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## 75th Anniversary 1942 - 2017

In 2017, CHIMA celebrates 75 years of learning, teaching, advocacy, change and progress. HIM professionals are part of a team of people, processes and technology that work together to enable and support quality care of patients.

This profession has changed over time to evolve into a variety of different areas. We celebrate where we have been and how far we have come!

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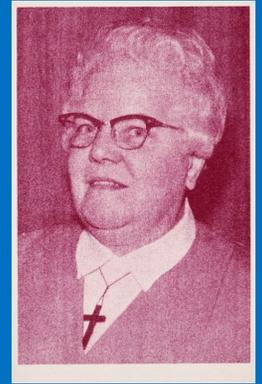
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# CHIMA Pioneer

## Sister Marie-Paul Rheault



Sister Marie-Paul Rheault was born in Victoriaville, Quebec and entered the Novitiate of the Grey Nuns of Montreal in St. Boniface, Manitoba. Sister Rheault devoted her energies and abilities to music and drama. However, her career was redirected in 1950 when she became the first student in the newly established course for Medical Record Librarians in St. Boniface General Hospital in Manitoba. Receiving distinction in her registration examination, Sister Rheault became the first licensed Medical Record Librarian graduate in Western Canada.

Sister Marie-Paul Rheault founded the first Medical Record Librarian School in Alberta in 1954 at the Edmonton General Hospital. This was done in conjunction with the Canadian Association of Medical Record Librarians and the Board of Registration.

Sister Rheault stated that the purpose of the program was to:

1. Elevate the standards of medical records in hospitals thereby elevating the standards of patient care.
2. Give effective academic and practical experience to enable the student to master the knowledge and skills to perform all duties of a Medical Record Librarian.
3. Develop in a student a clear understanding of their professional status, being conscious of all qualities, which will meet the needs of the patient, the physician and the hospital.

Sister Rheault was always an advocate of her students and she often took the opportunity to ask them the question: "What are you doing with the tools which have been provided to you by your training?" This was then followed by a short lecture: "One of the saddest things that can happen to a trained Medical Record Librarian is that their training becomes dated by not adding to it. No other hospital profession is undergoing more radical change in its basic operation than that of the Medical Record Librarian. This profession requires a great deal of application, hard work and continuing education to realize the potential of a field which lies before each graduate."

Sister Rheault became ill and returned to Montreal in 1974 and remained there until her death in 1978. Sister Marie-Paul Rheault certainly had a vision and she would be pleased to know that today's Health Information Management Professionals still apply themselves to new skills and challenges, work hard and continue their education.

We would like to pay tribute to Sister Rheault who was an "exceptional leader" in quality health information management. We remember her vision and her use of tools for "**Navigating The Maze to Success**" and her legacy to HIM.



# The Other Side of Coding

## Nicole Prieur



With so many varied positions under the HIM umbrella, it is interesting to know what the other side of our data is, aside from coding, records management, and access and disclosure.

I am a Technical Resource Coordinator for the data collection team in the Calgary zone. My role is to maintain our 3M abstracting and reporting system, and submit our files to MACAR. I really enjoy this position because every day brings new technical challenges as well as structured routine tasks that keep the system running properly.

Some of my tasks include monitoring our HL7 feed from the ADT system, Clinibase. Every morning, the previous day's discharges are sent to 3M as abstracts to be coded. When they come in, they are now available for the coders. If they don't come in, or there is some kind of glitch, the coders cannot start their concurrent coding. This can cause work to back up, and can affect our coding status. Once the charts are coded, and ongoing throughout the process, multiple edits, error flags, and quality checks are continuously run to assure that all relevant fields are entered, demographics are correct, and as many errors as possible can be addressed before the data is submitted to Alberta Health. The 3MHDM system includes a report writing module that works well to identify almost anything that you can think of in an abstract, by writing a report that fits the parameters.

