

# Internet Resources for Health Information Professionals

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## Background

The Internet provides virtual, instantaneous access to a plethora of information that influences our work and helps us to stay current with legislation, best practices, and industry trends.

This Web site list was compiled as a convenient pull-out resource for HIM professionals in all care settings. It is not exhaustive, nor does inclusion on this list represent AHIMA's endorsement. All URLs were accurate at press time, but keep in mind the dynamic nature of Web content.

The sites are arranged alphabetically by the name of the site with the exception of the first three sites, located first for easy reference.

Name	Address	Description
<b>American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA)</b>	<a href="http://www.ahima.org">http://www.ahima.org</a>	The American Health Information Management Association is a professional association representing more than 40,000 specially educated health information professionals who work throughout the healthcare industry. Access this site for Journal indexes and articles, position statements, practice briefs, frequently asked questions, member forums, job board, hot topics, legislative issues, the fellowship program, and more.
<b>AHIMA Communities of Practice</b>	<a href="http://www.ahimanet.org">http://www.ahimanet.org</a>	Watch for Communities of Practice to be launched in 2001, providing a virtual connection for AHIMA members in similar healthcare settings or with similar interests or concerns.

**National Information  
Center for Health Services  
Administration (NIC)**<http://www.nichsa.org>

The National Information Center for Health Administration is a library service available to all AHIMA members. Past *Journal of AHIMA* articles can be obtained here.

**#1 Resume  
Writing Services**<http://www.free-resume-tips.com>

A "how to" site about writing electronic resumes and online job networking

**4 Work**<http://www.4work.com>

A career search site

**Accreditation Association  
for Ambulatory Health Care  
(AAAHC)**<http://www.aaahc.org>

AAAHC is committed to advocating high-quality health services in ambulatory healthcare organizations through the development of standards and survey and accreditation programs.

**Accredited Standards  
Committee-X12N**<http://www.x12.org>

ASC X12, comprised of cross-industry representation, delivers the most widely implemented electronic data interchange (EDI) standards that interact with a multitude of e-commerce technologies and serves as the premier source for integrating electronic applications.

**Administrative  
Simplification**<http://aspe.os.dhhs.gov/admnsimp/>

National Standards for Electronic Transactions and Code Sets

**Adobe**<http://www.adobe.com/products/>

Download Adobe Acrobat software for reading PDF acrobat/readstep.html files free from this site.

**Acronym Finder**<http://www.acronymfinder.com>

More than 172,000 acronyms, abbreviations, and initialisms in all subjects, including information technology, business, telecommunications, military, and more

**Agency for Healthcare  
Research and Quality  
(AHRQ)**<http://www.ahrq.gov>

Home page for the government association for quality research for quality healthcare

<b>Association for Information and Image Management-International Products and Services Guide</b>	<a href="http://www.aiimguide.com">http://www.aiimguide.com</a>	Industry association that connects the users and suppliers of document and business process management technologies and services. Includes a search section for locating outsourcing companies and service providers
<b>All the Web, All the Time</b>	<a href="http://www.alltheweb.com">http://www.alltheweb.com</a>	Search engine
<b>AllLaw.com</b>	<a href="http://www.alllaw.com/state_resources/">http://www.alllaw.com/state_resources/</a>	State law searches
<b>Alternative Health News Online</b>	<a href="http://www.altmedicine.com">http://www.altmedicine.com</a>	Resources, Web sites, and research covering alternative health and healing
<b>American Accreditation HealthCare Commission (URAC)</b>	<a href="http://www.urac.org">http://www.urac.org</a>	A nonprofit organization that establishes standards for the managed care industry
<b>American Association for Medical Transcription (AAMT)</b>	<a href="http://www.aamt.org">http://www.aamt.org</a>	AAMT represents and advances the profession of medical transcription and its practitioners.
<b>American Association of Health Plans (AAHP)</b>	<a href="http://www.aahp.org">http://www.aahp.org</a>	A national trade association representing health maintenance organizations, preferred provider organizations, point-of-service plans, and other health plans
<b>American Association of Preferred Provider Organizations (AAPPO)</b>	<a href="http://www.aappo.org">http://www.aappo.org</a>	A national association of network-based preferred provider organizations and affiliate organizations
<b>American Bar Association (ABA)</b>	<a href="http://www.abanet.org">http://www.abanet.org</a>	American Bar Association home page
<b>American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE)</b>	<a href="http://www.ache.org">http://www.ache.org</a>	An international society of healthcare executives, ACHE offers credentialing and educational programs.

