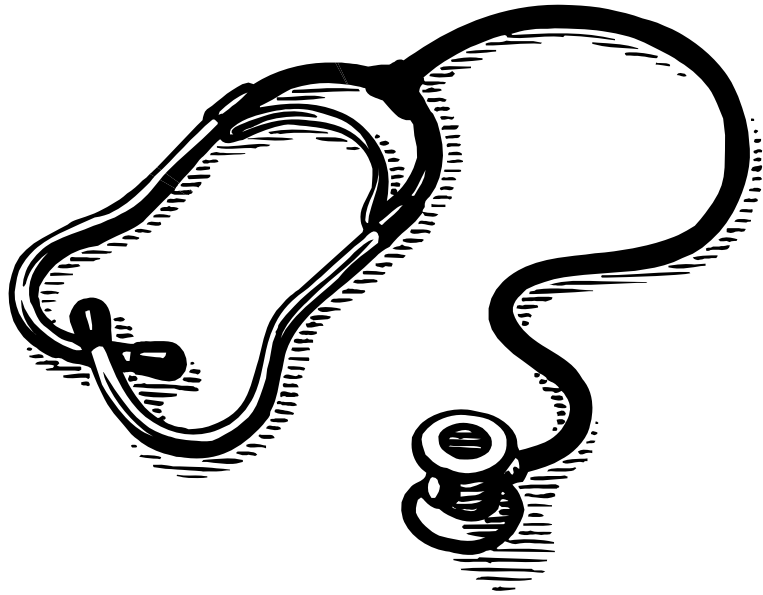


Why EHR?

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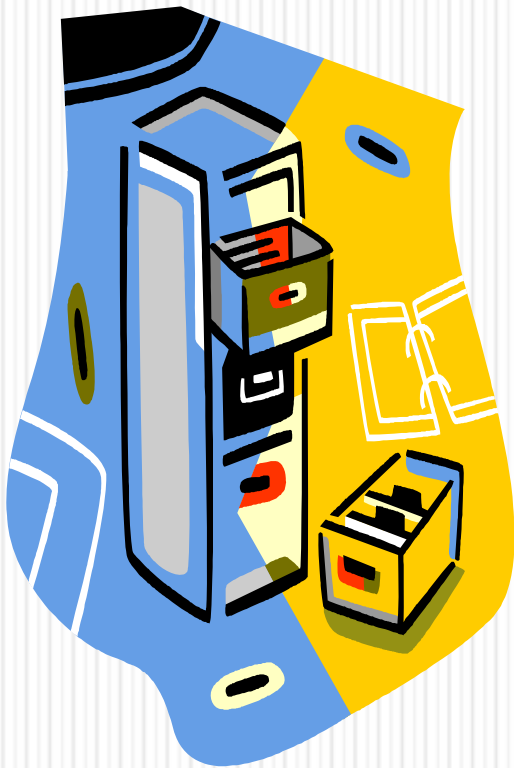
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Doctors and Technology

Friend or Foe?

Stacks and Stacks of



- Chasing information
- Inefficient records systems
- Errors in medication and documentation
- Management of messages/labs/tests
- Staff requirements

