

NEED HELP CHOOSING AND IMPLEMENTING AN EMR?

Considering change to an electronic medical record (EMR) or electronic health record (EHR) can seem like a daunting task. The AACAP Task Force for Health Information Technology has compiled a list of annotated links that may prove helpful in this process.

Educational Tools/Links:

- The US Dept. of Health and Human Services Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology provides a helpful list of commonly-used terms in health information technology (HIT). Additionally, EMR Consultant has created a very extensive glossary and listing of acronyms for EHR.
 - <http://www.hhs.gov/healthit/glossary.html>
 - <http://www.emrconsultant.com/glossary>
- AmericanEHR Partners is a website developed by the American College of Physicians and Cientis Technologies. AmericanEHR Partners provides physicians, state and federal agencies, vendors, and funding organizations across the United States with the necessary tools to identify, implement, and effectively use EHRs and other healthcare technologies. This website is partnered with several major medical societies (including the American Psychiatric Association) and provides valuable resources for implementing an EHR system.
 - <http://www.americanehr.com/Home.aspx> (you need to set-up a free account to access most materials)
- The American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) has created an invaluable resource for physicians and health-care professionals considering an EHR. Their site, named the Center for Health IT, has an extensive list of tutorials for general practitioners who want to learn more about EHR or are considering implementation of an EHR in their practice.
 - <http://www.centerforhit.org/online/chit/home/cme-learn/tutorials/ehrcourses/ehr101.html>
- The AAFP's Center for Health IT has also created an annotated list of publications and organizations in health IT, which provides links to additional helpful resources.
 - <http://www.centerforhit.org/online/chit/home/cme-learn/pubs-orgs.html>
- The American Psychiatric Association (APA) has created an area of their website devoted to EHR, detailing educational materials, tools to help choose an EMR/e-prescribing vendor, and other HIT organizations.
 - <http://www.psychiatry.org/practice/managing-a-practice/electronic-health-records>

Medicare/Medicaid Incentives for EMR:

- The official details for the Medicare/Medicaid EHR incentives program is listed on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services website:
 - <http://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms/>

- To find out if you are eligible for incentive payments:
 - http://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms/15_Eligibility.asp

- The APA has created a very helpful summary page detailing EMR incentives and terms for psychiatrists who treat Medicare/Medicaid patients in their practices. This website is devoted to outpatient psychiatrists who are looking to learn more about the incentives programs, providing links to other sites for further details.
 - <http://www.psych.org/ehrincentive>

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