

Dolbey News

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Dolbey Travels to Atlanta for HIMSS Next Month

Dolbey will be traveling to HIMSS in Atlanta, GA next month to exhibit. The dates are Monday March 1st through Wednesday March 3rd. Visit Dolbey at HIMSS Booth #1315, receive a demonstration or listen to our guest speaker and get registered for a chance to win an Amazon Kindle!

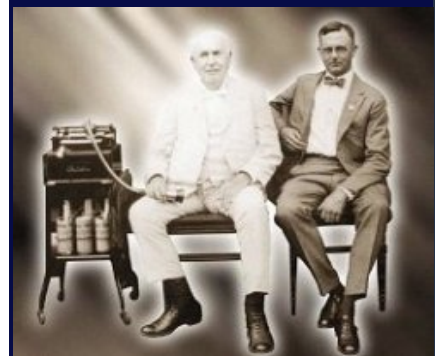


Come See Us At HIMSS and Join Us For A Free HITECH Discussion at Booth #1315

The world for HIPAA Business Associates has been rocked like never before thanks to the expanded requirements and obligations placed on Business Associates (BAs) by the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act (Title XII of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act).

Given the large amount of data processed daily by medical transcription businesses, the importance of compliance to these new rules is critical to secure workflow processes and timely documentation as they take on new regulatory obligations related to data protection, breach notification, workforce training, and so much more.

Learn about how the HITECH Act impacts your dictation and transcription policies, methods and equipment. Visit us for one of these free, 15 minute discussions from one of the industry's leading consultants. Invest a few minutes and gain a wealth of knowledge to protect your PHI.



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2009 Salary Survey Results



While 2009 served as a financial Armageddon in certain sectors, ADVANCE's

Hear Brenda J. Hurley, CMT, AHDI-F in one of these four free sessions.

**Monday, March 1st at 3:00 and 3:45
Tuesday, March 2nd at 11:00 and 11:45**

Dolbey will also be featuring Fusion Expert® front-end speech recognition and Fusion CAC™ at the show and looking to demonstrate the product's competitive offerings.



Fusion Expert utilizes the SpeechMagic™ engine and is a fully integrated component of the Dolbey Fusion suite of products including Fusion Text® for transcription, Fusion Voice® for dictation and Fusion Speech® for background speech recognition. Fusion Expert is available in many different contexts including Radiology.

Fusion Expert gives the physician or radiologist more control over their reports from dictation and correction to signature, assisting in the ever-present demand for faster access to clinical information and improved patient care. Fusion Expert can significantly reduce report turnaround time, dramatically lowering transcription costs and potentially eliminating the need for outsourced transcription.

Computer-assisted coding software from Dolbey, powered by the patent-pending natural language processing (NLP) engine EMscribe, is an innovative technology that uses algorithmic, clinical language analysis of an entire patient chart to suggest codes. Starting with pre-coded charts enables Medical Coders to focus their skilled expertise on coding accuracy, consistency and rule compliance. Fusion CAC results in a streamlined coding workflow, enhances the revenue cycle process and provides for more accurate, consistent and timely reimbursement outcomes.

Dolbey staff and Dealer sales representatives will be on hand to provide demonstrations of Dolbey's Fusion Suite of products, including Dictation, Transcription, Speech Recognition and the newest product Computer-Assisted Coding software.

2009 Salary Survey indicates that professionals in the HIM field managed to keep their heads above water under the most difficult of circumstances.

This year, we present responses from professionals spanning a record 29 specific professions--up from 2008's total of 22. While last year's impressive salary increases across the board weren't repeated, 56 percent of respondents did report receiving a raise over their 2008 compensation, with just under 8 percent of professionals responding that their salary actually decreased in 2009.

