

Update
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2005 Training Sessions: Thank you to all who participated in the 2005 data submission training sessions. Total attendance during the six sessions exceeded 200, and evaluations were overwhelmingly positive. The staff appreciated the opportunity to personally interact with data submitters from all corners of the state.

What a Year It's Been: It's safe to say that 2005 was a year of change in the world of hospital data. Apart from when inpatient data was first collected in the late 1980s, 2005 saw the most profound and significant change in the history of hospital data collection in Wisconsin. Consider:

- The implementation of the Wlpop data collection system.
- The collection of multi-table data submissions with unlimited diagnoses and procedures.
- The collection of revenue-code detail.
- The collection of new categories of hospital outpatient data, increasing record volume from 770,000 per quarter to 1.9 million per quarter.
- The launch of PricePoint, a Web-based hospital charge query system that is receiving national attention.

The accomplishments of 2005 once again demonstrate that privatized hospital data collection works, and that Wisconsin hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers are diligent about extracting and submitting the most complete and accurate data possible.

There's no getting around it; change is hard. And the process of data privatization has brought with it plenty of change. The WHAIC staff deeply appreciates the cooperation and positive attitudes we have encountered throughout the year from so many of the submitting facilities.

We thank you for all you've done to make WHAIC a success and we look forward to an even better 2006.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a Happy New Year!

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