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Thank you for speakingt o me last week

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Stephen

I am so sorry, things are just crazy.

Ms. Parks Hammond entered the medical records profession at a time of when it was practically non-existent for women to hold leadership roles in hospitals. Challenges in the, later to be known as the health information profession, was changing requiring care providers to document the treatment of the patient to assure great care was delivered but also to justify the cost of the treatment provided. The Medical Records Department was staffed with women who held clerical positions and were referred to as Medical Librarians. I can only imagine the challenges of changing careers after raising her family. The pioneers of health information fought to be recognized and educated and mostly a place at the table with other leaders in the hospitals. The profession has grown to over 101,000 members with component state associations, many community, graduate and post graduate colleges and universities. Most acute care facilities have a Registered Health Information Administrator leading the electronic age of health information. The certifications are many for validation of training and many of us have adopted lifelong learning as a necessity to stay abreast of the many technological and clinical requirements we are now faced with at this time. I can vision Ms. Parks Hammond being strong in her convictions that women have a place in the hospitals beyond direct patient care. Thanks to her for paving the way and demonstrating for us who have followed, it won't be easy but it can be achieved. Ms. Parks certainly deserves this honor.

Thank you for asking me to provide information, I hope this is what you were expecting.

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