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Danville Speech and Hearing Center

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October - December 2011

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**Clinical Documentation** is among the most basic of our professional responsibilities. An era of accountability and efficiency is rapidly advancing upon the healthcare community. With the passage of newer health care regulation(s) and congressional/national interest in curtailing the spiral of cost(s) of healthcare, providers must meet a July 1, 2012 deadline of filing most insurer's claims electronically.

The advent of electronic medical records (EMR) has both streamlined and complicated documentation. Coding and billing are intertwined with clinical documentation.

Correct diagnosis and procedure codes must be selected to describe the presenting disorder or condition and the services provided in order to bill and receive payment on behalf of the client.

Health care mandates and our commitment to serve our customers with the highest possible quality at the lowest possible cost, have led Danville Speech & Hearing Center to begin the process of transitioning to electronic medical records. We ask your patience as we learn new skills, new equipment and new methods of meeting our customer's needs.

Sources:

"Clinical Documentation in Speech-Language Pathology". ASHA Leader. 9-5-2006.

Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, Chapter 15.  
[www.cmsrhs.gov](http://www.cmsrhs.gov). Medicare Claims Processing Manual Chapter 5, Section 20.2.  
Reporting Service Units... [www.cmsrhs.gov](http://www.cmsrhs.gov)



## Fourth Quarter Events of Interest:

**Rena** and **Tonya** screened at **Sacred Heart School** on October 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

**DSHC Board of Directors** met on October 17.

The annual **ENT Clinic** was held at DSHC on October 18. Our thanks go to **Dr. Samuel Meadema** from **Danville ENT Associates** who treated 16 patients referred during the speech/language/hearing preschool screenings.

**Betty** and **Tonya** represented the Center at the **United Way's Workshop** for the 2012 Grant on November 1.

**Betty** attended a **QI meeting** for **Commonwealth Home Nursing** on November 1.

The annual **Elks' Pancake Breakfast** was held at the **Elks Lodge** on **November 12**.

**Betty** presented a program to the **DPC Foundation's** appreciation lunch on November 15.

**DSHC** was closed for the **Thanksgiving holiday** on November 24-25.

**Rena** and **Billy Arnn**, **Karen Myers**, **Dot** and **Donald Baynes**, and **Dr. Gross** represented the Center at the **Elks Dinner** on December 1.

The **DSHC Staff** and **Board of Directors** held their annual joint **Christmas Dinner** on December 13 catered by Barbara Gunnell.

**DSHC** was closed for the **Christmas and New Year's holidays** from December 26 – December 30.

**Statistical Summary for the Fourth Quarter:**

The average number of patients treated was 69. The total number of patients evaluated was 42. The total number of patients consulted was 0. The total number of patients screened was 22. The number of service units was 1856.

**As part of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration Danville Speech & Hearing Center honored long time patrons on our entry wall mural:**

- Community Foundation of Dan River Region**
- Danville Regional Medical Auxiliary**
- Danville Sertoma Club**
- Danny Jones**
- ELKS Lodge**
- Kiwanis Club**
- Lions**
- Westover Sertoma Club**



**Gifts of Speech/Language and Hearing:**

**Contributions:**

**Roger Edwards**

**Marvin & Phyllis Ligon**

**BPO Elks Lodge #227 (Pancake Breakfast)**

**Tom & Anne Freeze**

**Memorials:**

**Rev. C. B. Davis, Jr.**

**Spiros Skenderis**

Honorariums and Memorials may be made to Danville Speech and Hearing Center

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