

## Re: Trouble in Paradise?

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You may well be right, Gisele. I haven't taken the exam and really am speaking without the benefit of knowing what is and isn't on it. If people are expected to have memorized obscure diagnoses/treatments/equipment, then I think this really should cover researching skills rather than rote memorization. However, if that isn't the case, then I stand corrected. And no, they will never be able to please everyone. That's just human nature, probably more so with us cantankerous MTs! <G>

Anne

Gisele wrote:

Whatever form the test is in, somebody somewhere will have a beef with it. This spring I took the registered health information administrator exam which covers a boatload of stuff including hospital statistics, coding, quality assurance measurements, budgets, etc., etc., etc. It was a test of merely what I took in there with my head (they did provide a few basic formulats about various hospital census numbers, that was it). Any RHIA should be able to know how to research all of these topics and more, but I felt the test was certainly valid for what I had learned in my HIM program. I'm sure that such a test could be fashioned for MT and be a valid indicator of the skills needed to do the job. This is simply not a valid criticism for the new

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exam.

Gisele