

CHRISTINE CRAVOTTA, RHIT, CCS, CEMC

Christine Cravotta, a Senior Manager in the Pittsburgh office of CCI, has been a health information specialist for more than 23 years, during which she has developed a high degree of expertise in the determination and assignment of diagnosis and procedure codes and the review of supporting clinical documentation. As CCI's foremost expert in the area of inpatient coding, Chris participates in the vast majority of the firm's risk assessments and focused billing and coding reviews conducted on behalf of many healthcare providers. More recently, Chris has performed an increasing number of focused DRG reviews, particularly in response to pneumonia and septicemia investigations, and in conjunction with case review of DRG pairs, short-stay admissions, and transfers/re-admissions. Chris' pneumonia review findings have repeatedly withstood the scrutiny of various OIG auditors throughout the country, while simultaneously defending the coding practices of her clients.

Prior to joining CCI, Chris served as the HIM Data Quality Coordinator at Allegheny General Hospital where she was responsible for performing various medical record coding audits, resolving identified coding discrepancies, and training the hospital's coding staff. She was also a DRG consultant for a national healthcare consulting firm, a coding analyst for various community hospitals, and a CDM analyst for a multi-hospital corporation. At CCI, Chris lends her coding, billing, and documentation expertise in the following areas:

Hospital Inpatient & Outpatient/APC
Charge Description Master
Long-Term and Extended Care
Admission Appropriateness (utilizing InterQual criteria)
Physician Evaluation and Management (EM) Services
Cardiology Services, Interventional Radiology, & Psychiatric Services

EDUCATION

Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH
Community College of Allegheny County, Pittsburgh, PA

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Health Information Management Association: Registered Health Information Technician, RHIT and Certified Coding Specialist, CCS
- American Academy of Professional Coders: Specialty EM Certification, CEMC

