

## **Susan Gatehouse, RHIT, CCS, CPC, AHIMA Approved ICD-10 Trainer**

### **Chief Executive Officer, Axea Solutions, Inc.**

Susan Gatehouse is a tenured expert with 20+ years of experience in medical coding, she assists hospitals, clinics, practices, and insurance companies who are transitioning to or upgrading their virtual coding by modernizing their framework. Her firm, Axea Solutions, assesses current recording procedures and implements benchmarks and efficiency standards to streamline and enhance operations. Ms. Gatehouse produces operational assessments and delivers a variety of educational seminars nationwide. She also conducts trainings for the upcoming ICD-10 introduction, training and APC quality programs.

A specialist in ICD-9-CM and CPT coding quality review and education, Ms. Gatehouse develops and implements numerous coder training programs for inpatient, outpatient, and physician services. She maintains an in-depth knowledge of inpatient, outpatient, and physician coding. Most recently, Ms. Gatehouse implemented Clinical Documentation Improvement Programs for community and teaching acute care medical centers. Additionally, she has implemented a hospital and physician coding compliance program for one of the top 10 largest health systems in the nation.

Susan served as editorial advisor and technical editor for The Coding Institute publications, authored a coding manual for a world-renowned medical device manufacturer and acted as a lead consultant in a national Medicare fraud investigation. Ms. Gatehouse was also a contributing consultant in the development of "*A Purchaser's Guide to Clinical Preventive Services, Moving Science to Coverage*" for the Center for Disease Control (CDC), Preventative Health Services Division.

Her broad healthcare background includes managing coding and billing practices for more than 40 specialty physicians. Her wealth of experience also encompasses performing CPT/DRG/E&M coding validation reviews and constructing coding compliance plans for client medical facilities. Ms. Gatehouse has served as a key team member of a nationally recognized healthcare consulting firm and publicly traded healthcare company. She provides expert-level knowledge to device manufacturers introducing new technology to the marketplace. Ms. Gatehouse has formulated device-specific reimbursement guides and developed and managed a coding support call center for a world leader in device manufacturing.

Susan participates actively in healthcare industry groups including:

- Certified Coding Specialist (CCS) Construction Committee
- Coding Roundtable Committee for Georgia
- Greater Atlanta Health Information Management Association (GAHIMA) - past President and Legislative Chairperson
- American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) and American Academy of Procedural Coders (AAPC)
- HFMA