The biggest change to this year's survey is the method in which salaries are reported. In 2008, respondents were asked for a precise dollar figure indicating their compensation. To offer a more representative view of things--and to ease interpretation of survey results--this year's survey asked for a salary range within \$5,000. For example, a person making \$77,000 would now report themselves as having earned "\$75,000-80,000."

Fusion Forum 2010 Save the Date!

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Fusion Forum 2010 User's Conference and Training Workshop

Every two years Dolbey has a User's Conference to provide training to existing users and potential customers on the entire Fusion Suite.

Why Attend?

Hear straight from other customers how Fusion works for them.

See how to better leverage your current workflow.

Learn from people like you who are tackling similar challenges.

Gain tips, tricks, and tools for the Fusion Suite™.

Get updates on new features and software.

Please join us at the Dolbey User's Conference and Training Workshop being held at the Gaylord Palms in Orlando, FL, September 23-24, 2010.

Plan to stay at the Gaylord to attend AHIMA's annual Convention and Exhibit, September 25-30, 2010.

Contact your Local Dolbey Dealer for more information or [Click Here to pre-register.](#)

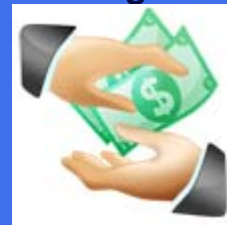
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Brenda J. Hurley, CMT, AHDI-F

As the deadline looms for new rules to be enacted by the HITECH Act, looking for compliance tools has taken on a new importance for HIPAA business associates (BAs). While so much emphasis (and for good reason) has been placed on data breach notification and data encryption, it could be easy to overlook some of the other requirements that have also been added to BAs.

Before HITECH, BAs had limited obligations under the HIPAA Security Rule, but now BAs must comply with the entire Rule. This includes not only appropriate safeguards for the data, but also formal policies and procedures, training, audits, as well as contingency planning.

Allocating Your IT Budget



Let's start with two questions: How should a not-for-profit health care organization allocate its IT budget for competing capital, especially with funding allocations dwindling? And, how should a health care organization measure the value of financial considerations, especially in light of today's economy?

Financial measures are important, and as we often say, "no margin, no mission," yet, non-financial measures are also important. After all, we are in the business to further the health care organization's mission, not to maximize financial returns to shareholders. However, there are times when we fund a project that does not have a positive financial return on investment (ROI), and we accept that reality in not-for-profit health care. That doesn't mean that we cannot try to measure the intangible value that these projects bring to the organization.

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HIPAA states that the purpose of a contingency plan is to have an established coordinated strategy that involves plans, procedures and technical measures to enable the recovery of systems, operations, and data after a business disruption. The primary objective is to reduce the level of risk for loss or breach of data, and to reduce the time for business disruption so that authorized individuals can have access to vital systems and information when required. It was because of the importance placed on this "availability" principle that the plans for data backup, emergency mode operations, emergency access procedures, and a disaster recovery are all required implementation specifications under the Security Rule, and now required of BAs.

Within the limited space of this article, let's take a brief look at each of these required contingency plan items, and then explain a compliance tool that may be useful for your organization when designing and creating your own corporate plan.

Data backup plan: The objective is to have a plan in place for consistent procedures to create and maintain retrievable exact copies of electronic patient data and business data that is critical for the continuation of operations and services. A data backup plan would also include periodic testing to assure that the retrieval of data is functional, as well as established time intervals for appropriate data destruction. BAs should not be a "forever" digital file cabinet for their clients. Refer to the NIST publication on Guidelines for Media Sanitization (www.nist.gov) for acceptable data destruction methods. The data backup plan is defined within the Administrative Safeguards section of the Security Rule.

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About Dolbey

Since 1914, Dolbey has delivered timely solutions with an emphasis on customer partnering.

With expert solutions and fast, local support from locations in most major cities in North America, Dolbey is the company you need to address your fast changing requirements.

We provide the most integrated solution for dictation, transcription, speech recognition and computer-assisted coding.

This is our mission and our accomplishment.



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