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Physician Workflow Supplement 2011

The purpose of the physician workflow study is to collect information about barriers and facilitators of electronic health record (EHR) adoption. As a physician without an EHR system, your participation is greatly appreciated. Your answers are completely confidential, and your participation is voluntary. If you have any questions, please call 866-966-1473.

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| *This survey focuses on physician adoption of EHRs at the location you received this survey. For the following questions, please provide information regarding* ***this location only****.* |

1. **Which of the following best describes your practice’s current EHR adoption status?**

1□ We have no intention of purchasing an EHR system within 12 months.

2□ We are deciding on whether or not to purchase an EHR system within 12 months.

3□ We intend to purchase an EHR system in the next 12 months, but have not begun the selection process.

4□ We are in the process of selecting an EHR system.

5□ We have purchased but are not yet using an EHR system.

6□ We have purchased and are using an EHR system.

1. **Indicate to what extent you view the following as a BARRIER to adopting an EHR system.**

|  | **Major Barrier** | **Minor Barrier** | **Not a Barrier** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **2a. Cost of purchasing an EHR system** | 1□ | 2□ | 3□ |
| **2b. Annual cost of maintaining an EHR system**  | 1□ | 2□ | 3□ |
| **2c. Ability to secure financing for an EHR system** | 1□ | 2□ | 3□ |
| **2d. Availability of an EHR system that meets my practice’s needs**  | 1□ | 2□ | 3□ |
| **2e. Effort needed to select an EHR system** | 1□ | 2□ | 3□ |
| **2f. Access to high speed Internet (e.g., broadband, cable)** | 1□ | 2□ | 3□ |
| **2g. Loss of productivity during the transition to an EHR system** | 1□ | 2□ | 3□ |
| **2h. Adequacy of EHR technical support** | 1□ | 2□ | 3□ |
| **2i. Reliability of the system (e.g., EHR down or unavailable when needed, frequency of system failures)** | 1□ | 2□ | 3□ |
| **2j. Reaching consensus within the practice to select an EHR** | 1□ | 2□ | 3□ |
| **2k. Resistance of my practice to change work habits** | 1□ | 2□ | 3□ |

1. **Indicate the extent that you agree with the following statements if your practice implemented an EHR system.**

|  | **Strongly Agree** | **Somewhat****Agree** | **Somewhat****Disagree** | **Strongly Disagree** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **3a. Overall, my practice would function more efficiently with an EHR system.** | 1□ | 2□ | 3□ | 4□ |
| **3b. An EHR would increase the amount of time spent to plan, review, order, and document care.** | 1□ | 2□ | 3□ | 4□ |
| **3c. An EHR would increase the amount of time spent responding to pharmacy calls.** | 1□ | 2□ | 3□ | 4□ |
| **3d. My practice would save on costs associated with managing and storing paper records.** | 1□ | 2□ | 3□ | 4□ |
| **3e. An EHR would increase my current number of weekly office visits.** | 1□ | 2□ | 3□ | 4□ |
| **3f. My practice would receive lab results faster.** | 1□ | 2□ | 3□ | 4□ |
| **3g. I would trust the patient information that I received from other providers (e.g., lab results).** | 1□ | 2□ | 3□ | 4□ |
| **3h. An EHR would disrupt the way I interact with my patients.** | 1□ | 2□ | 3□ | 4□ |
| **3i. An EHR would be an asset when recruiting physicians to join the practice.** | 1□ | 2□ | 3□ | 4□ |
| **3j. An EHR would have many clinical benefits for my practice.** | 1□ | 2□ | 3□ | 4□ |
| **3k. An EHR would pose a risk to patient data confidentiality.** | 1□ | 2□ | 3□ | 4□ |
| **3l. An EHR would be a good financial investment for my practice.** | 1□ | 2□ | 3□ | 4□ |
| **3m. I’m not sure that I can count on receiving an incentive payment for using an EHR.** | 1□ | 2□ | 3□ | 4□ |
| **3n. My practice would deliver better patient care when records are readily available at the point-of-care.** | 1□ | 2□ | 3□ | 4□ |
| **3o. Billing for services would be less complete.** | 1□ | 2□ | 3□ | 4□ |
| **3p. Sending prescriptions electronically would save me time.** | 1□ | 2□ | 3□ | 4□ |

1. **Please indicate which of the following would influence your decision to adopt an EHR?**

|  | **Major Influence to Adopt** | **Minor Influence to Adopt** | **Not an Influence** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **4a. $50,000 incentive payment for EHR use**  | 1□ | 2□ | 3□ |
| **4b. Financial penalties up to 3% of Medicare claims for not using an EHR** | 1□ | 2□ | 3□ |
| **4c. Availability of government-certified products** | 1□ | 2□ | 3□ |
| **4d. Assistance with EHR vendor/product selection**  | 1□ | 2□ | 3□ |
| **4e. Technical assistance with EHR implementation in your practice** | 1□ | 2□ | 3□ |
| **4f. Use of EHRs by trusted colleagues** | 1□ | 2□ | 3□ |

