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### Next Steps For Implementing Information Governance

Journal of AHIMA *Explores Moving From the  
'Why of IG to the How'*

CHICAGO – August 5, 2015 – The American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) has been encouraging the healthcare industry to make information governance (IG) a strategic imperative. Now, the focus shifts to implementing an IG structure within healthcare organizations.

This idea is explored in the story, "[Information Governance's Next Phase](#)," in the August issue of the *Journal of AHIMA*.

"Developing a robust IG program will help healthcare organizations enhance the coordination of patient care and reduce costs," said AHIMA CEO Lynne Thomas Gordon, MBA, RHIA, CAE, FACHE, FAHIMA. "HIM professionals must continue to make the case for IG and then play an active role in the implementation process."

In the article, AHIMA's Deborah Green, MBA, RHIA, executive vice president, chief innovation and global services officer, said: "With widespread adoption and movement toward high levels of IG maturity, we envision that IG will ultimately and consistently ensure reliable and trusted data and information."

To help organizations implement IG, AHIMA has developed a number of resources including the [Information Governance Principles for Healthcare \(IGPHC\)<sup>TM</sup>](#). In addition, AHIMA is developing an IG maturity model that will help providers self-assess their IG maturity and readiness.

#### Also in this issue:

- The article, "[IG Roundtable -- Assessing Organizational Progress in Implementing IG Practices](#)," features excerpts from a discussion on implementing IG. It also offers five strategies for making the case for IG.
- The article, "[Policy and Procedure Considerations for Health Information Exchange Organizations](#)," provides a sample checklist that can be used as a starting point when developing policies and procedures for health information organizations (HIOs).

Read these articles and more in the August issue of the *Journal of AHIMA* or online at [journal.ahima.org](http://journal.ahima.org).

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