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**AHIMA Textbook Highlights Proper Health Information Management
Techniques for Students, Professionals**

Health Information Management Concepts, Principles, and Practice *emphasizes the
pivotal role of correct health information*

CHICAGO – July 15, 2016 – A revised [American Health Information Management Association](#) book, [Health Information Management Concepts, Principles, and Practice, Fifth Edition](#) uses health information management (HIM) curriculum and the RHIA exam domains to guide students and professionals to identify the critical competencies in the healthcare industry today.

Volume editors Pamela K. Oachs, MA, RHIA, CHDA, FAHIMA, and Amy L. Watters, EdD, RHIA, FAHIMA, along with chapter contributors focus on better understanding the value of quality healthcare information. In addition, they explain intricacies from the point of patient-specific data collection to the aggregation of that data to generate information that can be used to increase knowledge and support decision-making in HIM.

“The HIM professional is vital in maintaining and improving the integrity of patient information,” said AHIMA CEO Lynne Thomas Gordon, MBA, RHIA, CAE, FACHE, FAHIMA. “This book is a must read. It is the foundational guide for every HIM student in order to fully understand our competencies and is the ultimate resource for the HIM professional. Students and others will use this publication to study for their RHIA exam and will refer to it as a constant companion and resource as they enter the health information management field in a variety of roles.”

Key features of the book include:

- Organization of content to reflect the current curriculum map for AHIMA and Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management (CAHIIM) Education accredited programs
- Hot topics including data governance and stewardship, health data analytics, data visualization, clinical documentation improvement, consumer informatics, and data privacy and security

- Chapters containing new illustrations such as dashboard examples, the interoperability roadmap, a model of the learning health system, and a model for consumer health informatics
- Student exercises, including case studies and questions, application exercises, review quizzes, web resources, and an odd-numbered Check Your Understanding answer key
- Downloadable online instructor ancillaries available to faculty of approved educational programs

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