**American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG)**

<http://www.acog.com>

ACOG is the national medical organization representing more than 40,000 physicians who provide healthcare for women.

**American Hospital Association (AHA)**

<http://www.aha.org>

Members of the American Hospital Association are grouped into three categories: institutional (short-term hospitals, long-term hospitals, headquarters of healthcare systems, non-hospital pre-acute and post-acute facilities, and hospital-affiliated education programs), associate, and personal.

**AHA Resource Links for Hospital and Healthcare Leaders**

<http://www.aha.org/resource/links.asp>.

Selected resource links to information on health administration and related topics

**American Health Lawyers Association**

<http://www.healthlawyers.org>

Organization for lawyers associated with the health field

**American Medical Association (AMA)**

<http://www.ama-assn.org>

AMA's strategic agenda remains rooted in its historic commitment to standards, ethics, excellence in medical education and practice, and advocacy on behalf of the medical profession and the patients it services.

**American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA)**

<http://www.amia.org>

AMIA is a nonprofit membership organization of individuals, institutions, and corporations dedicated to developing and using information technologies to improve healthcare.

**American National Standards Institute (ANSI)**

1. [http://web.ansi.org/rooms/room\\_41/default.htm](http://web.ansi.org/rooms/room_41/default.htm)
2. <http://aspe.os.dhhs.gov/datacnc/hisbinv0.htm>

1. Public forum for the voluntary coordination of healthcare informatics standards among all US standard developing organizations

2. A resource for the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, including the Executive Summary, Transaction Standards, and Support Standards

**American Osteopathic Association (AOA)**

<http://www.am-osteo-assn.org>

AOA advances the philosophy and practice of osteopathic medicine by promoting excellence in education, research, and the delivery of

quality, cost-effective healthcare in a distinct, unified profession.

**American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM)**

<http://www.astm.org>

An organization that sets technical standards for industries

**America's Job Bank**

<http://www.ajb.dni.us>

A career search site

**America's Doctor**

<http://www.americasdoctor.com>

This site supports the combined efforts of the medical community and pharmaceutical industry to improve the lives of people suffering from chronic illnesses. It combines and integrates physician researchers, strategic marketing and consumer outreach capabilities, distinguished hospitals, and Internet resources to assist the pharmaceutical industry in developing, position, and promoting its products.

**Association for Electronic Health Care Transactions (AFEHCT)**

<http://www.afehct.org>

Supports the use of EDI to improve and reduce the cost of healthcare

**Association of State and Territorial Health Officials**

<http://www.astho.org/state.html>

A nonprofit organization representing the state and territorial public health agencies of the United States, US Territories, and the District of Columbia

**Blackboard**

<http://www.blackboard.com>

Blackboard offers online education and related commerce in the academic marketplace of schools, colleges, and universities, as well as the organizations that serve them.

**Blue Cross and Blue Shield**

<http://www.bcbs.com>

BlueCross and Blue Shield Association home page

**CBS Health Watch**

<http://healthwatch.medscape.com/medscape/p/gcommunity/ghome.asp>

CBS health consumer Web site

<b>CCH Research Network (CCH)</b>	<a href="http://health.cch.com/network">http://health.cch.com/network</a>	Links to many federal laws, regulations and programs: Balanced Budget Act, APCs, home health agency licensure, Medicare and Medicaid, OASIS, and PPS
<b>Center for Healthcare Information Management (CHIM)</b>	<a href="http://www.chim.org">http://www.chim.org</a>	The Center for Healthcare Information Management is a trade association driving the adoption of strategic information management and technology in the health industry.
<b>Central Office on ICD-9-CM (AHA)</b>	<a href="http://www.icd-9-cm.org">http://www.icd-9-cm.org</a>	Serves as the US clearinghouse for issues related to the use of ICD-9-CM
<b>Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)</b>	<a href="http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/">http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/</a>	The CFR is a codification of the general and permanent rules published in the Federal Register by the executive departments and agencies of the federal government.
<b>College of Healthcare Information Management (CHIME)</b>	<a href="http://www.cio-chime.org">http://www.cio-chime.org</a>	The College was formed with the dual objective of serving the professional development needs of healthcare CIOs and advocating the more effective use of information management within healthcare.
<b>Common Medical Abbreviations</b>	<a href="http://courses.smsu.edu/jas188f/690/medslpterm.html">http://courses.smsu.edu/jas188f/690/medslpterm.html</a>	Medical abbreviations glossary
<b>Compliance Program Guidance</b>	<a href="http://www.hhs.gov/progorg/oig/modcomp/">http://www.hhs.gov/progorg/oig/modcomp/</a>	Compliance program guidance and FAQs regarding corporate integrity agreement billing reviews
<b>Computerized Patient Record Institute (CPRI)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><a href="http://www.cpri-host.org">http://www.cpri-host.org</a></li><li><a href="http://www.cpri.org/resource/index.html">http://www.cpri.org/resource/index.html</a></li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>CPRI-HOST is an organization that represents all stakeholders in healthcare focusing on clinical applications of information technology.</li><li>CPRI resource documents</li></ol>

