

VISION USER GROUP



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Message from the President
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Dear Vision User Group Members,

Wow, I can hardly believe it but Vision 2008 is only a few short months away. I hope you have found your “Jane” or “Tarzan” costume or maybe you are more of a jungle explorer type. As always, we encourage you to get into the theme by dressing up at the Tuesday night gala. Speaking of the gala, I am so excited about this year’s entertainment. The Vision User Group is very fortunate to have booked Terry Fator. Mr. Fator is a world class impersonator, comedian, singer, and ventriloquist who also won the *America’s Got Talent* contest. Don’t miss this night to remember!

Although the gala is a big night for Vision attendees, there are plenty of other activities you don’t want to miss. The workshops start on Saturday, so make sure you check them out. The Focus Group members have been hard at work putting together some great sessions as well, so look them over at www.ms4vision.com and then register online.

On Sunday, April 20, we host a Welcome Reception that is a great way to catch the spirit of the conference. Come join us for an evening of food, games, and music. It’s also a great opportunity to reconnect with your Vision friends.

Monday morning is Opening Ceremonies. The MedSeries4 folks and the Vision Board kickoff the conference with lots of fanfare, and Siemens brings you up to date on their latest endeavors. And you certainly will want to catch the one and only annual Vision video!

Don’t forget the Vision User Group Business Meeting on Tuesday from 11:30 am to 12:15 pm. This is your opportunity to meet and talk to the Board. It is also your last chance to cast your ballots for open board positions. Come and let your voice be heard.

The Sheraton City Centre Hotel is hosting our conference. If you’re like me you’ll love the convenience of staying right there at the hotel. It fills up fast, so book your rooms early by calling the hotel at 801-401-2000. If the hotel is booked, the overflow recommendation is the Embassy Suites.

All of the conference information is available now on our website at www.ms4vision.com. The conference booklet should be on its way as well, but always check back to the website for any last minute changes that didn’t make it to the booklet.

Grab your gear and get ready for a wild adventure full of lots of fun and excitement as we explore the jungle at Vision 2008.

MS4 & Vision – TOU-CAN DO IT

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Sherri Ward
Vision Board President

Message from your Editor

Just a short message from your new editor



Remember that Vision 2008 starts on Saturday, April 19, with workshops. unday evening will be starting April 19 – 23, 2008 at the Sheraton City Centre Hotel in downtown Salt Lake City. The workshops will start on Saturday, April 19, 2008.

In this issue you'll also find the nomination form for the Vision Board nominations.

There are a few exciting workshops I'd like to call to your attention.

eLEARNING - Just sign up for any of the five eLearning workshops (W10, W24, W38, W52, or W66). Then come to the Market West room during that workshop time, choose from hundreds of topics, and learn at your own pace. Course topics cover Siemens Medical applications and tools, business and professional development, information technologies, and desktop applications. Note that:

- You can sign up for as many classes as you want.
- You can take up to two weeks after Vision to complete them on line from home.
- Select courses qualify for continuing education credit upon completion and associated testing.

WEBSHERE – This four part class (W23, W37, W51, and W65) will be taught by an IBM expert. Learn how to install and configure WebSphere Application Server (WAS) Express on the iSeries. Skills taught will include:

- Introduce iSeries developer roadmap
- Evaluate WAS architecture overview
- Compare WAS different versions and packaging
- Install and configure WAS Express on iSeries
- Analyze the overview of IBM Business Solutions
- Describe J2EE and WAS security
- Utilize WAS problem determination overview
- Utilize WAS backup recovery overview

VISUAL LISTENING (W55) - Become a VP in your organization (Visual Practitioner, that is). There's a saying, "I don't know what I mean until I see what I say." Even art-phobes will enjoy this workshop as you learn to doodle creatively and constructively. You'll learn about graphic facilitation, and then spend much of the hands-on session learning how to create graphic components in your work with individuals and groups. You'll finish with some ideas on integrating your graphics repertoire with some of the most common group dynamics, including meetings, presentations, brainstorming, conferences, and more.

VISION USER GROUP BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATION FORM

Name: _____

Title: _____

Facility: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Number of Years working with Siemens Medseries4 Applications _____

Professional experience: _____

Your interest in the Vision Board: _____

What direction would you like to see the Vision Board take: _____

How can you help the Vision Board accomplish its purpose: _____

What can you contribute to the Vision Board: _____

Return to: Vision User Group, c/o Siemens, 215 N. Admiral Byrd Rd, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84116 or email to Karen.Bowling@sjhhealth.com (207) 907-1268.

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MIRA Focus Group

Client Co-Chair: Karen Hope
Siemens Co-Chair: Gaylene Gladden

VISION 2008 -- Plans are coming together! Session presentations are nearing completion, AND one of the sessions listed below is fashioned after JEOPARDY. So plan to attend; plan to learn; and, plan to have some fun with other MIRA users.

