

**How to Integrate, Incorporate  
and Find Ways to Make  
Electronic Health Records  
Work in Your Practice**

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**ACNM HIT SURVERY**

What we have learned so far.

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**WHO RESPONDED OVER 880 OVERALL  
RESPONSES**

- 1/3 of responders were in combined practice, midwives, MD's and NP's
- 1/4 independent midwife lead practice.
- 666 responders 76 % hospital based practice
- 6 % homebirth
- 5% birth center

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ARE YOU USING AN EHR FOR AMBULATORY CARE

- YES
- 79 percent
- We are moving forward

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Those not using an EHR listed these reasons

- Has not been purchased by the institution (43 %)
- Cost too much to install or maintain (22 percent)
- Have not found one to meet their needs (23 percent)

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WHICH ONE ARE YOU USING

EPIC - largest 28 % however an individual practice cannot purchase EPIC

- Allscripts, Centricity, Nextgen, Greenway 6-7%
- Althena health, Cerner, Private Practice 4 %
- Other 21 % (Military, Indian Health, assorted others.

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**SATISFACTION**

38 % somewhat satisfied.  
22 % very satisfied  
14% neutral  
◆ **19% not very satisfied**  
◆ **6 % not satisfied at all.**

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**IS LIFE EASIER?**

This answer was balanced between easier and more difficult  
However the responders were clear it may collaboration much easier!!! – stay tuned for a big pitfall in communication when collaborating  
An important plus for CNM's  
Take home message you have to work hard to make it work and work in your practice

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**PATIENT'S ABILITY TO INTERACT**

- Schedule appointments
- Enter health history
- Access labs
- Access visit notes
- Monitor health trends
- Access patient education or shared decision making
- Send a SECURE message to provider
- \*\*as midwives we believe strongly in patient involvement in care\*\*
- \*\*This is the future\*\*

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Intrapartum use is at 68 Percent and an additional 20 percent will be using in the next two years

- EPIC number one, Centricity second, Cerner third and a few using private practice.
- \*\*Using EHR **Does not** seem to make it any easier to document care that supports normal physiologic labor and birth.

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**MEANINGFUL USE**

274 respondents have applied for meaningful use

- 116 plan to apply
- 44 do not plan to
- 22 have not decided
- 120 do not know what meaningful use is.

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**Meaningful Use Definition & Objectives**

**Meaningful Use Defined**

Meaningful use is using certified electronic health record (EHR) technology to:

- Improve quality, safety, efficiency, and reduce health disparities
- Engage patients and family
- Improve care coordination, and population and public health
- Maintain privacy and security of patient health information

Ultimately, it is hoped that the meaningful use compliance will result in:

- Better clinical outcomes
- Improved population health outcomes
- Increased transparency and efficiency
- Empowered individuals
- More robust research data on health systems

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## CNM'S ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAID EHR INCENTIVE PROGRAM

### The Medicaid EHR Incentive Program

The Medicaid EHR Incentive Program provides incentive payments to eligible professionals, eligible hospitals, and CAHs as they adopt, implement, upgrade, or demonstrate meaningful use of certified EHR technology in their first year of participation and demonstrate meaningful use for up to five remaining participation years.

Eligible professionals can receive up to **\$63,750** over the six years that they choose to participate in the program

The Medicaid EHR Incentive Program is voluntarily offered by 43 individual states and territories, and more states will begin offering the program in 2012. Check with your [State Medicaid Agency for more information](#).

The EHR Incentive Program provides incentive payments for eligible healthcare providers to use EHR technology in ways that can positively impact patient care.

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## MEANINGFUL USE RESOURCES

[www.healthit.gov](http://www.healthit.gov)

Office of the National coordinator for Health Information Technology

- Take the First Step Toward EHR Implementation Whether you're just starting to think about adopting an electronic health record (EHR) system or are ready to make the change from paper records to EHRs, find out how to get started.
- Achieve Meaningful Use Already have an EHR System? Learn about the meaningful use objectives that eligible professionals and hospitals must achieve to qualify for Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Incentive Programs.
- Get Local Technical Help The EHR adoption process can be overwhelming. But you don't have to do it alone. The nationwide network of Regional Extension Centers (RECs) offers local, low-cost, on-the-ground support.

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## BENCHMARKING AND DATA COLLECTION

There are many barrier to data collection

- No access to the data
- They do not own data
- HIPPA concerns
- No one would run the reports
- Missing data
- Cost to get the data
- No one knows how to get the data
- Only physicians can get the data
- Cannot separate midwife and physician data

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**SECURE COMMUNICATION**

- Fyi texting NOT SECURE
  - 28 % responders using test
- Personal email NOT SECURE
  - 20 percent using
- Secure messages
  - 31 %
- FACEBOOK ☹ ☹ ☹ 11 percent !!

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**COMMUNICATION WITH OTHER PROVIDERS**

- 50 percent fax (? Secure)
- 42 percent text NOT SECURE (one comment texting has been wonderful for our physician consulting relationship)
- 24 % personal email NOT SECURE
- 48-58 percent Secure email or encrypted methods
- FACEBOOK ☹ ☹ 3 %

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Would you collect data if it was easier and quick?

- How can we make it better?
- Mobile apps?? Quick entry??
- Data collection is important

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**RIGHT FROM ONC WEBSITE**

**Do you need to comply with HIPAA if you are using a mobile device?**

If you are a covered entity or a business associate, yes. HHS OCR has detailed information explaining who is [a covered entity in general, individuals and organizations that meet the definition of a covered entity, namely those who are health plans, health care clearinghouses, or health care providers who transmit health information in electronic form in connection with certain transactions must comply with the Rules' requirements to protect the privacy and security of health information, even when using mobile devices. Their business associates are also contractually required to follow these requirements.](#)

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**DATA COLLECTION**

The importance of Data collection  
EHR can enhance the abilities of midwives to collect data

- Data collection proves what we do works
- Data collection helps attract patients.
- Data collection helps us get paid
- Data collection provides proof of good outcomes

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**WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN ABOUT HIT?**

Health IT tools to support patient engagement and shared decision making

- Appropriate use of electronic communication for patient care
- Meaningful use
- Collecting and using data for quality improvement and quality assurance.

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## THE FUTURE

- Health Information Exchange allows health care professionals and patients to appropriately access and securely share a patient's vital medical information electronically. There are many health care delivery scenarios driving the technology behind the different forms of health information exchange available today.
  - Patient portals
  - Between providers

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## THE PERFECT EHR FOR MIDWIVES

What do you think??

Works for homebirth, birth center, hospital based practice

• Patient centered, highlights midwifery care!!

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## Questions???

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## RESOURCES

[www.healthit.gov](http://www.healthit.gov)

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- ACNM EHR listserv
- ACNM HIT web page
- HIT section members

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