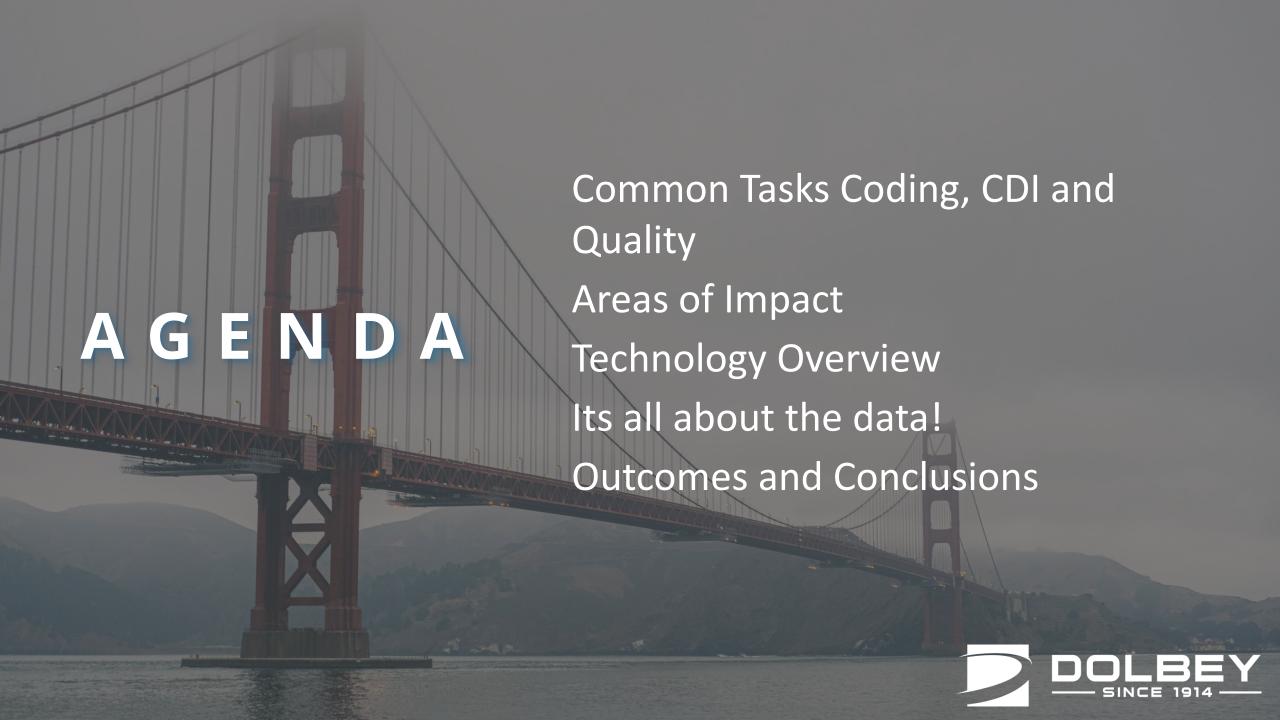


BRIDGING THE GAP B E T W E E N CODING, CDI AND Q U A L I T Y

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"Excellence is the current buzz word in Healthcare delivery. However, no matter how excellent the care, the coding professionals stand between that excellent care and the health care organization getting back the reimbursement they deserve. It's a tremendous responsibility!"

— Rhonda Crabtree

Organizational Efficiency Officer

Covenant Healthcare

TEAM PARTICPATION

- Even though coders have the responsibility of submitting the chart to billing, that doesn't mean coders are exclusively responsible for the correctness of the bill!
- Many team members participate, today we are going to talk about a few of those members.
 - CDI
 - Quality
 - Coding





CLINICAL DOCUMENTATION IMPROVEMENT

The clinical documentation improvement (CDI) professionals have a worthy task to help identify and communicate opportunities and risks related to documentation inefficiencies in the medical record.

CDI COMMON TASKS

- Perform Concurrent Reviews
- Query providers to reduce or eliminate retrospective queries
- Focus reviews on charts that need the most attention
- Review ROM/SOI
- Assign Working DRG
- Communicate with Quality
- Collaborate with Coding





CODING

Coding professionals are deeply devoted to identifying the correct codes to accurately represent patient care, resources consumed, severity of illness, and risk of mortality.

