Health Information Technology Survival Guide

Definitions:

Electronic Medical Record - An electronic record of health-related information on an individual that can be created, gathered, managed, and consulted by authorized clinicians and staff within one health care organization.

Electronic Health Record - An electronic record of health-related information on an individual that conforms to nationally recognized interoperability standards and that can be created, managed, and consulted by authorized clinicians and staff across more than one health care organization.

What Questions Need to Be Answered?

1. Local host or Software as a Service (SaaS)?
2. What are our final objectives?
   a. Paperless?
   b. Improved quality?
   c. Time savings?
3. Are my staff ready?
4. How much will it cost?
5. What do we lose or how do we get information from our paper charts?
6. What do I not have that I think I need?
7. What do we have today that we are not willing to give up?
8. Mobile devices?
9. Integration with existing systems?
10. When should I call a vendor?
11. What questions should I ask a vendor?

Resources:

American Health Care Association/National Center for Assisted Living – Health Information Technology
http://www.ahcancal.org/facility_operations/hit/Pages/default.aspx

American Health Information Management Association
http://www.ahima.org

Beacon Communities
http://healthit.hhs.gov/portal/server.pt/community/healthit_hhs_gov__onc_beacon_community_program__improving_health_through_health_it/1805

Certification Commission for Health Information Technology
http://www.cchit.org/

Dan Cobb, CTO & Co-Founder, HealthMEDX - “Selecting an EHR”; LSN Technology Conference Presentation, December 2010

Health Information Technology Toolkit for Home Health Agencies
http://www.stratishealth.org/expertise/healthit/homehealth/hhtoolkit.html
Health Information Technology Toolkit for Nursing Homes
http://www.stratishealth.org/expertise/healthit/nursinghomes/nhtoolkit.html

Long-Term/Post-Acute Health IT Roadmap
http://www.ahima.org/advocacy/ltpachit.aspx

Minnesota Department of Health - e-Health Initiative
http://www.health.state.mn.us/e-health/index.html

Quality Improvement Organizations
http://www.ahqa.org/pub/connections/162_694_2450.cfm

Regional Extension Centers

State Health Information Cooperative Agreement Program
http://statehieresources.org/contacts/

Stratis Health - “Health Information Technology Toolkit for Nursing Homes”
http://www.stratishealth.org/expertise/healthit/nursinghomes/nhtoolkit.html

Sue Mitchell, Consultant - “HIT as a 2nd Language”; September 2008

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