<b>Conditions of Participation</b>	<a href="http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/index.html">http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/index.html</a>	Web site for accessing the Conditions of Participation online as a free service of the US Government Printing Office (See National Archives and Records Administration)
<b>Department of Health &amp; Human Services (HHS)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <a href="http://www.hhs.gov">http://www.hhs.gov</a></li> <li>2. <a href="http://aspe.hhs.gov/admsimp/">http://aspe.hhs.gov/admsimp/</a></li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Department of Health and Human Services is the US government's principal agency for protecting the health of all Americans and providing essential human services, especially for those who are least able to help themselves.</li> <li>2. The administrative simplification provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act</li> </ol>
<b>Department of Health &amp; Human Services Office of Inspector General (HHS/OIG)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <a href="http://www.dhhs.gov/progorg/oig/">http://www.dhhs.gov/progorg/oig/</a></li> <li>2. <a href="http://www.hhs.gov/oig/new.html">http://www.hhs.gov/oig/new.html</a></li> <li>3. <a href="http://www.dhhs.gov/progorg/oig/wrkpln/index.htm">http://www.dhhs.gov/progorg/oig/wrkpln/index.htm</a></li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Home page for the Office of the Inspector General</li> <li>2. Additions and modifications to the HHS/OIG site</li> <li>3. The OIG Work Plan details the various projects of the Office of Audit Services, Office of Evaluation and Inspections, Office of Investigations, and Office of Counsel to the Inspector General.</li> </ol>
<b>Department of Veterans Affairs-Office of Inspector General</b>	<a href="http://www.va.gov/oig/homepage.htm">http://www.va.gov/oig/homepage.htm</a>	Provides service to veterans, VA employees, and citizens
<b>Discovery Health</b>	<a href="http://health.discovery.com/">http://health.discovery.com/</a>	Discovery Channel health Web site
<b>Disease Management Association of America (DMAA)</b>	<a href="http://www.dmaa.org">http://www.dmaa.org</a>	A nonprofit organization representing the disease management community
<b>DocLaw Web</b>	<a href="http://www.washlaw.edu/doclaw/">http://www.washlaw.edu/doclaw/</a>	Government Internet resources and other government-related material
<b>Dogpile</b>	<a href="http://www.dogpile.com">http://www.dogpile.com</a>	Search engine

<b>Draft OIG Compliance Program Guidance for Nursing Facilities</b>	<a href="http://www.dhhs.gov/progorg/oig/modcomp/n2.htm">http://www.dhhs.gov/progorg/oig/modcomp/n2.htm</a>	This Web site seeks the comments of interested parties on draft compliance guidance developed by the Office of Inspector General for nursing facilities.
<b>eHealthcare Association</b>	<a href="http://www.ehealthcareassociation.com">http://www.ehealthcareassociation.com</a>	Addresses issues of importance to the e-healthcare business
<b>Federation of American Hospitals (FAHS)</b>	<a href="http://www.fahs.com">http://www.fahs.com</a>	Represents owned and managed hospitals and health systems that offer traditional care, ambulatory care, psychiatric and rehabilitative care, and allied companies involved in health insurance and healthcare systems
<b>Freeskills</b>	<a href="http://freeskills.com">http://freeskills.com</a>	Online training
<b>Go.com</b>	<a href="http://www.go.com">http://www.go.com</a>	Search engine
<b>Guide Star</b>	<a href="http://www.guidestar.org">http://www.guidestar.org</a>	A nonprofit organization for donors or individuals seeking donor organs
<b>Harrison's Online</b>	<a href="http://www.harrisonsonline.com">http://www.harrisonsonline.com</a>	A database service utilizing Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine



**Health Care Compliance Association (HCCA)**

1. <http://www.hcfa.gov>
2. <http://www.hcfa.gov/medlearn/>
3. <http://www.hcfa.gov/medicaid/mds20/whatsnew.htm>
4. <http://www.hcfa.gov/medicare/mcarpti.htm>
5. <http://www.hcfa.gov/medlearn/cbts.htm>
6. <http://www.hcfa.gov/medicare/payment.htm>
7. <http://www.hcfa.gov/stats/medpar/medpar.htm>
8. <http://www.hcfa.gov/regs/regsnotices.htm>
9. <http://www.hcfa.gov/stats/icd10/icd10.htm>
10. <http://www.hcfa.gov/medlearn/refopps.htm>

1. A federal agency that administers Medicare, Medicaid, and the State Children's Health Insurance Program
2. The Medicare Learning Network Web site of HCFA was established in response to increased Medicare healthcare professional usage of the Internet as a learning resource.
3. Minimum Data Set announcements, corrections, updates
4. Medical professional and technical information
5. Computer/Web-based training site
6. Medicare payment systems
7. Medicare provider analysis and review
8. Prospective payment system for hospital outpatient
9. June 1998 final draft, ICD-10-PCS coding system, and training manual
10. Outpatient prospective payment system quick reference guide

**Health Information Management Listserv**

<http://lists.umsmed.edu/mailman/listinfo/him-l>

This listserv facilitates the transition of "medical record" practitioners to "health information managers" and the discussion of current legislative, accreditation, regulatory, technological, and systems issues, as well as other issues affecting the HIM field.

**Health Insurance Association of America (HIAA)**

1. <http://www.hiaa.org>
2. <http://www.hiaa.org/insur/insur.htm>

1. A trade association representing the private health care system; provides health, long-term care, dental, disability, and supplemental coverage to consumers
2. Self-study courses in health insurance and managed care

**Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)**

1. [http://hipaa.wpc-edi.com/HIPAA\\_40.asp](http://hipaa.wpc-edi.com/HIPAA_40.asp)
2. <http://aspe.os.dhhs.gov/admnsimp>

1. Implementation guides for free downloading
2. Government resource for HIPAA

**Health Internet Ethics**

<http://www.hiethics.org>

A coalition of health sites supporting high ethical standards

**Health Level Seven (HL-7)**

<http://www.hl7.org>

One of the ANSI-accredited standards-developing organizations operating in the

		healthcare area, producing standards for particular healthcare domains such as pharmacy, medical devices, imaging, and insurance transactions
<b>Health on the Net Foundation (HON)</b>	<a href="http://www.hon.ch">http://www.hon.ch</a>	Dedicated to realizing the benefits of the Internet and related technologies in the fields of health and medicine
<b>Health Privacy Project</b>	<a href="http://www.healthprivacy.org/resources/statereports/states.html">http://www.healthprivacy.org/resources/statereports/states.html</a>	Cites, summarizes, and provides links to federal and state disclosure laws; provides articles covering privacy issues
<b>Health Scout</b>	<a href="http://www.healthscout.com">http://www.healthscout.com</a>	Surveys and keeps you informed about the consumer medical world
<b>Health World Online</b>	<a href="http://www.healthy.net">http://www.healthy.net</a>	A source of information for the various consumer and health professionals
<b>Healthcare Conferences</b>	<a href="http://www.healthcareconferences.com">http://www.healthcareconferences.com</a>	Promotes continuing medical education for healthcare professionals worldwide who attend medical, paramedical, nursing, and midwifery conferences, and postgraduate meetings
<b>Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (HCUP)</b>	<a href="http://www.ahrq.gov/data/hcup/hcupnet.htm">http://www.ahrq.gov/data/hcup/hcupnet.htm</a>	National statistics, trends, and selected state statistics about hospital stays
<b>Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA)</b>	<a href="http://www.hfma.org">http://www.hfma.org</a>	Professional association for financial management professionals working in healthcare
<b>HealthCentral</b>	<a href="http://www.healthcentral.com">http://www.healthcentral.com</a>	Information and products for the consumer
<b>Healthfinder</b>	<a href="http://www.healthfinder.gov">http://www.healthfinder.gov</a>	Consumer information developed by the US Department of Health and Human Services

