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## Comparative Records for Health Information Management, 2E

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The book provides a comprehensive survey of health information management practices in a wide variety of healthcare settings with the focus on settings other than acute care hospitals.

As more health care is delivered outside of the acute care hospital, health information managers are challenged to meet the unique information needs of the non-traditional settings. Most health information managers' original training focused on hospital settings. As more and more practitioners are finding themselves in non-hospital settings, a reliable reference that discusses the characteristics of these new arenas is needed. The purpose is to help health information managers and students prepare to meet these challenges.

The first audience group includes practicing registered health information technicians (RHIT) or administrators (RHIA) who are working in or moving into the non-hospital setting. The book would also be valuable to HIM managers in non-hospital settings who are in their positions without the benefit of formal HIM education. The second major group includes RHIT or RHIA students in health information educational programs. This could be a valuable textbook in a survey course.

The first chapter is an introduction that describes the recent history of healthcare in the U.S. including the effects of changes on payment systems, regulatory and accreditation issues, the impact of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and the evolution of the electronic health records. The remaining 15 chapters focus on a particular healthcare setting including hospital based ambulatory care, freestanding ambulatory care, managed care, dialysis, correctional facilities, mental health facilities, substance abuse treatment centers and much more. Each chapter follows a consistent outline and new in this edition are the changes in payment systems in the non-acute care settings. The impact of HIPAA privacy and security of health information in a variety of settings is thoroughly addressed. Each chapter contains well-structured learning aids such as objectives, key terms, summary, review questions, web activity, and a case study.

This is a one-of-a-kind book that puts reliable, practical information into the hands of health information managers who need to know the facts about managing health information in non-acute care hospital settings. It is a book that can be read cover-to-cover as a textbook in an educational program. It is just as valuable to the practicing health information manager to read one or a couple of chapters to get up to speed on the unique characteristics of these alternative settings. The author has assembled an impressive group of contributors to share their expertise. You can't find this level of detail in many other books. For that reason, I highly recommend it as a valuable addition to your reference shelf.

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