CODER COMMON TASKS

- Post Discharge and/or Concurrent Workflow
- Read the chart and query if needed
- Assign Codes
- Abstract any data elements required
- Communicate with Quality
- Collaborate with CDI





QUALITY INITIATIVES

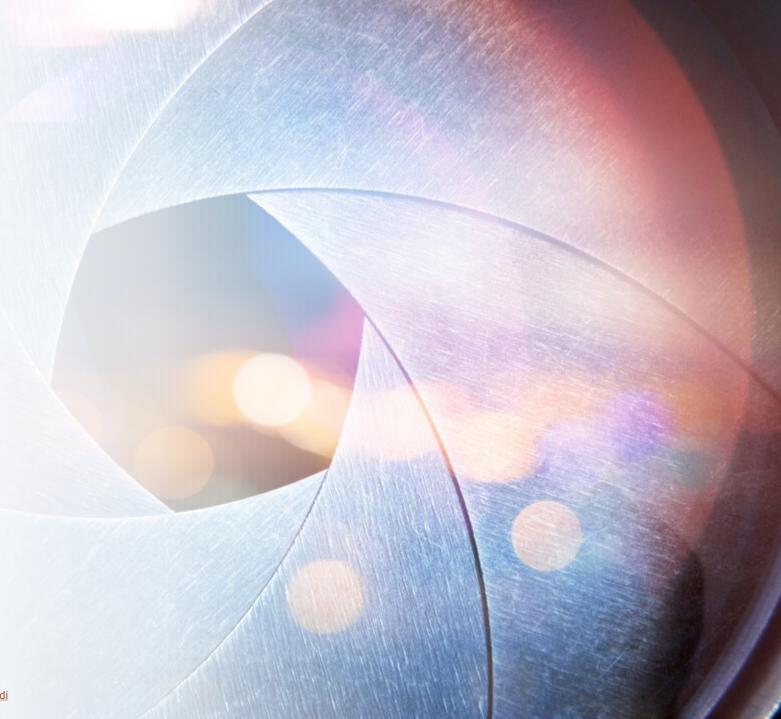
The quality initiatives (QI) professionals pinpoint and communicate patient safety indictors (PSI), hospital acquired conditions (HAC) and other quality initiatives to ensure providers can react as early in the stay as possible, while ensuring the documentation is accurately depicted on the data points that can impact the hospital's quality scores.

QUALITY INITIATIVES COMMON TASKS

- Post Discharge, Concurrent and Retrospective Workflow
- Read the chart and ask the coder or CDI to query if needed
- Collaborate with the Healthcare Provider
- Communicate updates with CDI and Coding
- Track and Trend data
 - Education
 - Decisions

LOOKING AT THE VALUE

- Accurate reflection of a patient's clinical status and services provided
- Quality outcomes and value-based care
- Coded data is integral to other initiatives
 - Revenue cycle
 - Quality
 - Value-based care
 - Population health
 - Strategic planning



COST OF NO COLLABORATION

- TIME!
- Lack of Reconciliation
- Increased Denials
- Increased DNFB
- Increased AR days



WHY COLLABORATE?

- Brainstorming
- Providing Value
- Equal Partaking



















DIFFERENT TASKS, BUT SIMILAR ACTIONS

TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGES

- Collecting Data in Different Platforms
- Results
 - Little or no data shared
 - Gaps in crucial data
 - Differences in Reporting



HOW CAN THESE TEAMS WORK IN A COLLABORATIVE SPACE TO PROMOTE COMMUNICATION AND ACHIEVE COMMON GOALS?







- 10+ Years on the Market
- Continues to evolve
- Common Technology Types included Machine Learning (ML) and Artificial Intelligence (AI)
 - Code Suggestion
 - CDI Prioritization
 - Quality Initiative Identification
- Continuously learning