<b>HealthWeb</b>	<a href="http://www.healthweb.org/index.cfm">http://www.healthweb.org/index.cfm</a>	A collaborative project of the health sciences libraries of the Greater Midwest Region of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine and the Committee for Institutional Cooperation
<b>Healthwise</b>	<a href="http://www.healthwise.org">http://www.healthwise.org</a>	Develops information tools that doctors use for decision making
<b>HIM Department, University of Texas</b>	<a href="http://www.utmb.edu/him/">http://www.utmb.edu/him/</a>	The University of Texas shares policies and procedure for HIM-related professionals
<b>Healthcare Information Management Systems Society</b>	<a href="http://www.himss.org">http://www.himss.org</a>	Home page for Health Information Management Systems Society
<b>HIPAAdiversity</b>	<a href="http://www.hipaadiversity.com">http://www.hipaadiversity.com</a>	Featuring HIPAA information and resources, this site is sponsored by Phoenix Health Systems.
<b>HIPjobs.net</b>	<a href="http://www.hipjobs.net">http://www.hipjobs.net</a>	Career resource center for the HIM professional
<b>Homecare Online (NAHC)</b>	<a href="http://www.nahc.org">http://www.nahc.org</a>	An organization supporting the home care side of the health industry
<b>hotjobs.com</b>	<a href="http://www.hotjobs.com">http://www.hotjobs.com</a>	A career search site
<b>inFind</b>	<a href="http://www.infind.com">http://www.infind.com</a>	Search engine
<b>Institute for Health Care Research and Policy, Georgetown University</b>	<a href="http://www.healthprivacy.org">http://www.healthprivacy.org</a>	The Health Privacy Project is dedicated to raising public awareness of the importance of ensuring health privacy in order to improve healthcare access and quality, both on an individual and community level. Includes federal and state laws regarding privacy and release of information.

<b>Internet Grateful Med</b>	<a href="http://igm.nlm.nih.gov">http://igm.nlm.nih.gov</a>	Internet Grateful Med searches MEDLINE using the retrieval engine of NLM's PubMed system.
<b>Internet Healthcare Coalition (IHC)</b>	<a href="http://www.ihealthcoalition.org">http://www.ihealthcoalition.org</a>	Healthcare resources on the Internet; affiliations include publishers of professional and consumer health information
<b>IPA Association of America (TIPAAA)</b>	<a href="http://www.tipaaa.org">http://www.tipaaa.org</a>	Assists independent/integrated physician associations by providing services that lead to decisions that will contribute to the implementation of appropriate operational systems, resulting in greater efficiency
<b>ISP Directory</b>	<a href="http://www.findanisp.com/default.shtml">http://www.findanisp.com/default.shtml</a>	Internet service providers (ISP)
<b>JD.MD Inc.</b>	<a href="http://www.jdmd.com/glossary.html">http://www.jdmd.com/glossary.html</a>	Medical abbreviations glossary
<b>Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations</b>	<a href="http://www.jcaho.org">http://www.jcaho.org</a>	Evaluates and accredits healthcare organizations and programs in the US
<b>Joint Healthcare Information Technology Alliance (JHITA)</b>	<a href="http://www.jhita.org">http://www.jhita.org</a>	AHIMA, AMIA, CHIM, CHIME, and HIMSS joined together to form the Joint Healthcare Information Technology Alliance with the intent of pursuing a wide variety of objectives related to the common good of the alliance membership.
<b>Journal of the American Medical Informatics Association (JAMIA)</b>	<a href="http://www.jamia.org/current.shtml">http://www.jamia.org/current.shtml</a>	Articles and abstracts from JAMIA
<b>Kaiser Family Foundation</b>	<a href="http://www.kff.org/content/2000/20000310a/">http://www.kff.org/content/2000/20000310a/</a>	A site covering pending patient protection legislation

