

Table 1

Quality-Related Functions of HIM Professionals

Employer	AHIMA credential	Examples of quality-related functions
24-bed critical access hospital	RHIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Manage the HIM and quality departments- Oversee data collection and reporting activities of nurse working in the quality department- Audit the quality of record documentation and report results- Assist the organization in complying with other state and federal quality regulations
328-bed general, acute care hospital	RHIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Retrieve, analyze, and report data to support organization-wide quality improvement activities- Participate in the design, data collection, analysis, and reporting of special studies- Identify and report clinical care variations that require immediate attention- Apply statistical techniques to reporting and analysis of physician peer review and reappointment profiling data
Large medical group	CHP	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Audit records to evaluate compliance with accreditation standards- Prepare records for insurance and billing audits- Prepare records for physician peer review- Audit the completeness of patient records and report findings
Accreditation organization	RHIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Assist hospitals in selecting and updating the performance measures they report- Clarify accreditation standards related to performance measure reporting- Interpret aggregate performance reports and explain statistical methodologies used to compile reports
Research institute, university school of dentistry	RHIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Audit research studies to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements- Work with researchers and staff to evaluate audit findings and develop corrective actions- Review all final research reports to ensure accuracy and compliance with required elements- Maintain master schedule of all laboratory studies, copies of protocols, and audit inspections- Member of School of Dentistry's quality assurance committee