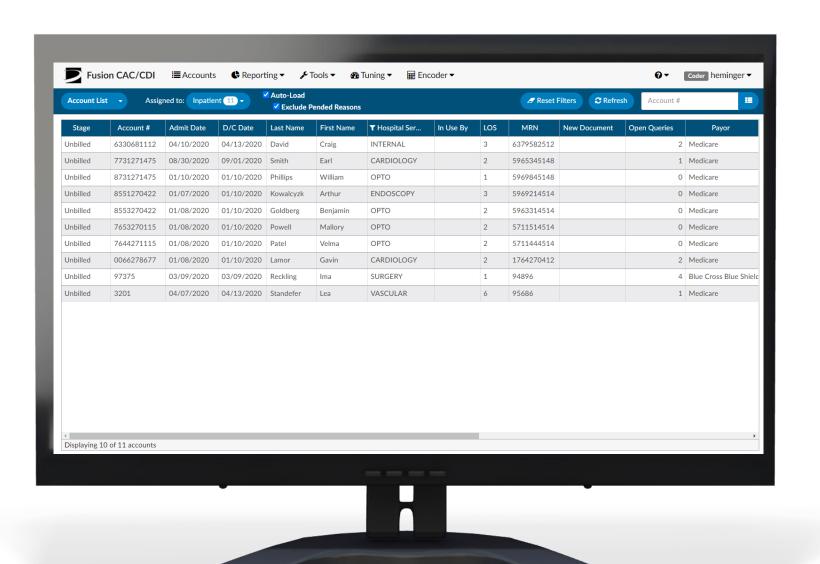
WHY CAC?