<b>Local Medical Review Policies (LMRP)</b>	<a href="http://www.lmrp.net">http://www.lmrp.net</a>	An administrative and educational tool to assist providers, physicians, and suppliers in submitting correct claims for payment; outlines how contractors review claims to ensure that they meet Medicare coverage requirements.
<b>Manisses</b>	<a href="http://www.manisses.com/2online/Funding/federal/fed.html">http://www.manisses.com/2online/Funding/federal/fed.html</a>	Information resources for behavioral healthcare
<b>Mayo Clinic</b>	<a href="http://www.mayohealth.org">http://www.mayohealth.org</a>	The Mayo Clinic home page
<b>Medical Error Reduction</b>	<a href="http://www.medicalerrorreduction.com">http://www.medicalerrorreduction.com</a>	Formed with the goal of bringing providers, consumers, payers and regulators together to learn about medical error reduction and patient safety
<b>Medical Acronyms</b>	<a href="http://uhswweb.edu/rb/acr.htm">http://uhswweb.edu/rb/acr.htm</a>	Medical acronyms
<b>Medical Dictionary</b>	<a href="http://www.medical-dictionary.com/">http://www.medical-dictionary.com/</a>	Medical dictionary
<b>Medical Group Management Association (MGMA)</b>	<a href="http://www.mgma.com">http://www.mgma.com</a>	Organization to improve the effectiveness of medical group practices and the knowledge and skills of those who manage and lead them
<b>Medical Transcription Industry Alliance (MTIA)</b>	<a href="http://www.mtia.com">http://www.mtia.com</a>	A nonprofit membership association serving the needs of medical transcription companies and health information management professionals
<b>Medicare Compliance Alert</b>	<a href="http://www.compliancealert.net/mcaweb/">http://www.compliancealert.net/mcaweb/</a>	Current Medicare Compliance Alert articles
<b>Medicare Paper Claim Forms</b>	<a href="http://www.hcfa.gov/medicare/edi/edi5.htm">http://www.hcfa.gov/medicare/edi/edi5.htm</a>	HCFA forms and instructions
<b>Medicare Program Manuals (HCFA)</b>	<a href="http://www.hcfa.gov/pubforms/progman.htm">http://www.hcfa.gov/pubforms/progman.htm</a>	Choose publication number pertinent to desired setting

<b>Medicare Regulations</b>	<a href="http://www.myhq.com/public/a/ m/ amethystcc/">http://www.myhq.com/public/a/ m/ amethystcc/</a>	Medicare regulations
<b>MEDLINE</b>	<a href="http://www.medlineplus.gov">http://www.medlineplus.gov</a>	A subservice of the National Library of Medicine
<b>Monster.com</b>	<a href="http://www.monster.com">http://www.monster.com</a>	A career search site
<b>Multiple Search Engines</b>	<a href="http://www.notess.com/search/multi">http://www.notess.com/search/multi</a>	Search engine
<b>myHq</b>	<a href="http://www.myhq.com">http://www.myhq.com</a>	Free online bookmark manager
<b>National Academy Press (NAP)</b>	<a href="http://www.nap.edu/books/0309068371/html/">http://www.nap.edu/books/0309068371/html/</a>	Books for the health industry
<b>National Archives and Records Administration</b>	<a href="http://www.access.gpo.gov/ nara/cfr/ index.html">http://www.access.gpo.gov/ nara/cfr/ index.html</a>	Code of Federal Regulations: a codification of the general Records Administration and permanent rules published in the <i>Federal Register</i> by the executive departments and agencies of the federal government; includes Conditions of Participation
<b>National Association for Healthcare Quality (NAHQ)</b>	<a href="http://www.nahq.org">http://www.nahq.org</a>	Web site for the organization for healthcare quality professionals
<b>National Association of Health Data Organizations (NAHDO)</b>	<a href="http://www.nahdo.org">http://www.nahdo.org</a>	Not-for-profit membership organization dedicated to strengthening the nation's health information system by bringing together a network of state, federal, and private sector technical and policy leaders and consultants to expand health systems development and shape responsible health information policies
<b>National Association of Physician Organizations (NIPAC)</b>	<a href="http://www.nipac.org">http://www.nipac.org</a>	A resource for physician organizations that manage risk contracts

**National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM)**<http://www.nccam.nih.gov>

NCCAM conducts and supports basic and applied research and training and disseminates information on complementary and alternative medicine to practitioners and the public.

**National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS)**

1. <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/>
2. <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/icdguide.pdf>

1. The Federal Government's principal vital and health statistics agency, part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
2. Resource for the official ICD-9-CM coding guidelines

**National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA)**<http://www.ncqa.org>

An independent, nonprofit organization that evaluates and reports on the quality of the nation's managed care organizations

**National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS)**<http://www.ncvhs.hhs.gov>

Home page for NCVHS

**National Correct Coding Initiative of the US Dept of Commerce (NTIS)**<http://www.ntis.gov>

Central source for government information

**National Health Care Anti-Fraud Association (NHCAA)**<http://www.nhcafa.org>

An issue-based organization comprising private- and public-sector organizations and individuals responsible for the detection, investigation, prosecution, and prevention of healthcare fraud

**National Health Resource Center on Domestic Violence**<http://www.fvvpf.org/health>

This project of the Family Violence Prevention Fund, supported by the US Department of Health and Human Services and the Conrad H. Hilton Foundation, provides support to healthcare professionals, policy makers, and domestic violence advocates.

