

# Toward the Next Century

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AHIMA is 70 years strong—and gaining momentum all the time. As healthcare evolves into the next century, health information management professionals offer unique functions in assuring quality and securing appropriate access to healthcare data.

As personal health information becomes increasingly portable, skilled HIM practitioners serve pivotal roles in maintaining this enterprise of data. The broadening of healthcare delivery systems has swelled opportunities for HIM-related knowledge—expansion which is expected to persist. Vision 2006 initiatives address these emerging roles, with curriculum enhancements and professional guidance to prepare members for vital positions.

In recent years, member benefits have been developed to reflect the electronic culture of the world at large. Current offerings that were not available just a few years ago include the FaxLink service, AHIMA Online with interactive forums, and the electronic job bank. Members can expect these online services to be augmented in the upcoming years to provide even greater convenience and efficiency.

With all of the change inherent in 70 years of growth, one goal remains the same: AHIMA's commitment to supporting members in their professional endeavors and providing national leadership on HIM issues. As we work together to create our collective future, the Association looks forward to a new century of professional advances.

## In Our Leaders' Words

"AHIMA's most significant accomplishments include our visibility and leadership in coding, data quality, and confidentiality issues through symposiums, alliances, and more."

"As a volunteer, I enjoyed being an agent of change, promoting AHIMA and the health information management profession around the world."

"My favorite memory was watching the success of the model curriculum in helping shape the educational future of the profession."

"I treasure the friends I've developed over my years of volunteering, many of whom remain buddies of mine even though I've retired."

"It felt like an electrifying, historic move when we changed our name from AMRA to AHIMA during my tenure as president."

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