

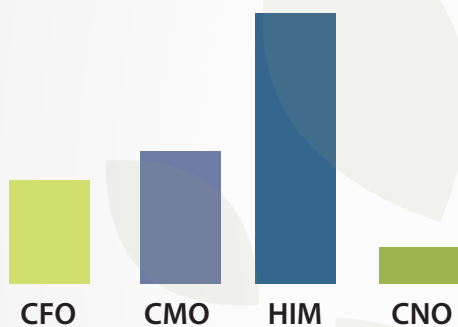
THE CHANGING ROLE OF CDI LEADERS IN A VALUE-BASED WORLD

TrustHCS conducted a CDI leadership focus group during the 9th Annual ACDIS Conference. Fifteen CDI directors, managers and supervisors participated to discuss the changing role of CDI, identify common challenges and brainstorm new approaches to staffing and service delivery under value-based reimbursement. Representatives from trauma centers, teaching hospitals, community hospitals, non-profit organizations and large, for-profit health systems were all included in the focus group with the average program in existence for ten years.

Read the full article online at: <http://blogs.hcpro.com/acdis/2016/08/tbt-live-focus-group-insights-from-the-9th-annual-acdis-conference/>

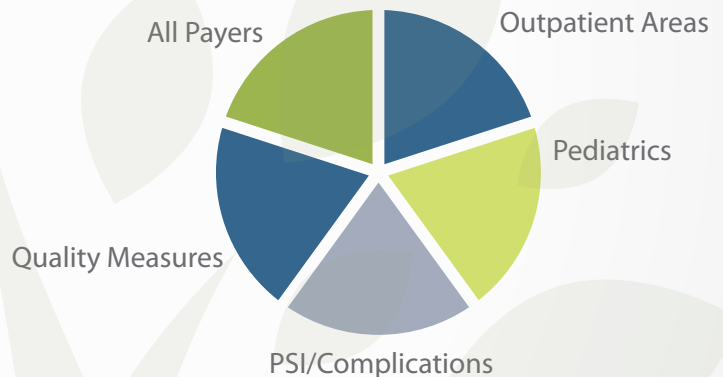
HIM Alignment Key to Success

Reporting to HIM was preferred by most attendees due to strong alignment with goals and better access to clinical coding expertise.

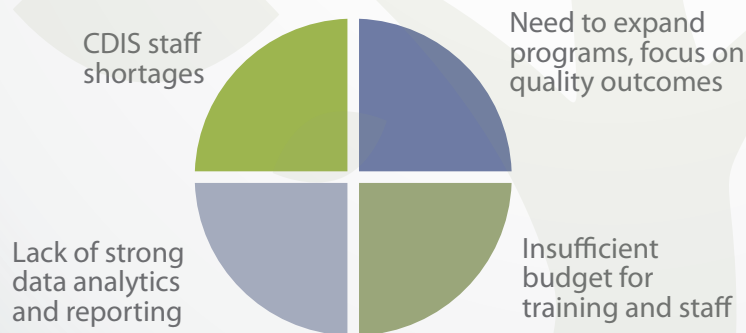


CDI Programs Moving Towards Quality

Focus group attendees are expanding focus beyond case mix index. Five specific trends were noted.



4 Common Issues in CDI Today



4 Outsourcing Insights and Ideas



"There is a huge difference between ad-hoc staffing and full-service CDI outsourced specialists. Full-service is the way to go."



"Make sure the outsourced CDI company audits their own staff."



"Weekend coverage is an ideal use of outsourced CDI specialists."



"Check the work ethic, vet the candidates and ask for vendor testing before you engage."

Can CDI Specialists go Remote? The Checklist

Must have EHR

Alternate offsite days

Build and establish MD trust first

Only established programs

Use a hybrid, blended approach



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