**National Institutes of Health (NIH)**

1. <http://www.nih.gov/health/InformationIndex/HealthIndex/Pubincov.htm>
2. <http://list.nih.gov>

1. NIH Health Information Index with information on diseases currently under investigation by NIH or NIH-supported scientists, major NIH research areas, and important health-related topics

2. NIH Listserv home page: an e-mail based server that allows users to create, manage, and control electronic mailing lists on a network.

<b>National Library of Medicine (NLM)</b>	<a href="http://www.nlm.nih.gov/nlmhome.html">http://www.nlm.nih.gov/nlmhome.html</a>	A biomedical library
<b>National Library of Medicine (NCBI)</b>	<a href="http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi">http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi</a>	National Practitioner Data Bank and Health Care Integrity and Protection Data Bank
<b>NPDB-HIPDB</b>	<a href="http://www.npdb-hipdb.com">http://www.npdb-hipdb.com</a>	Part of government efforts to improve healthcare quality and alleviate the financial burden that healthcare fraud and abuse impose on the nation
<b>National Technical Information Service (NTIS)</b>	<a href="http://www.ntis.gov">http://www.ntis.gov</a>	Central source for government technical information
<b>National Uniform Billing Committee (NUBC)</b>	<a href="http://www.nubc.org">http://www.nubc.org</a>	An organization created to meet the goals of administrative simplification as outlined in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996
<b>National Uniform Claims Committee (NUCC)</b>	<a href="http://www.nucc.org">http://www.nucc.org</a>	Develops a standardized data set for use by non-institutional healthcare communities to transmit claim and encounter information to and from all third-party payers
<b>North Carolina Healthcare Information and Alliance (NCHICA)</b>	<a href="http://www.nchica.org">http://www.nchica.org</a>	NCHICA works with information technology and secure communications to improve healthcare.
<b>Northern Light Computers and Privacy</b>	<a href="http://special.northernlight.com/privacy/index.html">http://special.northernlight.com/privacy/index.html</a>	Northern Light's site for computers and privacy
<b>Privacy Officers Association (POA)</b>	<a href="http://www.privacyassociation.org">http://www.privacyassociation.org</a>	An organization for privacy officers in North America



<b>Professional Association of Health Care Office Managers (PAHCOM)</b>	<a href="http://www.pahcom.com">http://www.pahcom.com</a>	Provides a support system to the managers of group and solo physician practices
<b>Project Management Institute (PMI)</b>	<a href="http://www.pmi.org">http://www.pmi.org</a>	A nonprofit professional association in the area of project management, PMI establishes project management standards, provides seminars, education programs, and professional certification that more and more organizations desire for their project leaders.
<b>Proven Resumes</b>	<a href="http://www.provenresumes.com">http://www.provenresumes.com</a>	A "how to" site about writing electronic resumes and online job networking
<b>Quality Interagency Coordination Task Force (QuIC)</b>	<a href="http://www.quic.gov">http://www.quic.gov</a>	Federal agencies that purchase, provide, study, or regulate health services are working in a coordinated way toward the common goal of healthcare systems.
<b>Quality of Care- Standards (HCFA)</b>	<a href="http://www.hcfa.gov/quality/4b2.htm">http://www.hcfa.gov/quality/4b2.htm</a>	Hospital conditions of participation for patients' rights Standards (HCFA)
<b>Regent's College Distance Learning</b>	<a href="http://distancelearn.regents.edu">http://distancelearn.regents.edu</a>	A database consisting of 2,000 distance courses offered by regionally accredited New York state colleges and universities
<b>Rehabilitation Accreditation Commission (CARF)</b>	<a href="http://www.carf.org">http://www.carf.org</a>	A nonprofit organization offering accreditation to programs and services in rehabilitation, behavioral health, and other areas.
<b>Salary Calculator</b>	<a href="http://www.homefair.com/homefair/cmr/salcalc.html">http://www.homefair.com/homefair/cmr/salcalc.html</a>	Compares cost of living in hundreds of US cities
<b>Salary Surveys</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="http://www.ahima.org/membership/profile/index.html">http://www.ahima.org/membership/profile/index.html</a></li> <li><a href="http://www.advanceforhim.com/hiss.html">http://www.advanceforhim.com/hiss.html</a></li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annual salary survey conducted by AHIMA</li> <li>Salary survey conducted by <i>Advance for HIM Professionals</i></li> </ol>