SESSION TOPICS INCLUDE:

- ü New MIRA releases and a Focus Group update
- ü CPT4 Code flow and issue resolution (a joint session with AR)
- ü Government's impact on the revenue cycle (a joint session with PF)
- ü Clinical Suite and how it impacts HIM
- ü Picking up the pieces after a disaster strikes
- ü MIRA for new attendees and/or new clients
- ü MIRA tips and tricks
- ü MIRA data extraction
- ü Unit Consolidation & un-do Unit Consolidation

SUMMER BUNDLE - 2008:

This release will include several MIRA report enhancements. There will be CPT4 screen and file updates with the ability to link the CPT4 with a diagnosis for 1500 along with the update to the CPT4 master file with code effective dates.

Expect MIRA MPI and Abstract search enhancements and much, much more.

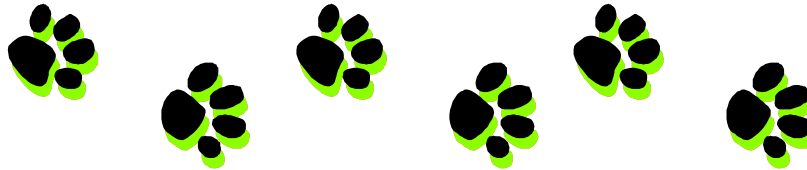
MEMBERSHIP:

The MIRA Focus Group continues to look for new members. Membership involvement consists of a monthly conference call and attendance of the Fall Meeting and Vision Conference each year. Members also have first-hand knowledge of the upcoming fixes and enhancements to the MS4 MIRA and Privacy Administration applications, and have the opportunity to voice specific needs of your hospital, as well as the HIM industry, that will help MS4 continue to develop a better MIRA product. And, you will have a great network of friends!

If you are interested in joining, please contact Gaylene Gladden at gaylene.gladden@siemens.com.

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Patient Financial Focus Group



Client Co-Chair: Susan Mattos
Siemens Co-Chair: Diane Hummel

The Patient Financial Focus Group (PFFG) conducts monthly conference calls to receive Board updates, review new clients, discuss release updates, review SPECs with Siemens, discuss general issues, and plan for the Vision Conference.

Can you believe that Vision 2008 is just around the corner? Your PFFG has been busy putting the final touches on some really exciting presentations for this year's conference! We offer something for everybody: beginner to advanced user levels as well as sharing our best practices and experiences with you. Make sure you sign up for your workshops and sessions as soon as possible because they will fill up fast!

Here are just a few of the sessions we have planned for you at Vision 2008, listed by theme and session name:

Jungle Jive	- CPT4 Code Flow and Issue Resolution
Jumanji – Win the Game of Adventure	- MS4 Scheduling V9
Watch Out for that – Denial!	- Denial Management with ACTS
The Circle of Life	- Patient Account Revenue Cycle

Fond farewells to Bruce Spratling, from Deaconess Billing Clinic. Thank you for all your help and we will certainly miss you!

We are currently in search of new focus group members. If you are interested, please contact Susan Mattos to obtain an application form at MattosS@sutterhealth.org or call (916) 978-8960.

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Technical Focus Group

Client Co-Chair: Mark Erb

Siemens Co-Chair: Jie Xu

IBM Plans Major Release of i5/OS – V6R1

IBM plans to introduce a major new release of i5/OS V6R1 in 2008, with a wide range of enhancements that include major new security, business resiliency and virtualization capabilities. i5/OS security enhancements will help companies protect vital data by encrypting backups to any tape device as well as files stored on disk. In addition, new intrusion protection features will help businesses guard against hackers.

IBM continues investment in business resiliency, including enhancements and further simplification of system cluster management. Virtualization support will be enhanced with new features to simplify testing and deployment of i5/OS applications. Also i5/OS storage virtualization will be enhanced to enable broader access to network storage devices.

With this new release, IBM will require conversion of all programs created under previous releases that use the i5/OS Machine Interface (MI). This conversion upgrades and refreshes programs to take advantage of the latest system enhancements, including enhanced system integrity, improved performance, and a range of new operating system and processor capabilities. In order for a program to be converted, its creation data (sometimes referred to as observability) must be available. Programs created for V5R1 or later automatically retain creation data sufficient for conversion. Clients and ISVs with programs created for OS/400® V4R5 and earlier need to ensure that creation data is available for the conversion process. For more information on required program conversions, read IBM red paper <http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/redpieces/pdfs/redp4293.pdf>

The Technical and System Integration Focus Group is continuously looking for new MS4 client members. Please contact Mark Erb and Jie Xu (1-801-539-4642 or jiexu@siemens.com) for more information.

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Patient Care Focus Group**Client Co-Chair: Kim Atkins****Siemens Co-Chair: Liz Hansen**

The Patient Care Focus Group (PCFG) continues to participate in monthly conference calls to receive board updates, discuss product enhancements and most importantly share information among members on ways to utilize MS4 clinical applications. Web meetings have become a valuable tool for sharing of some of these ideas.

