

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_one_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

http://healthit.hhs.gov/portal/server.pt/community/healthit_hhs_gov_listing_of_regional_extension_centers/3519

State Health Information Cooperative Agreement Program

<http://statehierresources.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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