<b>Search Engine Watch</b>	<a href="http://www.searchenginewatch.com">http://www.searchenginewatch.com</a>	Search engine
<b>State Public Health Officials</b>	<a href="http://www.health.gov/hpcomments/Guide/state_PH.htm">http://www.health.gov/hpcomments/Guide/state_PH.htm</a>	Contact information for state public health officials
<b>SNOMED</b>	<a href="http://www.snomed.org">http://www.snomed.org</a>	Web site for division of College of American Pathologists that oversees the direction and scientific maintenance of the Systematized Nomenclature of Medicine, better known as SNOMED
<b>SurveySite</b>	<a href="http://www.surveysite.com">http://www.surveysite.com</a>	Provides online market research, Web site evaluation, and e-commerce analysis
<b>Switchboard.com</b>	<a href="http://www.switchboard.com">http://www.switchboard.com</a>	Yellow/White Pages search source
<b>The eHealthcare Association (TeHA)</b>	<a href="http://www.ehealthcareassociation.org">http://www.ehealthcareassociation.org</a>	A nonprofit organization that enhances the Internet Association (TeHA) healthcare industry by serving as a unified voice for all stakeholders with the ultimate goal of improving the quality of care and the efficiency of the healthcare system by advancing the use of the Internet
<b>The Internet Public Library</b>	<a href="http://www.ipl.org">http://www.ipl.org</a>	An educational initiative of the University of Michigan School of Information
<b>Merck Manual Home Edition</b>	<a href="http://www.merck.com/pub/mmanual_home">http://www.merck.com/pub/mmanual_home</a>	Medical reference book
<b>Today in E-Health Business</b>	<a href="http://www.aishealth.com/EHealthBusiness/121400.html">http://www.aishealth.com/EHealthBusiness/121400.html</a>	Home page for <i>Today in E-Health Business</i>
<b>TRUSTe</b>	<a href="http://www.truste.org">http://www.truste.org</a>	Privacy resources
<b>US Government Printing Office</b>	<a href="http://www.gpo.gov">http://www.gpo.gov</a>	Government publications

<b>US Preventive Services Task Force</b>	<a href="http://odphp.osophs.dhhs.gov/pubs/guidecps/">http://odphp.osophs.dhhs.gov/pubs/guidecps/</a>	Guide to clinical prevention services
<b>Uniform Data System</b>	<a href="http://www.udsmr.org/uds-homebody-dw.htm">http://www.udsmr.org/uds-homebody-dw.htm</a>	The Uniform Data System for medical rehabilitation is used for documenting the severity of patient disability and the outcomes of medical rehabilitation.
<b>United States Code</b>	<a href="http://www.access.gpo.gov/congress/cong013.html">http://www.access.gpo.gov/congress/cong013.html</a>	The database contains the laws of the United States
<b>Virtual Hospital</b>	<a href="http://www.vh.org/Providers/ClinRef/FPHandbook/Abbreviations.html">http://www.vh.org/Providers/ClinRef/FPHandbook/Abbreviations.html</a>	Medical abbreviations glossary
<b>WashLaw Web</b>	<a href="http://www.washlaw.edu">http://www.washlaw.edu</a>	Site search options for Washburn University School of Law
<b>Webopedia</b>	<a href="http://www.webopedia.com">http://www.webopedia.com</a>	A dictionary and search engine for computer and Internet technology
<b>WetFeet.com</b>	<a href="http://www.wetfeet.com">http://www.wetfeet.com</a>	A career search site
<b>Wireless Networking Industry's Information Source (WLANA)</b>	<a href="http://www.wlana.com">http://www.wlana.com</a>	A nonprofit educational trade association, comprised of the thought leaders and technology innovators in the local area wireless technology industry
<b>Workgroup for Electronic Data Interchange (WEDI)</b>	<a href="http://www.wedi.org">http://www.wedi.org</a>	A resource for electronic connectivity in the healthcare industry

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**Communities of Practice take first steps**

In February 2001, AHIMA's Communities of Practice took their first steps with the launch of three test communities. Throughout the spring and summer, AHIMA will continue to test the Communities of Practice until they are fully functional. Communities of Practice will be available to all members by October 2001.

Watch the *Journal of AHIMA*, *AHIMA Advantage*, and AHIMA's Web site for more information about Communities of Practice. If you would like to be a beta tester for the APC or Integrated Delivery Systems communities, send your name, ID number, and e-mail address to [sue.haack@ahima.org](mailto:sue.haack@ahima.org), specifying the community you would like to test.

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