

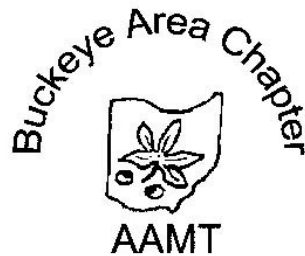
Background Information on
The Buckeye Area Chapter (BAC) of the American Association for Medical Transcription (AAMT).

The Buckeye Area Chapter of the American Association for Medical Transcription is a local chapter professional association (not for profit group) of the National Association -- American Association for Medical Transcription which is located in California. AAMT's mission is to lead the evolution of medical transcription, represent and advance the profession and its practitioners. The Chapter's mission is the same, but on a local level.

The Chapter is made up of a board (officers elected by the local chapter members) who currently serve a two-year term in their capacities as President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and Past President (person who served prior term as President). We have an e-newsletter editor, a certification coordinator, a continuing education coordinator and membership chairperson. The Buckeye Chapter is composed of members who live as far south as Northern Kentucky and as far north as Toledo. At this point in time our Chapter is the only AAMT component in Ohio.

The Chapter has educational meetings throughout the year, normally March, May, September and November usually on the third Saturday of the month. These meetings are open to the public and generally we have two speakers and a chapter business meeting. Our meetings are generally 2 to 3 hours in length. The Chapter also periodically has all-day symposiums which may have four to five speakers and run from 8 am - 4 pm or so. The educational speakers are a means to assist members in obtaining their continuing education in the profession of medical transcription, and most speakers are pre-approved by AAMT as continuing education credit for maintaining the CMT (certified medical transcription) credential. Our meetings are also a great way to network with fellow medical professionals and make contacts (network) and broaden your career. Chapter members attend our regular educational/business meetings for free (everyone pays to attend our symposiums). You do not have to be a member of the Buckeye Area Chapter or of AAMT to attend our educational meetings. Meeting flyers list the cost involved for each meeting. Carpooling is usually available to and from events to make attending meetings easier for everyone.

The Chapter also has an e-newsletter which is published prior to each of the meetings in March, May, September and November, in addition to as-needed to share news with our members. The Buckeye Chapter also has a web site at www.BAC-AAMT.org where post information and share news.



The American Association for Medical Transcription is the national level of the professional association which is located in California. AAMT was organized as a support/promoter/advocate for the medical transcription professional, though it is not a "union." AAMT has many programs for education, continuing education and other areas of support for the medical transcription professional. AAMT publishes a magazine bimonthly called JAAMT (Journal for the American Association for Medical Transcription) and also publishes Plexus. AAMT has their own web site with many great resources listed there. www.aamt.org

There is also a component of AAMT called OC-AAMT (Online Chapter of AAMT) and their website is www.aamtonline.org This is a component which was organized initially for areas that did not have a local component. It has since become an online connection and resource for MTs across the US many of whom are also involved in their local, physical components as well.

More Health Information Resources:

American Health Information Management Association: <http://www.ahima.org/>

One company that has been very kind to donate items for our meetings to use as door prizes and give-always is www.transcriptiongear.com as far as different kinds of equipment/electronics for doing work in the transcription field. There are items that can be purchased now that allows you to use your PC in place of a transcriber and attach a foot pedal directly to your computer via the USB slot - meaning you just need a headset and you are ready to type as far as physical equipment. One of our Chapter members just bought this software so if you want to find out more about it let me know.

The word expander software that I used was called InstantText (their current version is \$189)...it is at their website or at the one above for TranscriptionGear too www.textware.com

One other company for equipment is www.marteldirect.com

Other MT info sites besides AAMT's www.mtdesk.com

Health Professions Institute <http://www.hpisum.com/home.ihmtl>

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