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MediNotes in Practice: A Journey Along the Paperless Trail

An Exclusive Interview with Dr. Robert Blank, MD

1st Care Consulting had the pleasure of interviewing Dr. Robert Blank, of Middlesex Monmouth Gastroenterology, about his move towards a paperless office. The processes involved in migrating a practice from paper to PC, visiting patients with a tablet instead of a chart, and the insights of the physician and his staff are a few of the things Dr. Blank was able to give us insight to.

When asked how the office is adjusting to its newly purchased Electronic Health Records system, Dr. Blank replied, "We are quickly becoming more comfortable, the staff is catching on with the Office Messaging feature in MediNotes." The staff finds the messaging system to be an easier and more efficient way to communicate through the office. The ease with which they were able to learn it gives the staff a comfortable confidence in this new patient software. The realization of the efficiency of MediNotes early in the implementation stages of the project made the transition to paperless more tolerable to both physician and staff, knowing that for this small investment, the returns would be tremendous.

Aside from the inter-office communication capabilities of MediNotes, Dr. Blank described the ability to design and customize his own templates. "You build a story in MediNotes." By designing practice specific fields, MediNotes users can compose simple notes very quickly. Scripting procedures have also become simpler

in MediNotes. Dr. Blank mentioned that he enjoys writing transcriptions on his tablet, citing less expenditure on office supplies, and lessening the chance of misinterpretation due to illegibility.

"I spent upwards of \$20,000 annually in transcriptions, now this number has been reduced to almost nothing at all."

Ultimately, the end goal of all EMR's is to migrate from a paper chart and file filled office to a more streamlined and efficient way of treating patients. The Doctor must fully understand this takes a great deal of focus to reach full potential in a short amount of time. Physicians must not get agitated or discouraged in the initial stages, "If you go three months in, you have to stick with it, MediNotes takes roughly four months to fully comprehend." Understanding the documentation and dictation features of the program is essential, and should always be down pat before any scanning and shredding of archived and existing documents takes place. This prior familiarization greatly reduces stress and confusion during the scanning process by minimizing the likelihood of lapses in time management and quality of patient care.

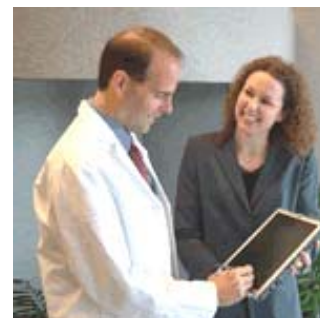
In an ideal healthcare provider facility, all charts and patient information would be retrieved instantaneously; expenses would consistently remain at a minimum level, dictations could be given to staff members with the click of a finger, and more patients would be seen than ever before. With the emergence of MediNotes, these ideals are fast becoming a reality.



Robert Blank, MD

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Motion Tablets are the perfect companion for your EHR software— allowing you to draft your notes in the program while your with the patient or working around the office. (see page 3)

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EHR Success Story Update— Completely Paperless= Complete Success

In our last newsletter we spoke with Dr. Glenn Merkel of Merkel Chiropractic in Colmar, PA on his progress in achieving a paperless office through the use of electronic health records by MediNotes. Dr. Merkel's office has transitioned from an office with just one pc and walls filled with paper charts to a streamlined establishment.



**Dr. Glenn Merkel
lounging in the sand with
his tablet and his
MediNotes in hand**

"1st Care Consulting introduced me to MediNotes Documentation software. They showed me how it is compatible with my MediSoft software in which I could bypass many manual functions we used to perform in the office. Now I am able to quickly do a patient note or exam on my computer, bill for the service (which was pulled up through the note I just wrote) and have it ready to be sent out. I was AMAZED! Finally a system that is Doctor friendly and helps eliminate worry or concern with insurances because the note justifies the bill out.

1st Care was instrumental in getting me my computers and network system working properly. Now I can log into my computer from home to take care of any notes or billing. I also purchased a notebook computer, the Motion Tablet, which allows me to walk through the office while documenting. I can even travel with the computer and finish work anywhere I want, then link it to the software when I come back.

After all these years of believing there is something out there to make my office efficient, up to date, and cost effective-1st Care Consulting delivered!"

- Dr. Glenn Merkel, Merkel Chiropractic

On the Road to Success...

Dr. Baum gives his thoughts on the new EHR system



Dr. Michael Baum of Doctor's Care Assoc.,LLC. converted to electronic health records by MediNotes and experienced great success with the program. When asked why he chose MediNotes as his EHR system and the goals they had after implementing the system, here is what Dr. Baum had to say:

"One of the key features of MediNotes is its simplicity. It is a logic-based, template driven EMR which allows you to customize it directly toward your specific needs. The program is easily used with a tablet pc, allowing you to eliminate typing in information during a patient encounter. MediNotes also integrates with my practice management and document management systems.

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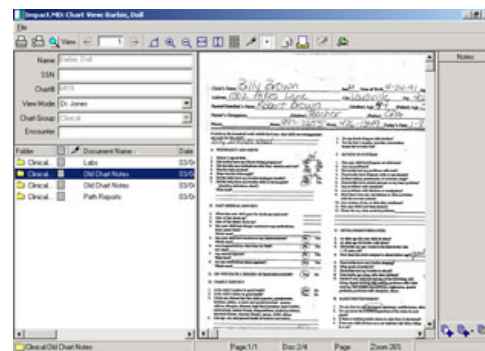
Electronic Health Records (EHR) is quickly becoming a vital part of the medical community. MediNotes has released MediNotes e, a multi-tasking shell with the ability to launch multiple jobs through tabbed screens simultaneously. Providers can now toggle between patients or tasks with ease. The “e” stands for *efficient, effective, empowering, and enabling*. MediNotes e is the most flexible electronic medical record on the market with custom medical content that can be added and edited on the fly. The product’s built in automated processes decrease busy work and promote better patient care.

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