

## **Blueprint for OASIS Accuracy**

Thanks to everyone who attended one of our recent ***Blueprint for OASIS Accuracy*** programs. We commend you for making the effort to ensure your OASIS data accuracy. Every assessment that is scored correctly now, because of something you learned in the workshop, could mean hundreds of dollars in appropriate reimbursement. If you share what you learned with everyone in your organization, you can multiply the hundreds of dollars by the hundreds (or thousands) of assessments that your organization will submit this year and it becomes clear that your investment in attending the workshop was well worth it.

Instruction and activities were led by Linda Krulish and Sparkle Sparks, two experienced and professional speakers that allowed hands on applications of the strategies that were presented. Attendees spent the day learning and understanding CMS guidelines regarding OASIS data collection, and enhancing compliance with the PPS data set changes. Practice skills and strategies were offered to help answer the common day to day OASIS questions that come up in every agency. A small review for the COS-C exam was offered at the end of the workshop for those who were preparing to take the exam the following day.

CMS will be implementing a new version of the OASIS data set, the OASIS-C, in January 2010. While it is important that home health agencies are aware of the expected OASIS-C changes, and begin to make necessary reviews and analysis of operational issues this summer, conducting detailed data collection education on OASIS-C before the data set is finalized and CMS-approved item-by-item instructions are available is not advised. Therefore, we have scheduled our OASIS-C training at what we believe to be the most effective time, October 7-8th in Sacramento, California and Oct 14-15th in Buena Park, California.

### **Sacramento Evaluation Scores** **April 1, 2009**

How would you rate this session overall?	4.75
How well did this session meet the course objectives?	4.76
How well did this session meet your personal objectives?	4.71

	<b><u>Linda Krulish</u></b>	<b><u>Sparkle Sparks</u></b>
Knowledge of Topic	4.96	4.84
Communication Skills	4.96	4.85
Usefulness of Handouts	4.95	4.91
Effectiveness of Visual Aids	4.85	4.80
Adequate Opportunity for Audience Participation	4.89	4.82
Value to your Professional Development	4.89	4.85
Overall Quality of Presentation	4.93	4.85

### **Testimonials**

*"Linda and Sparkle both created a very entertaining environment which kept my interest throughout the whole course and day."*

*"I have sent at least 9 clinicians to this workshop and will continue to send more. I would recommend it to others."*

### **Ontario Evaluation Scores** **April 2, 2009**

How would you rate this session overall?	4.68
How well did this session meet the course objectives?	4.74
How well did this session meet your personal objectives?	4.69

	<b><u>Linda Krulish</u></b>	<b><u>Sparkle Sparks</u></b>
Knowledge of Topic	4.89	4.88
Communication Skills	4.85	4.82
Usefulness of Handouts	4.82	4.82
Effectiveness of Visual Aids	4.77	4.77

Adequate Opportunity for Audience Participation	<b>4.73</b>	<b>4.72</b>
Value to your Professional Development	<b>4.82</b>	<b>4.84</b>
Overall Quality of Presentation	<b>4.81</b>	<b>4.80</b>

### **Testimonials**

*“As my first time working in a Home health agency and taking this seminar, I have learned so much and made me love and appreciate the home health agencies because you are giving the best possible care outside of the hospital. Also, of course this helped me better understand all the paper work and better help my RNs assess our patients”*

*““A great review with a sense of humor and reality”*