

Health Information Management Professionals are vital members of the health care team and are involved in many aspects of Health Information Management. Health Information Management Professionals may work in these functions:

- Coding Classification Specialist
- Information Manager
- Data Analyst
- Release of Information
- HIM Advisor
- Patient Advocate
- Privacy Officer
- Utilization Management

Health Information Management Professionals may be employed in the following types of organizations:

- Hospitals
- Consulting Firms
- Computer Vendors
- Government Agencies
- Privacy Commissioners Office
- Education Institutions
- Community Health Clinics
- Law Enforcement Agencies
- Law Offices
- Insurance Companies
- Pharmaceutical Companies
- Primary Care Agencies
- Home Care
- Mental Health
- Research Agencies
- Nursing Homes/Long Term Care Facilities



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Saskatchewan Health Information Management Association

The Saskatchewan Health Information Management Association (SHIMA) is a professional organization comprised of Health Information Management (HIM) professionals in the province of Saskatchewan. The objective of SHIMA is to promote the roles of the Health Information Management profession and to contribute to the wellness and the provision of quality healthcare through excellence in health information.

Other objectives include:

- Represent the profession on issues affecting the quality of health information management services.
- Provide and promote opportunity for professional development of the membership.
- Interpret high standards of education for the profession.
- Interpret the health information management service and increase awareness of the profession to the public.
- Liaise with governments on legislative matters, which impact upon health information management services.

SHIMA Positions & Committees Include:

- President
- President—Elect
- Past President
- Secretary-Treasurer
- Publications, Publicity and Public Relations
- Professional Development
- Convention Planner

The Saskatchewan Health Information Management Association is an affiliate of the Canadian Health Information Management Association (CHIMA).

Health Information Management Professionals provide leadership and expertise in the following areas:

Data Quality: Health Information Management professionals are involved in abstracting, data classification and analysis ensuring quality information.

E-HIM: Health Information Management professionals are involved in the development of consistent standards both for the infrastructure of electronic information and its content. Health Information Management professionals have project management skills and knowledge to plan, design, develop, and implement the transition from paper to the electronic health record.

Privacy: Health Information Management professionals are involved in establishing processes to protect personal health information including preventing unauthorized access, use, disclosure, modification or destruction as well as ensuring that complete, accurate and timely information is available to authorized individuals when and where they need it.

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