

What Can an EMR Do For Me?

Benefits of an Electronic Medical Record

How much more could you accomplish in a day if you had instant access to patient charts? Eliminating “the chart chase” is only one of the hundreds of benefits electronic medical records (EMR) has to offer. From preventing dangerous drug interactions and other medical errors to identifying best practices and having real-time updates to patient data, an EMR program can vastly improve office efficiency as well as patient care and safety. The number of physicians who have electronic medical records is growing fast, but there are still many who are asking the question “What can an EMR do for me?”

Here's your answer:

* *Save Money Currently Spent on Office Overhead-* EMR's can pay for themselves by eliminating transcription or lowering labor costs for tasks such as chart handling. When trying to estimate the return on investment (ROI) of an EMR, think of all of the office overhead that will be eliminated with it's implementation.

-Eliminate the cost for paper charts:cost of paper itself, cost for employees pulling and filing charts, cost and liabilities of looking for and transfer of lost charts, and the cost of storage of charts.

Still Searching for that Missing File?

**Electronic Medical Records
Can Save you Time and Money**



* *Increase Reimbursement for Services I Perform-* EMR's help physicians boost their reimbursement by suggesting E & M codes based on what they've recorded in the note. The EMR allows you to code at the correct level permitted without fearing an audit. You may now be able to code higher, because you will have all the documentation necessary already generated in the note.

* *Allow Me to Have More Free Time-* Once accustomed to using your EMR, physicians will be able to complete documentation in a shorter period of time.

* *Allow Me to Connect Directly With Lab Facilities-* Your lab results can be sent directly into the EMR and stored in the patient's chart. Abnormal lab results will be flagged automatically, alerting you to issues that need to be addressed immediately.

* *Allow Me to Connect Directly With Pharmacies-* With an EMR, you can be certain that the prescription you're providing to a patient is available in their pharmacy and if it is covered under their insurance plan.

* *Assist Me With HIPAA Compliance-* The EMR automatically maintains confidentiality of all patient records, multiple levels of security and access to records, and minimizes the exposure due to charts left in accessible areas.

* *Allow Me to Provide Better Patient Care-* Prevent dosage errors, handwriting misrecognition, medication conflict with allergies or other medications

* *In the event of a drug recall,* using an EMR will allow you to immediately and automatically contact each of your patients who is currently taking this medication.

The benefits of having an Electronic Medical Record are above and beyond just these listed here. For more information on Electronic Medical Records, please contact 1st Care Consulting at 866-983-7068 today for a free demonstration and needs analysis.

**“By computerizing medical records,
we can avoid dangerous medical
mistakes, reduce costs and improve
care.”**

- George W. Bush, State of the Union Address
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