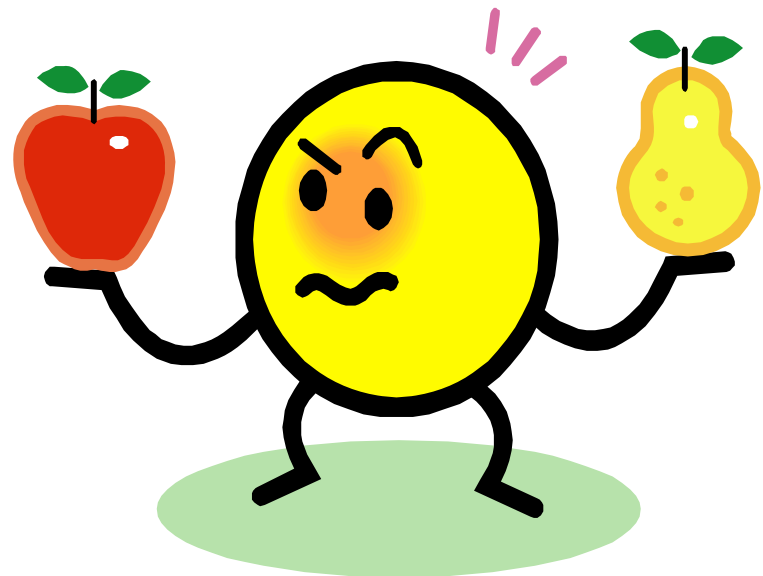
How I chose an EHR

In 2000

- Integrated software
- Paper flow
- Faxing/Scanning
- Implementation
- Flexibility
- Scheduling/Billing

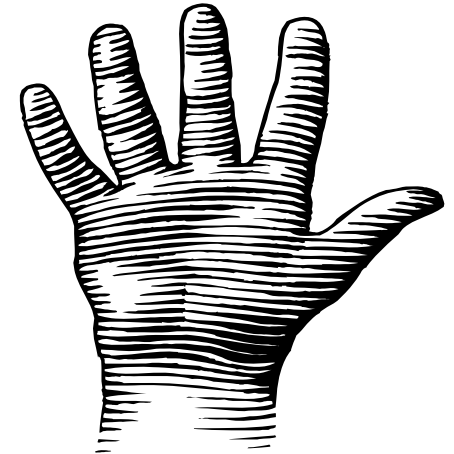
and more in 2009

- Meaningful use
- Software + vendor
- Future needs ????



Meaningful Use Recommendations

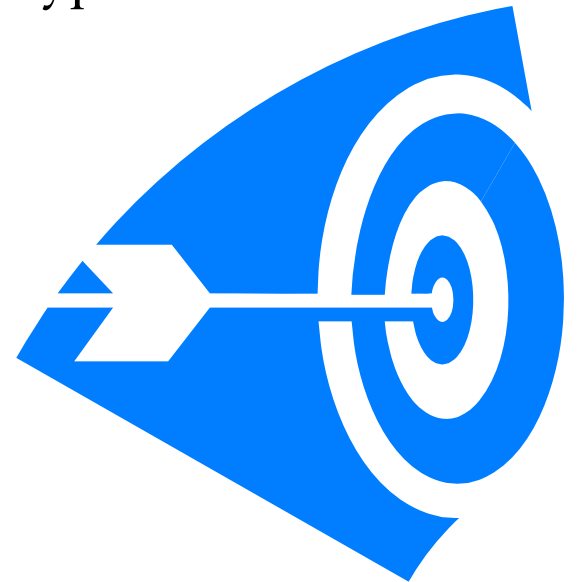
- Five areas of Focus
 - Improve Quality, Safety, and Efficiency
 - Engage Patients and Families
 - Improve Care Coordination
 - Improve Population and Public Health
 - Ensure Privacy and Security Protection
- Encourages people to get their feet wet with most basic EHR functionality
- Actual thresholds likely to be very low for 2011, will get harder over time



Improve Quality, Safety, and Efficiency

Objectives (2011)

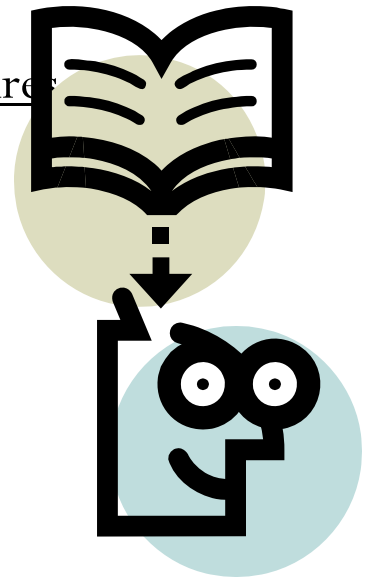
- Document progress notes for each encounter
- Use “provider order entry” for all order types



