

Medicaid Ehr Attestation User Guide

Reflecting emerging trends in today's health information management, Health Information Technology, 3rd Edition covers everything from electronic health records and collecting healthcare data to coding and compliance. It prepares you for a role as a Registered Health Information Technician, one in which you not only file and keep accurate records but serve as a healthcare analyst who translates data into useful, quality information that can control costs and further research. This edition includes new full-color illustrations and easy access to definitions of daunting terms and acronyms. Written by expert educators Nadinia Davis and Melissa LaCour, this book also offers invaluable preparation for the HIT certification exam. Workbook exercises in the book help you review and apply key concepts immediately after you've studied the core topics. Clear writing style and easy reading level makes reading and studying more time-efficient. Chapter learning objectives help you prepare for the credentialing exam by corresponding to the American Health Information Management Association's (AHIMA) domains and subdomains of the Health Information Technology (HIT) curriculum. A separate Confidentiality and Compliance chapter covers HIPAA privacy regulations. Job descriptions in every chapter offer a broad view of the field and show career options following graduation and certification. Student resources on the Evolve companion website include sample paper forms and provide an interactive learning environment. NEW! Full-color illustrations aid comprehension and help you visualize concepts. UPDATED information accurately depicts today's technology, including records processing in the EHR and hybrid environments, digital storage concerns, information systems implementation, and security issues, including HITECH's impact on HIPAA regulations. NEW! Glossary terms and definitions plus acronyms/abbreviations in the margins provide easy access to definitions of key vocabulary and confusing abbreviations. NEW! Go Tos in the margins cross-reference the textbook by specific chapters. NEW Coding boxes in the margins provide examples of common code sets. Over 100 NEW vocabulary terms and definitions ensure that the material is current and comprehensive. NEW Patient Care Perspective and Career Tips at the end of chapters include examples of important HIM activities in patient care and customer service.

In addition to reprinting the PDF of the CMS CoPs and Interpretive Guidelines, we include key Survey and Certification memos that CMS has issued to announced changes to the emergency preparedness final rule, fire and smoke door annual testing requirements, survey team composition and investigation of complaints, infection control screenings, and legionella risk reduction.

Provides foundational knowledge and understanding of the implementation and use of electronic health records (EHRs) Explains the system design life cycle of an electronic health record implementation Provides methods for evaluating patient and population health outcomes Numerous appendices provide supporting material and examples including a project timeline, workflow process map, and test script examples This comprehensive reference provides foundational knowledge on electronic health records (EHRs) for the delivery of quality nursing care. Chapters cover descriptions of EHR components and functions, federal regulations within the HITECH Act, privacy and security considerations, interfaces and interoperability, design, building, testing, implementation, maintenance and evaluating outcomes. Key reference for nurse executives, nurse directors, nurse managers, advanced practice nurses, nurse researchers, nurse educators, and nurse informaticists. Foreword by: W. Ed Hammond, Ph.D., FACMI, FAIMBE, FHL7, FIMIA

Foundations of Health Information Management, 4th Edition is an absolute must for any student beginning a career in HIM. Balancing comprehensive coverage with an engaging, easy-to-understand tone, this text focuses on healthcare delivery systems, electronic health

records, and the processing, maintenance, and analysis of health information to present a realistic and practical view of technology and trends in healthcare. It prepares you for the role of a Registered Health Information Technician who not only files and keeps accurate records, but serves as a healthcare analyst who translates data into useful, quality information that can control costs and further research. With new SimChart and SimChart for the Medical Office samples, the new 2014 AHIMA outcome-based competencies, and more exercises, this fourth edition puts you in a position to succeed on the RHIT certification exam. Clear writing style and easy reading level makes reading and studying more time-efficient, and is ideal for two-year associate degree HIM programs and career schools. Chapter learning objectives are tied to the American Health Information Management Association's (AHIMA) HIM domains and subdomains to allow instructors to teach to the credentialing exam — and prepare you for the exam. Separate legal chapter covers HIPAA privacy regulations and emphasizes the importance of HIPAA compliance in today's healthcare system. Statistics chapter gives new students a foundation for learning. Four-color design and illustrations make content more appealing and easier to learn. Exercises at the end of every main section in each chapter encourage you to review and apply key concepts. Career Tip and Professional Profile boxes give you a broader view of the field and show you the many career options you have upon graduation and certification. Chapter summaries and reviews allow for easy review of each chapter's main concepts. Robust appendices, including sample paper records, electronic documentation, and demonstration of Microsoft Excel, equip you with all the extras you need to enter the HIM world. NEW! Content mapped to 2014 AHIMA CEE competencies and domains so you can prepare for the current health information environment and the RHIT exam. NEW! SimChart and SimChart for the Medical Office samples feature screenshots from EHRs to demonstrate electronic medical records in use. NEW! More exercises give you additional opportunities to practice your knowledge of material. NEW! AHIMA competency mapping included in the front of book to provide instructors and students with instant access to the AHIMA domains and competencies needed to prepare for the RHIT exam. NEW! Classroom handouts can be used in the classroom or as homework, and include a variety of exercises.