- 1. Collaboration
- 2. Process Improvement
- 3. Productivity



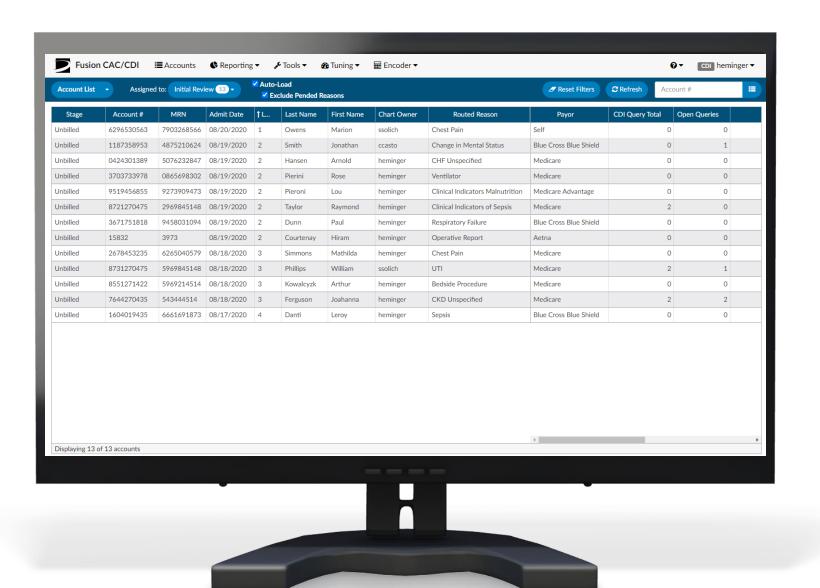


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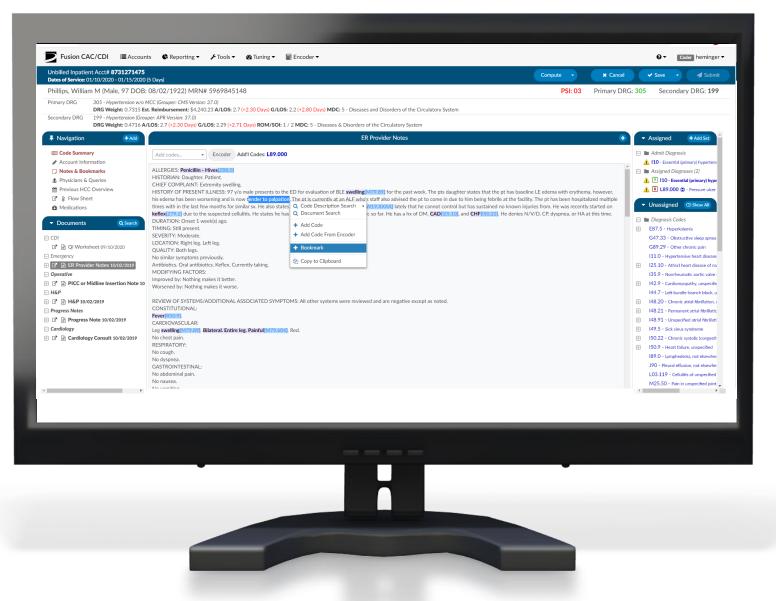
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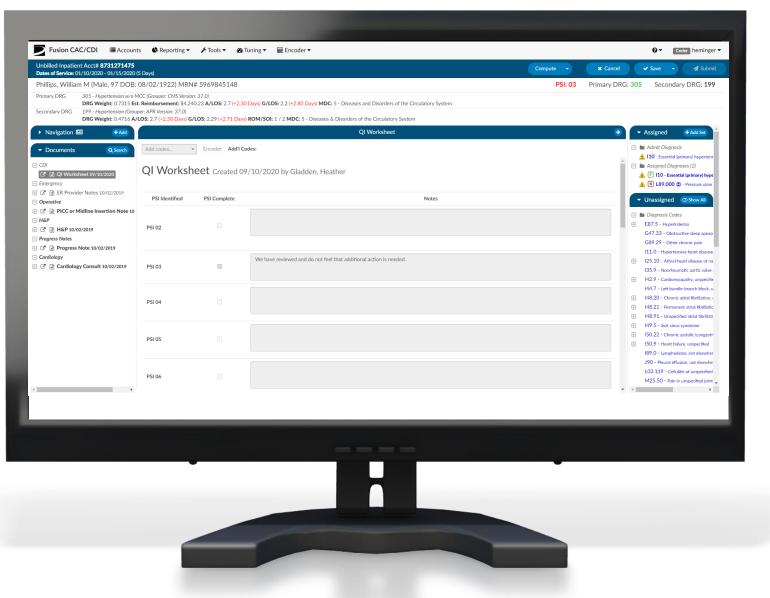
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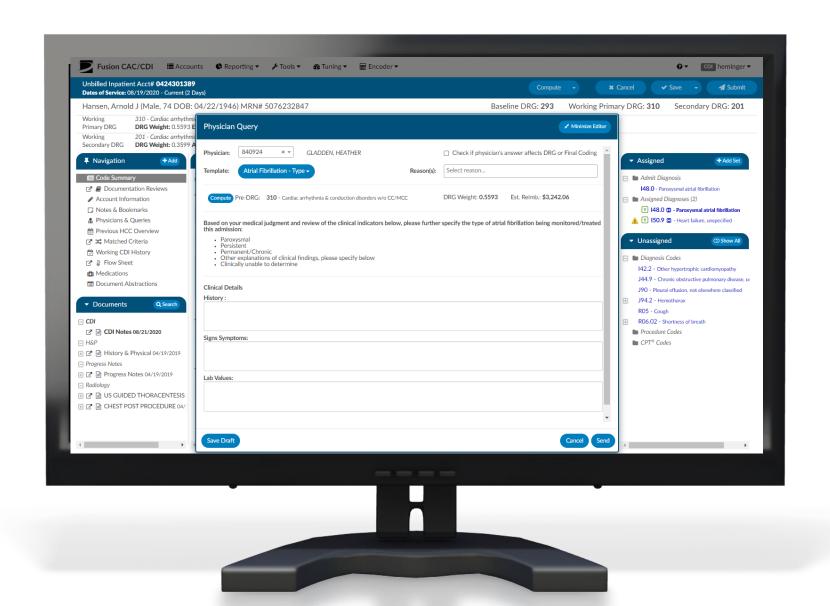