We are busy with finalizing our presentations for the 2008 Vision conference in April. The annual conference is just around the corner and much time is spent with the planning and creation of educational sessions we feel may be beneficial to other users. We encourage other MS4 users to share ideas for future sessions with any focus group member. The PCFG will again include a poster presentation during the Vision Conference. If any clinical user has a topic that they would like to share via a poster presentation please contact Kim Atkins at katkins@frhs.org.

Several focus group members have also participated in a subgroup that meets with MS4 Development on a weekly basis to review and offer input on enhancements to the reporting and care plan modules. The changes to the software will make a real difference in the functionality of the system. The future is exciting for MS4.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the conference in Salt Lake.

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Financial Services Focus Group

Client Co-Chair: Tricia Billington

Siemens Co-Chair: Michael West & Masami Goldsberry

In December 2007, the Financial Services Focus Group met and conducted our quarterly conference call meeting. The group spent time discussing additional information about sessions and workshops for the 2008 Vision User Conference. We will be presenting 18 sessions during the conference focusing on a variety of General Financial topics. One track will be dedicated to Accounts Payable and Materials Management. The other track will cover other financial application topics. There should be something for all General Financial users.

We encourage all General Financial users to review the available sessions and workshops this year and register to attend the 2008 Vision User Conference. This year's theme is *MS4 & VISION: TOU-CAN DO IT*. The conference won't be the same with out you. So please plan on attending April 19 – 23, 2008.

The Financial Services Focus Group indicated in our last newsletter that we recently had two new members join our group. We continue to recruit and look for more individuals that want to participate. We are looking for people with experience in any of the following general financial applications (GL, MA, AP, PP/HR, FA, and Budgeting). We are especially in need of representatives for payroll and human resources.

For session/workshop ideas, membership information, or any other questions, please call or email:

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Case Mix/Re Focus Group

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Siemens Co-Chair: Mary Heckle

Prepared by Bruce Johnson, Alaska Native Medical Center

IS YOUR HOSPITAL TAKING FULL OPPORTUNITIES TO MAXIMIZE MEDICARE PAYMENT SUPPORTED BY DOCUMENTATION?

During the last few months the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has revised the *weights* and *rates* for diagnostic related groups for inpatient reimbursement. CMS expects that hospitals will take “full advantage of the coding opportunities to maximize Medicare payment that is supported by documentation in the medical record, CMS 2008 IPPS Final Rule.” This moving target of changing CMS inpatient reimbursement presents a challenge to hospitals, medical staff, coding, case mix and reimbursement professionals.

Here are some key terms to remember:

- § **CC – Complication/Comorbidity** – list reduced to 2,583 diagnosis
- § **MCC – Major Complication/Comorbidity**
- § **MS-DRG - Medical Severity Adjusted Diagnostic Related Groups** – Effective FY08
- § **DRG – Diagnosis Related Group** – CMS goal was to identify patient groups that shared demographic, diagnostic and therapeutic attributes – FY07 and prior years
- § **For example** the change in weights may be seen in the table below:

DRG	DESCRIPTION	RELATIVE WEIGHT
89	SIMPLE PNEUMONIA & PLEURISY AGE GREATER THAN 17 W/CC	1.0376
90	SIMPLE PNEUMONIA & PLEURISY AGE GREATER THAN 17 W/O CC	0.6148
91	SIMPLE PNEUMONIA AGE 0-17	0.5598

MS-DRG	DESCRIPTION	RELATIVE WEIGHT
193	SIMPLE PNEUMONIA & PLEURISY W/MCC	1.2505
194	SIMPLE PNEUMONIA & PLEURISY W/CC	1.0235
195	SIMPLE PNEUMONIA & PLEURISY W/O MCC/CC	0.8398

Case Mix/Re Focus Group-Cont'd

Significant changes include:

- § DRGs have been expanded from 579 to 745
 - Current DRGs consolidated into base DRGs
 - Diagnosis categorized as MCC, CC or Non-CC
 - Rates of reimbursement are changing
 - § Reimbursements must be periodically recalculated in Accounts Receivable based on your Provider Disclosure Statements key terms
 - Relative weights have been revised based on costs rather than charges
 - § Sicker patients likely qualify for higher weights
 - § Less acute patients likely qualify for lower weights
- § Complications or conditions that arise during the hospital inpatient stay that lengthen the hospital stay will not be reimbursed by CMS. Present on admission conditions must now be documented in the medical record.

Next Steps at Your Organization:

- § Review the Case Mix DRG Margin and DRG Frequency Reports at your organization.
- § Confirm with your FI any changes to your Provider Disclosure Statement.
- § Take a unified approach working with your medical staff, coding and leadership to evaluate most appropriate documentation.

This topic and others will be discussed further at the Vision Users Group Case Mix and Reimbursement Focus Group update. For more information on this topic, please contact Bruce Johnson, Case Mix and Reimbursement Focus Group Member, Alaska Native Medical Center, Anchorage, Alaska at bwjohnson@anmc.org.

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