

CHIMA (*Canadian Health Information Managements Association*) represents more than 3,700 certified Health Information Management (HIM™) professionals from across Canada in addition to 1,300 affiliate, student and retired members. HIM professionals are employed in: hospitals; in the community health and extended care sectors; government; health and education institutions; the private sector including insurance and pharmaceutical companies; technology vendors; and consulting firms.

The skills and knowledge of the HIM professional support clinical research and provide the information for medical and health care statistics

HIM professionals support data collection, use, access and disclosure, to the retention and destruction of health information regardless of format; they perform qualitative analysis on the documentation within the health record and are responsible for the security of health records.

As a profession, we:

Contribute to client care, outcomes and safety through the provision of accurate, complete, timely and accessible health information.

Support the Canadian public by advocating for and monitoring the privacy, security and confidentiality of personal health information.

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Ensuring Health Information Integrity



Health Information & Technology Week

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DID YOU KNOW?

- Health Information Management Professionals (HIMP) must complete a 2 year post secondary program and are certified at a national level.
- HIMPs must maintain certification through yearly education credits.

We:

- Are responsible for maintaining the integrity of the health record.
- Are responsible for extracting data from charts for national & international databases like Canadian Institute of Health Information (CIHI) and the World Health Organization (WHO).
- Provide statistics and data to Senior Leadership, clinicians, government agencies, managers, etc. that can be used for utilization purposes, research, budgeting, etc.

- Are responsible for disclosure of medical information in accordance with HIPA.