Venous EMR Trials and Tribulations

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Why the push to get EHR
- Gather data
- Enforce consistent standards and protocols
- Share data between providers and facilities
- Give patients access to their medical records

Gathering data
- Identify trends
- Compare results from different facilities
- Look for fraud, waste, and abuse

Enforce standards and protocol
- Uniform care across the country
- Reduce malpractice

Share data between providers and facilities
- Prevent duplication of services
- Prevent medication errors
- Improve patient availability
Allow patients access to their records
- Take a proactive role in their care

Reality check

Data gathering
- May be used against you? Or your patient? Or all of us?
- New liability issues from patient information hacking
- Increase in fraud and abuse
- Faster changing of the rules as trends are noted

Cookbook medicine
- Comes between you and your patient
- No need for judgement
- Used to slow down service

Sharing formation between providers and facilities
- I haven’t seen this since I’m not part of a big group
- Are all physicians and facilities supposed to communicate

Allowing patient access to their health records
- Sorry but they don’t ever check their records…. Ever
- Maybe I need to give it more time
- Maybe patient should have their own emr not the physician or facility
How has it affected my practice

- Doubled the times to see patients
- Added several new employees
- Made my practice seem very high tech and less personable
- We are taking blood pressures and getting weights
- Tons of useless information
- And when the internet or computers go down the whole practice stops

What my computer spits out may not be exactly what I meant

- Constantly changing the wording
- Denials cause of at and below
- Insurance physicians/examiners can’t find what they are looking for
- Accused of lack of documentation

Conclusion

- I yearn for the day that the doctor patient relationship is what mattered
- That making the patient happy was paramount
- What was said between doc and patient was just between them
- But as long as we are paid primarily from the government or other third parties it can’t happen