Improve Quality, Safety, and Efficiency

Measurables (2011)

- Labs incorporated into EHR in coded format
- Report quality measures using HIT-enabled quality measures
 - Diabetics with A1c under control
 - LDL under control
 - Smokers offered cessation counseling
 - Patients with recorded BMI
 - Colorectal screening for 50+
 - Mammograms for women 40+
 - Current immunization status



Engage Patients & Families

Objectives (2011)

- Provide patients with electronic copy of or electronic access to clinical information labs, medication list, allergies, problem list
- Provide access to patient specific educational sources



Improve Care Coordination

Objectives (2011)

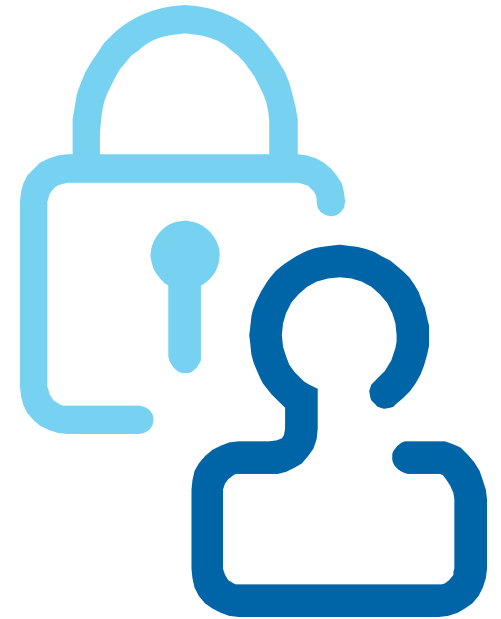
- Exchange key clinical information among providers
- Perform medication reconciliation at relevant encounters



Ensure Privacy & Security Protections

Objectives (2011)

- Compliance with HIPAA and state laws



Improve Population & Public Health

Objectives (2011)

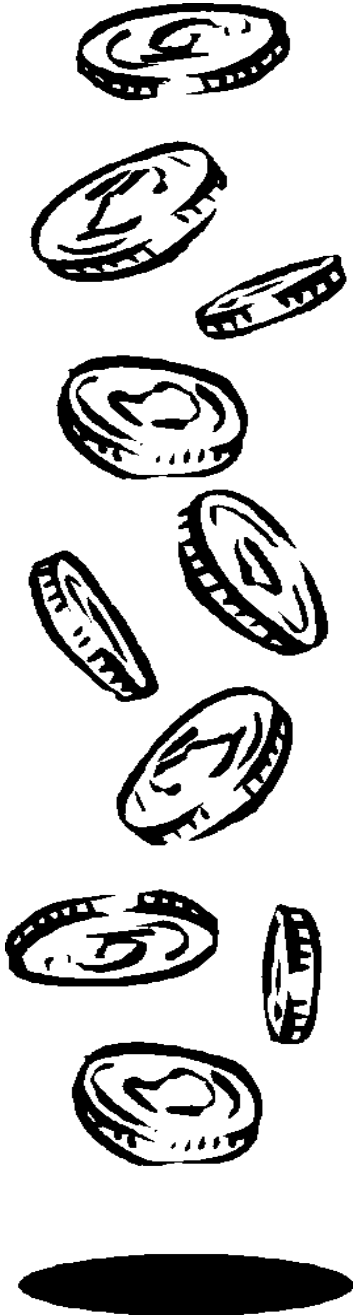
- Submit electronic data to immunization registries where required and can be accepted



Is Your Practice Ready?

- Research
- What you can do now?





The Money Slide

- Transcription
- Staffing
- Improved coding
- Multiple locations
- Provider's time
- Office space
- Paper and supplies
- The “green” office
- Stimulus



8 years later

- “Metal and electricity”
- Patient perspective
- Patient education
- Office flow
- Flexibility of the software
- Staff - satisfaction/ champions
- training
- “clicks”
- Allscripts
- Journey

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