

Fall Education Event

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Texas Health Presbyterian Dallas

Panel 1

The Impact of the ICD – 10: How Implementation will Affect the Healthcare Executive's Mission

Panelists:



Jason Wachsmann, M.D.

Assistant Professor, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
Associate Medical Director of Radiology, Parkland Hospital and Healthcare System

Dr. Wachsmann was born and raised in Austin, Texas. He completed his undergraduate degree in Chemistry at UT Austin, his Medical degree from UT Houston, and then went on to Dallas to complete his radiology training at Baylor. After a nuclear medicine fellowship at the Harvard Joint Program, he returned to Texas and was hired as Assistant Professor in the University of Texas, Southwestern Medical Center Radiology Department. He has interests in medical education, informatics and nuclear imaging.



Terrance Govender, M.D., C-CDI, CHBC

Director, Healthcare Practice
Navigant Consulting

Terrance Govender is a Director in Navigant's healthcare practice, and brings with him more than 13 years of clinical and healthcare management experience. He has extensive clinical experience in the subspecialties of internal medicine, family medicine, emergency medicine, surgery and pediatrics. Dr. Govender's experience with healthcare extends beyond the boundaries of the United States, having practiced in the United Kingdom as well as South Africa, where he practiced under the ICD-10 system. His passion for the business side of medicine is evident from his experience in healthcare management and consulting.

Dr. Govender has extensive experience with the development and implementation of several Clinical Documentation Programs, and has successfully leveraged his clinical experience and business acumen to attain buy in and support of physicians involved. Having been on both sides of the table, Dr. Govender has been able to identify with the frustrations of today's clinicians, while still being able to create awareness of the turbulent healthcare environment we find ourselves in. His efforts and strategies are well received as they allow physicians to do what they love, whilst remaining compliant and adequately informed of the industry's expectations of them. He has served as an executive clinical liaison and fulfilled a physician advisory role in many facilities across the country.

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Dr. Govender also has extensive experience with ICD-10, having practiced clinically in the UK under the classification, as well as providing education to clinicians and healthcare coders in preparation for the implementation date in the US. He has also provided education sessions on Evaluation and Management leveling, RAC Audits, documentation integrity for nurses and physicians, and healthcare compliance to name but a few.



Julie M Pratt, RHIA, CCS

Corporate Inpatient Coding Manager
Texas Health Resources

Julie has over 29 years of Health Information Management experience and began her career as a member of the United States Air Force as a Hospital Administrative Specialist. The last 20+ years have specifically been in the hospital-based acute care and outpatient coding arena but is currently managing the Inpatient Coding Team for THR. Also, she has overseen Coding Compliance plus been responsible for conducting pre-bill coding quality audits for both inpatient and outpatient encounters. Her experience covers both community based and large teaching facilities.

Julie graduated Texas State University, San Marcos with a Bachelor's Degree in Health Information Management and an Associate of Science Degree at Midland College.

Moderator:



James Sammons, M.D., FACHE

Chief Medical Officer
Texas Health Arlington Memorial Hospital

Dr. Sammons currently serves as the Chief Medical Officer, Texas Health Arlington Memorial Hospital, Arlington, Texas. As such, he is a member of the Triad leadership team, sharing top leadership responsibilities with the President and Chief Nursing Officer. His primary focus is on quality and patient safety. Although working primarily with the medical staff, his scope is inclusive of all hospital personnel, as well as across multiple projects for Texas Health Resources. He was selected by his peers as the first CMO to share duties on the Triad Council Leadership Team, a body of all entity triad across the system.

Jim is an offspring of Texas, having grown up in East Harris County, earning his undergraduate degree from Texas A&M, and his MD from Baylor College of Medicine. He is a Fellow of both the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and American College of Healthcare Executives.

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As a self-professed recovering Obstetrician/Gynecologist, he has served in both clinical and leadership capacities for over 26 years in the military, retiring in 2005 as a Colonel in the US Air Force Medical Corps. Within those years, he served as an OB/GYN and a flight surgeon, and was stationed overseas more than in the continental US, to include service in Korea, Europe, and the Middle East and Central Asia, with temporary duty in Africa and South America. He was responsible for all 24 Air Force hospitals and aeromedical evacuation throughout the Afghan and Iraq theaters of action. He completed his service as the US Strategic Command Surgeon, with missions including human factors in the elimination of weapons mass destruction, offensive and defensive computer warfare, and medical issues for US nuclear forces. After military retirement, he served as Vice President for Medical Affairs at hospitals in the Sentara and Bon Secours systems in Virginia, before returning to his home state of Texas in 2012.

Jim and his wife Cindy, a Cordon Bleu-trained chef, have been married for 41 years, and are proud of their two children and four granddaughters.