website.

I know that life gets busy, but I personally hope you will make time to participate in our educational offerings and share your expertise and ideas. Want to be involved in association activities? Whether you're looking to enhance your professional skills, increase networking avenues, or expand your leadership skills, we have volunteer opportunities that will meet your needs.

If you have questions about your membership or association offerings, or just want to introduce yourself and get to know us better, please don't hesitate to contact me or other OrHIMA Board members.

Sincerely,

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