Cleaning up the data as an ongoing task, saves a lot of time at the end of the month when we are trying to have it all submitted, as well as coding into the next month. It also keeps our data clean and consistent for data analysis. Some of the other things I do in the 3M system are update the system to accept new programs that are to be coded. This is done with a request to IT, then I set up the program in 3M test environment and it is ran on a test abstract. Once it works as it should it is duplicated in the production environment. Once the coders start seeing the abstract, we collect data and analysed ensure that all relevant fields are captured, and all edits are functioning.

The TRC position is probably one of the most interesting and challenging positions I have held, it has the technical computer side to it, but also the problem solving aspect of figuring our errors, and working with lots of different people to accomplish goals.



## “Develop Your Voice...”

### Angela Comeau

Sheryl Sandberg, pictured here, is the COO of Facebook and is a source of inspiration for me because of her encouragement of women in leadership roles, among other things. See the attached link for an article by Stanford Business titled 'Develop Your Voice, Not Your Brand' In this article, Sheryl provides career planning advice, tips to develop yourself and your values, and the importance of helping others along the way. Enjoy!

<https://www.gsb.stanford.edu/insights/sheryl-sandberg-develop-your-voice-not-your-brand>

# Newcomers to the Industry

## Jordan Bassett

My name is Jordan Bassett. I am currently working at the Hay River Health and Social Services Authority, in the Northwest Territories, as an EMR Administrator. I also am a Year 2 student in the Health Information Management program, through The Centre of Distance Education.

Recently I had the chance and opportunity to write an abstract and short paper that was accepted for presentation at an International eHealth Conference in Luxembourg City, Luxembourg. The conference was held from April 5-7, 2017. I presented my paper on ePrescribing: An Important part of Medication Safety. The paper is now published in the Journal of the International Society for Telemedicine and eHealth. The journey was an incredible opportunity for both my school studies and career. I visited 7 countries in 14 days to make the trip over an experience of a lifetime.

The following is my abstract that got me accepted and started this whole expedition.

ePrescribing is the next service tool that will enable pharmacists and providers the ability to manage a patient's current and historical medications. Allowing the provider to easily send an electronic prescription directly to the pharmacist will help eliminate errors in prescribing, reduce fraud and narcotic abuse, decrease the waiting time at the clinic and pharmacy, and focus on patient safety and continuity of care.

Going to the doctor can sometimes be tough when your community does not have a permanent provider in the community. Time is taken to get an appointment, explain your medical history to a traveling locum, and then get a prescription. The patient then needs to go to the local or closest pharmacy and wait again for the prescription to be filled. A patient can wait for up to two hours for the whole process to be completed. There has to be a more efficient way to get the proper information, access and care the patient needs. Between 2009 and 2014, there were approximately 655 deaths reported from fentanyl overdoses in Canada. With ePrescribing, the patient will never touch the prescription, hence minimizing the risk of multiple prescriptions being filled. Instant messaging between the provider and pharmacist will save on fax and phone communication, and allow the right information to be communicated promptly to the right person. The instant communication between a provider and pharmacist can ensure that the drug being prescribed is not going to interact with other medications and ensure that the patient has not already filled the prescription. The pharmacist can also give details on the current course of medication, and inform the provider if the patient is covered by their current insurance. While a patient's healthcare record is changing from paper to an electronic format, we need to ensure we are providing the tools necessary to help healthcare providers attain the best healthcare for patients. Hence optimal use of ePrescribing will ultimately reduce medication error rates and other safety risks.

**Thank you for representing HIM Professionals on a global stage!**

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# Saying Goodbye - Rest In Peace

## Janice Govia

The ABNT Chapter Committee would like to recognize the untimely passing of our committee member, Janice Govia.

Janice had worked for 19 years as a Health Information Management Professional. She had experience in Chart Management, Access and Disclosure as well as Emergency, Daycare and Subacute Coding. In 2003 she utilized her core skill set in data analytics, information management processes and knowledge of health information laws and regulations to pursue a new career path in clinical research. She worked as a clinical research associate in Pediatric Oncology for the last 13 years.

Janice believed in the versatility of a Diploma/Degree in Health Information Management and knew that it was a very valuable asset.

Janice will be missed by all of those she left behind.



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**Everyone has a story. Share yours with us.**

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