

Meet the Speakers



Tristi Cohelan | Manager | DZA

Tristi is a graduate of Eastern Washington University. For over ten years, she has worked exclusively with hospitals and other healthcare organizations, regularly attending national cost report preparation seminars and relevant continuing professional education courses to enhance and deepen her knowledge. Tristi has assisted a wide range of healthcare entities with their reimbursement, financial reporting, and consulting needs.

Shayna DesJardin | Senior Accountant | DZA

After graduating from Whitworth University, Shayna devoted her career to the healthcare field. At DZA, she has focused on assurance and reimbursement services for healthcare entities, working to maximize reimbursement for each of her clients and act as a resource for questions and clarifications. Shayna currently serves as the Vice Chair of the WSCPA Board.



Tom Dingus | Owner | DZA

A founding partner of Dingus, Zarecor & Associates PLLC, Tom has worked directly with a variety of other healthcare and public sector organizations for over 25 years. A former president of the Washington/Alaska Chapter of HFMA, he has served as an officer and board member for ten years. Tom received HFMA's Medal of Honor and has been awarded HFMA's Muncie Gold Merit Award.

Mark Hollan | Owner | IHC

A graduate of North Dakota State University, Mark is the co-founder of Independent Healthcare Consultants (IHC). He has worked in the healthcare field for over 25 years, spending over two-thirds of that specifically in provider settings. He currently provides chargemaster reimbursement and compliance reviews, provider-based analysis implementation assistance, reimbursement analysis for hospitals and clinics, revenue cycle reviews, and business office operational assessments for healthcare providers.



Shaun Johnson | Owner | DZA

A graduate of Whitworth University, Shaun has nearly 20 years working exclusively with healthcare and public sector organizations, providing them with financial reporting and reimbursement services. He is a past President of the Spokane Chapter of the WSCPA Board of Directors, as well as a past-President of the Wyoming Chapter of HFMA, where he currently serves as the chapter's sponsorship chair.

Joe Lodge | Senior Manager | DZA

Joe received both his Bachelor's and Master's in Accounting from Brigham Young University. He has over 10 years of experience working with not-for-profit and governmental healthcare organizations and utilizes his experience by in-charging engagements, auditing, and preparing cost reports for critical access hospitals. Joe is a member of the WSCPA as well as Idaho HFMA.



Kami Matzek | Senior Manager | DZA

A graduate of Eastern Washington University, Kami has worked exclusively with healthcare sector for a decade. She has served as the in-charge on numerous engagements, assisting healthcare organizations with their reimbursement, financial reporting, and consulting needs. Kami is a board member of the Washington/Alaska Chapter of HFMA.

Brennan Pendleton | Manager | DZA

A member of DZA's reimbursement team, Brennan has been with the firm since October 2012. He holds a bachelor's degree in Accounting from Washington State University and is a licensed CPA in the state of Washington. Brennan provides financial reporting and reimbursement services for healthcare and public sector organizations.



Shar Sheaffer | Owner | DZA

A graduate of Eastern Washington University, Shar serves as DZA's Director of Reimbursement. Exclusively experienced with healthcare organizations for over 15 years, Shar specializes in consulting with hospitals regarding reimbursement issues. Shar frequently speaks on reimbursement topics at HFMA and other healthcare conferences, updating clients, staff, and administrators on the ever-changing rules and regulations. Shar is a former President of the Montana Chapter of HFMA.



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Program & Schedule | October 28-30, 2019

Spokane, Washington

Davenport Hotel



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Monday

12:00-1:00 | Registration | Hall of the Doges Foyer

1:00-3:00 | Cost Report Basics | Shar Sheaffer & Shayna DesJardin

This session is a general course on the cost report and how it works. Our goal is to help you both understand the Medicare cost report and be able to review your own.

3:00-3:15 | Break

**3:15-5:00 | Clinic Types & Requirements to Provider Base
Tristi Cohelan**

This session delineates different clinic types by exploring how they are reimbursed and the requirements for locations to become provider-based. Location rules differ for critical access, so we make sure to highlight these areas.

Tuesday P.M.

12:45-1:30 | Jeopardy | Jeannette Ring

Pay attention to the previous presentations and pull out your crystal ball for the next sessions as we play a quick, fun game testing your memory of what we have learned.

1:30-2:00 | Cost-based Strategies | Kami Matzek

In this session, we discuss strategies for increasing your cost-based reimbursement, as well as diving into items frequently done incorrectly and areas of concern during the cost report's desk review. You will learn both how to maximize reimbursement and what to be on the lookout for to proactively protect your cost-based reimbursement.

2:00-2:15 | Break

2:15-3:30 | Cost-based Strategies, Continued | Kami Matzek

3:30-3:45 | Break

3:45-5:00 | Cost-based Strategies, Continued | Brennan Pendleton

Tuesday A.M.

7:15-8:00 | Breakfast Buffet | Grand Pennington Ballroom

**8:00-9:15 | Lessons from the Road - Top Chargemaster
& Billing Issues | Mark Hollan**

This session reviews top items continually seen in reviews from categories such as compliance, business office and revenue cycle management, charge capture, billing, and many more.

9:15-9:30 | Break

9:30-10:30 | Lessons from the Road , Continued | Mark Hollan

10:30-10:45 | Break

10:45-11:45 | CMS Updates | Shar Sheaffer

To participate in the Medicare program, hospitals must comply with ever-evolving Medicare regulations. This session discusses proposed and finalized regulations, with a focus on topics to help ensure your hospital remains compliant with Medicare regulations, and highlights any new reimbursement activities.

11:45-12:45 | Lunch Buffet

Wednesday

7:15-8:00 | Breakfast Buffet | Grand Pennington Ballroom

**8:00-9:15 | Revenue Recognition & Other Accounting Updates
Joe Lodge**

This session explores the new revenue recognition and contribution accounting standards for not-for-profit hospitals (and the existing revenue recognition standards for governmental hospitals). It also covers other recently issued accounting standards for not-for-profit and governmental hospitals.

9:15-9:30 | Break

**9:30-10:45 | Presenting Financial Information to Boards & Finance
Committees | Tom Dingus**

This session provides tips and suggestions for presenting financial information to board and finance committee members. This session provides ideas on how to present the hospital's financial story.

10:45-11:00 | Break

11:00-11:45 | Leases | Shaun Johnson

New accounting standards for both not-for-profit and governmental hospitals will be in effect for fiscal years ending December 31, 2020, and later. This session explores the new lease standards, their impact on hospitals, and recommended steps to prepare for significant changes in how leases will be presented in the financial statements.