From Left to Right: Jeff Sanders, ExecuSys VP & CIO; Atul Bhatt, ExecuSys Customer Service Manager; Dr. Pawan Jindal; Roberta Norwell, ExecuSys HR Manager; Eddie Haralson, ExecuSys CEO and President; Chuck Lauer, ExecuSys Technical Lead; Jim Thomas, ExecuSys Founder and Chairman

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# COLLABORATION

ExecuSys to Address Dual Coding at BIMDA Medical Expo 2014

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ExecuSys hosted a landmark ICD-10 medical educational conference with leading healthcare organizations. The next training conference will take place on April 26 at the Hilton Melbourne Rialto Place.

# The new era

care with accountability has made collaboration the buzz word for physicians

**and hospitals.** One example of these unique associations is the collaboration of several professional medical organizations that came together to plan a conference for physicians to prepare for ICD-10 and Dual Coding.

## WHAT IS ICD-10?

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is requiring health care providers to migrate from ICD-9 billing code sets used to report medical diagnoses and inpatient procedures to ICD-10 code sets by October 1, 2014. ICD-10 codes allow for greater specificity and exactness in describing a patient's diagnosis and in classifying inpatient procedures. ICD-10 will also accommodate newly developed diagnoses and procedures, innovations in technology and treatment, performance-based payment systems, and more accurate billing. ICD-10 coding will make the billing process more streamlined and efficient, and this will also allow for more precise methods of detecting fraud.

### STRENGTH IN PARTNERSHIP

This unique type of collaboration was evident at the recent ICD-10 Conference, which was jointly promoted by BIMDA, BCMS, Brevard County Health Department, Health First, Wuesthoff Health System, Parrish Medical Center and Brevard Physicians Network.

What started as a dinner conversation between founder and chairman of Execusys, Jim Thomas and local physicians from BIMDA, grew into a landmark event in February at the brand new Bill Posey Conference Center located at the Brevard County Health Department in Viera. BIMDA – The Brevard Indo-American Medical and Dental Association has been a leader in medical conferences on the Space Coast. With its partnership with BCMS – Brevard County Medical Society, the two organizations significantly increased their combined strength. Dr. Heidar Heshmati, a renowned leader in healthcare, is one of many physicians who belong to both BIMDA and BCMS, co-hosts of the ICD-10 Conference.

"The BIMDA continuing education program was very well organized and most beneficial for all. I am very proud of our partnership with BIMDA,"

Dr. Heidar Heshmati, Director, Florida Department of Health - Brevard County.

The conference was sponsored by ExecuSys, a company headquartered in Brevard County that has a 20-year history of providing full service Information Technology solutions to the Healthcare and Space Industries.

The featured speaker at the conference, Dr. Pawan Jindal, MD, MS (Health Informatics) Founder and Executive Physician of Darena Solutions, is an established expert on Meaningful Use, ICD-10 and Electronic Health Records (EHRs). He is a sought after speaker and is an experienced clinician, health informatician and software architect. As an award winning healthcare consultant, he worked closely with leading healthcare organizations to implement Clinical Decision Support, Quality Reporting, Performance Management, EHR and ICD-9/ICD-10 solutions. He is a frequent presenter at the Healthcare Management Information and System Society (HIMSS) conferences, a judge at Microsoft Health Users Group annual awards and a contributor to several Microsoft Tech Forums. He is the founder and physician executive of Darena Solutions, a provider of 2014 CMS Certified (Meaningful USE Stage 2) EMR Systems and the patent pending SmartSheet10, a revolutionary tool to simplify the transition from ICD-9 to ICD-10.

"What can providers do to be ready for ICD-10? That is the wrong question. Getting ready for ICD-10 is NOT enough. As we discussed at the conference, providers need to get ready for dual coding. The right time to start doing dual coding was yesterday. Better late than never," said Dr. Pawan Jindal.

The SmartSheet10 provides easy mapping of ICD-9 codes to ICD-10 and integrates ICD-9 to ICD-10 mapping into a system. It supports Dual-Coding that is required for medical billing during the ICD-9 to ICD-10 transition.

ExecuSys will present ICD-10 & Dual Code Training at BIMDA Medical Expo & CME Conference on April 26. Physicians are urged to come back for more training on this hot topic at the BIMDA Medical Expo & CME Conference in Melbourne.



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