QUALITY INDICATORS





QUERY PLATFORM



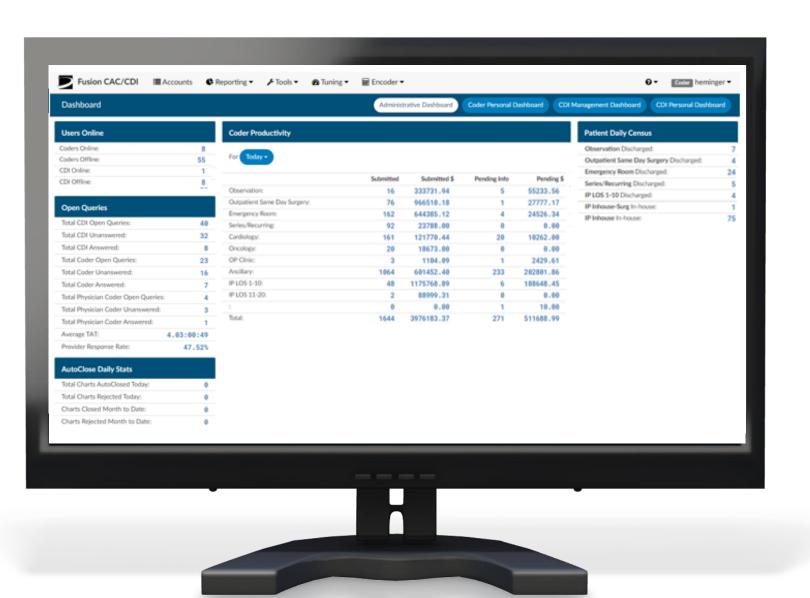


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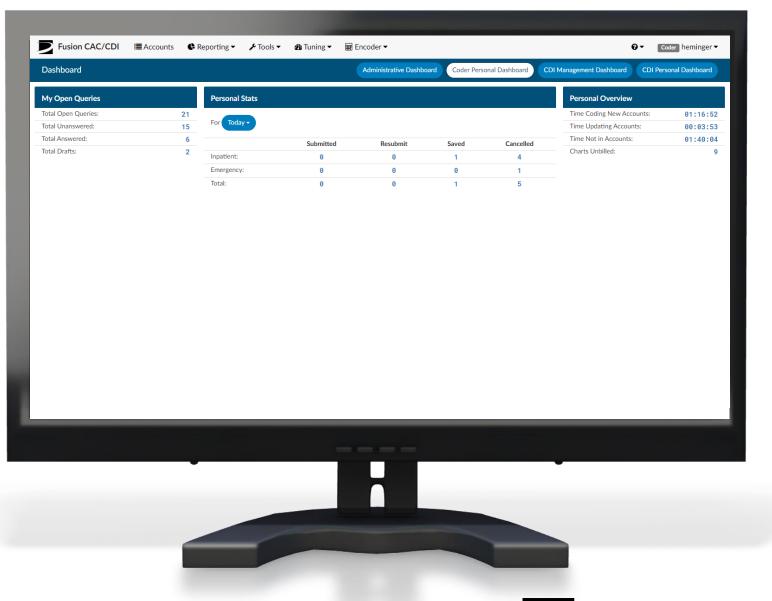


MANAGEMENT DASHBOARDS



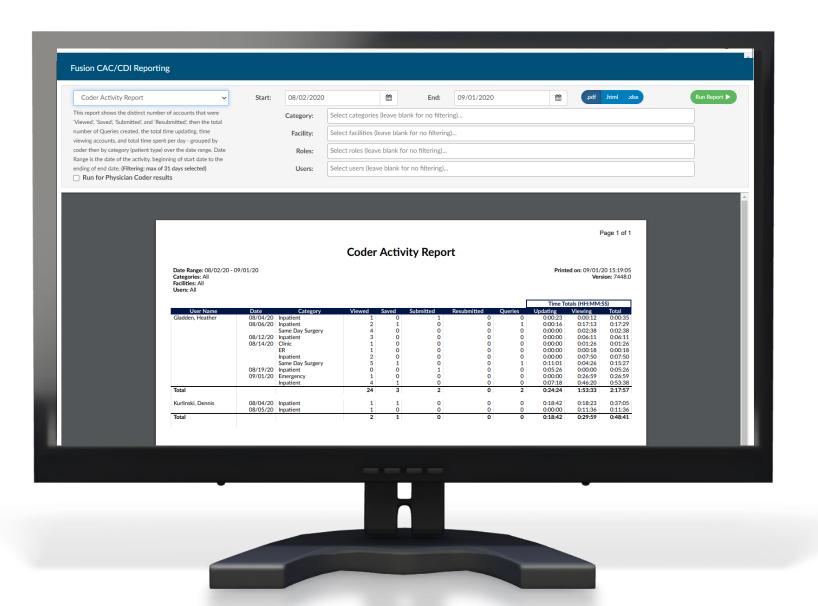


PERSONAL DASHBOARDS





REPORTING





PROVEN RESULTS

- Increased Case Coverage
- Increased Productivity
- Decreased DNFC
- Improved CMI
- Improved Query Response Rates
- Reduced AR Days



BUSINESS CASE

- It Promotes Self-Analysis
- It Results in Problem Solving
- It Makes You Look at the Bigger Picture
- It Teaches



ADDITIONAL ADVANTAGES

- Pooling of Talent and Strengths
- Development of Employee Skills
- Speed up Solutions
- Enhance Employee Retention and Job Satisfaction





- Collaboration & Communication is KEY!
- Higher productivity calls for better outcomes in less time!
- Look to technology to help provide the platform for new and improved coding, CDI and quality programs!
- Appropriate reimbursement revenue and value-based care depends on it!

