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Professional Summary

Board-certified internal medicine physician, practicing hospitalist, and physician advisor with deep experience in clinical documentation integrity (CDI), DRG assignment, clinical validation, and level-of-care determinations. Experience since 2020 includes more than 10,000 physician-level reviews spanning medical necessity and level-of-care determinations, CDI clinical validation and query-related escalations, and auditor-initiated reimbursement downgrade denials, as well as more than 500 peer-to-peer discussions with payer and auditor medical directors.

Professional Experience

HealthPartners | Minneapolis–St. Paul, Minnesota

HealthPartners System Medical Director, Clinical Documentation Integrity (CDI) | 2025–Present
Regions Hospital Medical Director, Clinical Documentation Integrity (CDI) | 2020–2025

- More than 500 physician-level clinical validation reviews, encompassing provider-disputed queries, escalations, and prospective CDI query appropriateness consultations — each requiring independent assessment of diagnosis support by the medical record, query compliance, and documentation defensibility.
- More than 100 auditor-initiated diagnosis denials reviewed since 2022, in which denial of a specific diagnosis typically resulted in DRG reassignment and reduced reimbursement.
- Prepare written clinical justifications and conduct peer-to-peer discussions with payer and auditor medical directors regarding the clinical validity of denied diagnoses.

Utilization Management Physician Advisor | 2020–Present

- More than 10,000 cases reviewed for medical necessity and level-of-care determination.
- More than 500 peer-to-peer discussions with payer medical directors regarding medical necessity and level-of-care determination.
- Prepare written appeals and clinical analyses supporting contested admission and level-of-care determinations.

Hospital Medicine Physician | 2017–Present

- Active practicing hospitalist providing inpatient care in a large integrated health system.

Certifications

- American Board of Internal Medicine (2017)
- Certified Clinical Documentation Specialist (CCDS), ACDIS (2026)

Education and Training

- Chief Resident – Internal Medicine, University of Minnesota / Minneapolis VA Medical Center (2016–2017)
- Internal Medicine Residency – University of Minnesota (2013–2016)
- Doctor of Medicine – Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine (2013)
- B.S. Biochemistry – University of St. Thomas (2009)

Professional Society Memberships

- Association of Clinical Documentation Integrity Specialists (ACDIS)
- Society of Hospital Medicine (SHM)

Professional Activities

- Member, ACDIS Physician Advisor Mastermind Program (Present)
- Case Reviewer, ADEPT (Achieving Diagnostic Excellence Through Prevention and Teamwork) (2023–2025)
- Independent Physician Reviewer, Medical Review Institute of America (MRIOA) (2023–2024)

Committee Memberships

- HealthPartners Documentation and Coding Steering Committee, Member (Present)
- HealthPartners Utilization Review Committee, Member (2025–Present)
- HealthPartners Hospital Medicine Compensation Committee, Member (2023–2025)
- Regions Hospital Case Review Committee, Member (2019–2025)
- HealthPartners Valley Peer Review Committee, Member (2019–2023)

Medical Licensure

- Minnesota
- Wisconsin