

Recruitment Hotsheet – Healthcare Information Technology

In 2008, medical records and healthcare information technicians held about 172,500 jobs, with 39% of those in hospitals. The rest were mostly employed in the offices of physicians, nursing care facilities, outpatient care centers and home health care services. Insurance firms dealing in health matters also employed a small number of health information technicians to tabulate and analyze health information, and public health departments employed them to supervise data collection from health care institutions and to assist in research.

Employment Trends

Employment in the healthcare information technology field is expected to grow much faster than average. Job prospects look very promising and technicians with a strong understanding of technology and computer software will be particularly in high demand. Through 2018, employment of medical records and health information technicians is expected to climb by 20%. As the number of medical tests, treatments and procedures that will be performed continues to grow, so will the employment opportunities. An aging population will increase the occurrence of health-related problems. Cancer diagnoses will continue to rise, and cancer registrars should experience job growth as a result. The increasing use of electronic health records (EHR) will continue to broaden and alter the job responsibilities of healthcare information technicians, who will use the technology to maintain data on patient safety, patterns of disease and disease treatment and outcome. They will be expected to know how to use EHR computer software, maintain EHR security and analyze electronic data to improve healthcare information. Technicians may also assist with improving EHR software usability and may contribute to the development and maintenance of healthcare information networks

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2. Los Angeles, CA
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*ranked by number of associate's degrees awarded

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November 7-10, 2010 – San Francisco, CA
- Healthcare Billing & Management Association Compliance
March 8, 2011 – San Diego, CA
- American Academy of Professional Coders
April 3-6, 2011 – Long Beach, CA
- Association of Healthcare Documentation Integrity
August 17-20, 2011 – Phoenix, AZ
- American Health Information Management Association
October 1-6, 2011 – Salt Lake City, UT