1. **Please indicate your level of agreement about the impact on improving patient care if your practice implemented an EHR system. My practice would …**

|  | **Strongly Disagree** | **Somewhat Disagree** | **Somewhat****Agree** | **Strongly****Agree** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **5a. Avoid more medication errors.** | 1□ | 2□ | 3□ | 4□ |
| **5b. Be more aware of critical lab values.** | 1□ | 2□ | 3□ | 4□ |
| **5c. Provide better preventive care (e.g., vaccine, cancer screening) recommended by an EHR.** | 1□ | 2□ | 3□ | 4□ |
| **5d. Provide worse care for patients with chronic conditions based on clinical guidelines.** | 1□ | 2□ | 3□ | 4□ |
| **5e. Order a needed lab test (such as HbA1c or LDL).** | 1□ | 2□ | 3□ | 4□ |
| **5f. Order fewer unnecessary tests because of EHR prompts.** | 1□ | 2□ | 3□ | 4□ |
| **5g. Prescribe more on-formulary drugs rather than off-formulary drugs.** | 1□ | 2□ | 3□ | 4□ |
| **5h. Use available tools in the EHR (e.g., trending, web-based tools, risk assessments) to enhance patient care.** | 1□ | 2□ | 3□ | 4□ |
| **5i. Communicate more directly with a patient via email or secure messaging.** | 1□ | 2□ | 3□ | 4□ |
| **5j. Access my patient’s chart electronically to work remotely (e.g., from home).** | 1□ | 2□ | 3□ | 4□ |

1. **Please indicate which functions you would value most in an EHR. Also, in the far right column, select what you consider to be the 3 MOST IMPORTANT FEATURES.**

|  | **Very Important** | **Somewhat Important** | **Not Important** | **Important Features****(Max of 3)** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **6a. Electronic billing?** | 1□ | 2□ | 3□ | 4□ |
| **6b. Recording a patient problem list?** | 1□ | 2□ | 3□ | 4□ |
| **6c. Recording clinical notes?** | 1□ | 2□ | 3□ | 4□ |
| **6d. Availability of the patient’s medication and allergy lists?** | 1□ | 2□ | 3□ | 4□ |
| **6e. Ordering prescriptions electronically (sending a prescription directly to a pharmacy at the point-of-care)?** | 1□ | 2□ | 3□ | 4□ |
| **6f. Clinical decision support (e.g., alerts for drug interactions or contraindications)** | 1□ | 2□ | 3□ | 4□ |
| **6g. Providing reminders for guideline-based interventions or screening tests?** | 1□ | 2□ | 3□ | 4□ |
| **6h. Ordering lab tests electronically at point-of-care?** | 1□ | 2□ | 3□ | 4□ |
| **6i. Providing standard order sets related to a particular condition or procedure?** | 1□ | 2□ | 3□ | 4□ |
| **6j. Viewing lab and imaging diagnostics** | 1□ | 2□ | 3□ | 4□ |
| **6k. Viewing data on quality of care measures?** | 1□ | 2□ | 3□ | 4□ |
| **6l. Exchanging patient clinical summaries with other providers?** | 1□ | 2□ | 3□ | 4□ |
| **6m. Providing patients with clinical summaries for each visit?** | 1□ | 2□ | 3□ | 4□ |
| **6n. Exchanging secure messages with patients?** | 1□ | 2□ | 3□ | 4□ |

1. **Are you familiar with the following government incentives related to EHRs?**

|  | **Yes,** **I do not plan to participate**  | **Yes,**  **I plan to participate** | **Yes,**  **I have participated** | **Not familiar** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Incentive payments for the *meaningful use* of EHRs:** |  |  |  |  |
| **7a1. For Medicare providers** | 1□ | 2□ | 3□ | 4□ |
| **7a2. For Medicaid providers** | 1□ | 2□ | 3□ | 4□ |
| **7b. Regional Extension Centers assist with EHR implementation & use** | 1□ | 2□ | 3□ | 4□ |

1. **How much do you estimate it would cost your practice to implement an EHR, per physician?**

1□ under $20,000

2□ $20,000 to $30,000

3□ $30,000 to $40,000

4□ $40,000 to $50,000

5□ $50,000 to $60,000

6□ Over $60,000

1. **Please think about your experiences with *new* computer systems and software. Overall, how easy or difficult is it for you to use new technology?**

1□ Very difficult

2□ Somewhat difficult

3□ Neither difficult nor easy

4□ Somewhat easy

5□ Very Easy

1. **How many of the following types of staff work at this location (FTE not including physicians nor mid-level providers)?**
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Nurses (RN/LPN)
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Medical Assistants (MA)
4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Administrative staff
5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_IT staff
6. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Other staff
7. **In what year did you first practice medicine, after completing residency or fellowship?** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_(YYYY)
8. **What is your ethnicity?**

1□ Hispanic or Latino

2□ Not Hispanic or Latino

1. **What is your race? (check all that apply)**

1□ White

2□ Black/African American

3□ Asian

4□ Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander

5□ American Indian/Alaska Native

1. **Who completed this survey?**

1□ The physician to whom it was addressed

2□ Office staff

3□ Other

***Thank you for your participation. Please return your survey in the envelope***

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