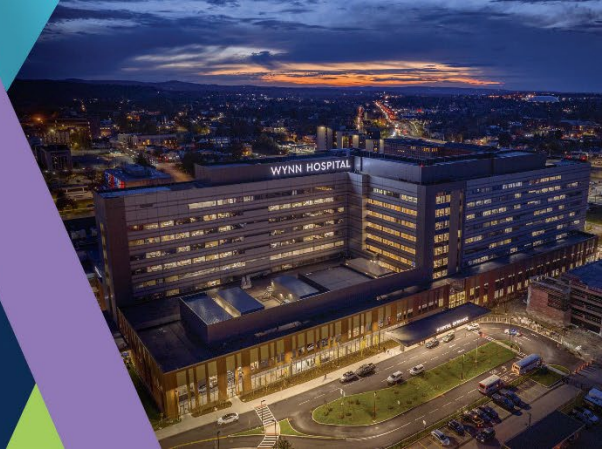
Just the Facts

MVHS & WYNN HOSPITAL

There's so much happening in healthcare in our region – at times it's hard to stay updated! That's why Just the Facts is being reinvigorated. This weekly publication, published on Tuesdays, will provide you with the latest information about MVHS and the Wynn Hospital!



TOPIC FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2025:

Department Spotlight: Clinical Documentation Integrity (CDI)

CDI Week is September 15 through 19, and this year's theme is "CDI and the Case of the Missing Documentation," celebrating the work of CDI professionals in our health system. Let's learn more about what they do and the positive impact they've had since the inception of CDI in 2018.

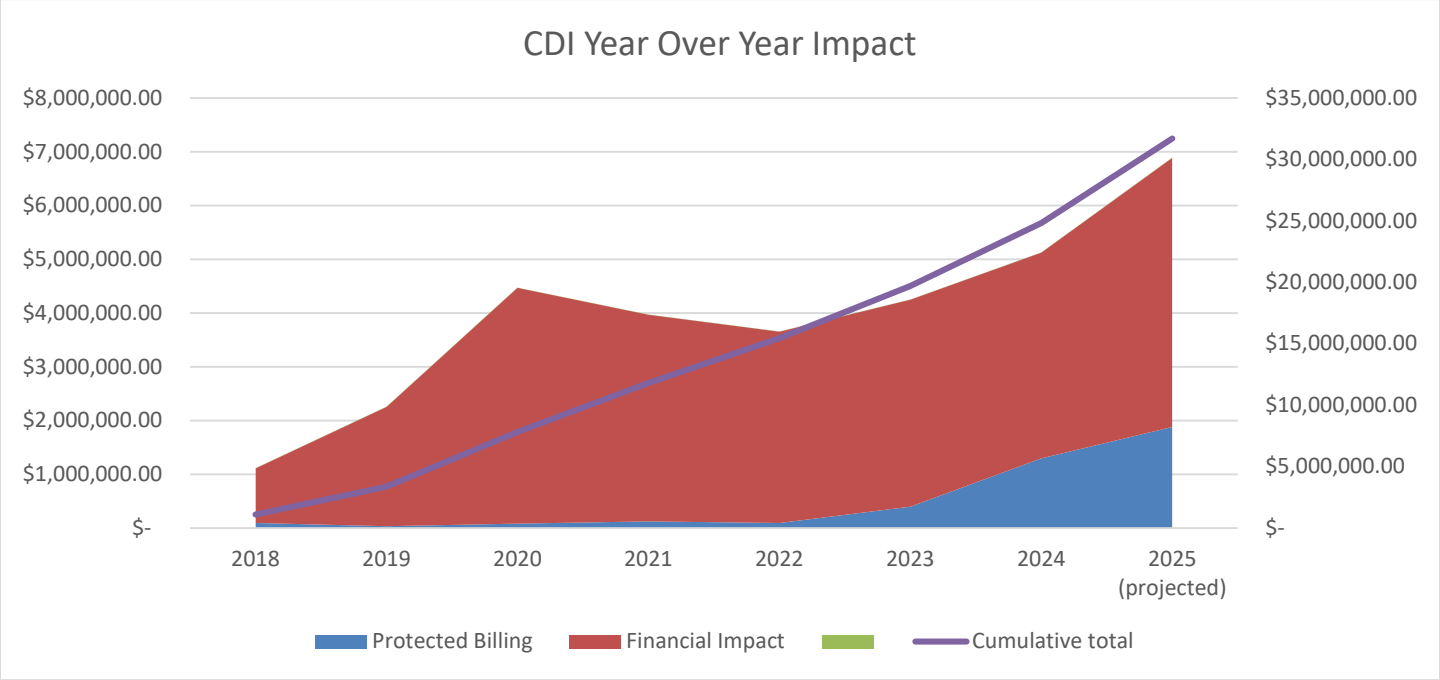
What does the CDI department do?
The MVHS CDI department is responsible for concurrent review of patient medical records to assess whether all conditions and treatments are documented. This documentation helps paint an accurate picture of the severity of the patient's illness and extent of care required. When the documentation is unclear or deficient, CDI specialists query providers to provide clarification. This serves as bridge between CDI and Coding, both of which must comply with Medicare and/or private payer rules and regulations.

The outcome of these reviews results in impact to the following:

- Severity of illness
- Risk of mortality
- Improved Geometric Length of Stay (GMLOS)
- Better Comorbidity/Complication (CC) and Major Comorbidity/Complication (MCC) capture rates, case mix and financial impact, including protected billing.

Financial Impact
CDI financially impacts healthcare organizations by improving accurate and timely reimbursements, reducing claim denials and enhancing revenue cycle management. Through meticulous documentation, CDI programs ensure that the full severity of a patient's condition is captured, leading to appropriate Diagnosis Related Group (DRG) assignment, which influences reimbursement rates.

At MVHS, the financial impact for 2024 was $5.7 million with a cumulative financial impact of $31 million since 2018.



Meet the CDI Team

CDI specialists include a variety of licensed healthcare providers across multiple disciplines. The most important trait of a CDI specialist is clinical knowledge since they decipher complex medical records and need to be able to recognize treatments and diagnoses that may not be clearly documented. They also need to be comfortable educating busy physicians on documentation requirements.

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