Health spending continues to grow faster than the economy in most OECD countries. In 2010, the OECD published a study of strategies to increase value for money in health care, in which pay for performance (P4P) was identified as an innovative tool to improve health system efficiency in several OECD countries. However, evidence that P4P increases value for money, boosts quality of processes in health care, or improves health outcomes is limited. This book explores the many questions surrounding P4P such as whether the potential power of P4P has been over-sold, or whether the disappointing results to date are more likely rooted in problems of design and implementation or inadequate monitoring and evaluation. The book also examines the supporting systems and process, in addition to incentives, that are necessary for P4P to improve provider performance and to drive and sustain improvement. The book utilises a substantial set of case studies from 12 OECD countries to shed light on P4P programs in practice. Featuring both high and middle income countries, cases from primary and acute care settings, and a range of both national and pilot programmes, each case study features: Analysis of the design and implementation decisions, including the role of stakeholders Critical assessment of objectives versus results Examination of the of 'net' impacts, including positive spillover effects and unintended consequences The detailed analysis of these 12 case studies together with the rest of this critical text highlight the realities of P4P programs and their potential impact on the performance of health systems in a diversity of settings. As a result, this book provides critical insights into the experience to date with P4P and how this tool may be better leveraged to improve health system performance and accountability. This title is in the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies Series. Introducing the most complete, compact guide to teaching and learning nursing informatics If you're looking for a clear, streamlined review of

nursing informatics fundamentals, Essentials of Nursing Informatics Study Guide is the go-to reference. Drawn from the newly revised 6th Edition of Saba and McCormick's bestselling textbook, Essentials of Nursing Informatics, this indispensable study guide helps instructors sharpen their classroom teaching skills, while offering students an effective self-study and review tool both in and out of the classroom. Each chapter features a concise, easy-to-follow format that solidifies students' understanding of the latest nursing informatics concepts, technologies, policies, and skills. For the nurse educator, the study guide includes teaching tips, class preparation ideas, learning objectives, review questions, and answer explanations—all designed to supplement the authoritative content of the core text. Also included is an online faculty resource to supplement classroom teaching, offering instructors PowerPoints with concise chapter outlines, learning objectives, key words, and explanatory illustrations and tables. To request Instructor PowerPoint slides: Visit www.EssentialsofNursingInformatics.com and under the "Downloads and Resources tab," click "Request PowerPoint" to access the PowerPoint request form. Focusing on topics as diverse as data processing and nursing informatics in retail clinics, the nine sections of Essentials of Nursing Informatics Study Guide encompass all areas of nursing informatics theory and practice: Nursing Informatics Technologies System Life Cycle Informatics Theory Standards/Foundations of Nursing Informatics Nursing Informatics Leadership Advanced Nursing Informatics in Practice Nursing Informatics/Complex Applications Educational Applications Research Applications Big Data Initiatives The comprehensive, yet concise coverage of Essentials of Nursing Informatics Study Guide brings together the best nursing informatics applications and perspectives in one exceptional volume. More than any other source, it enables registered nurses to master this vital specialty, so they can contribute to the overall safety, efficiency, and effectiveness of healthcare.

Health Informatics (HI) focuses on the application of information technology (IT) to the field of medicine to improve individual and population healthcare delivery, education and research. This extensively updated fifth edition reflects the current knowledge in Health Informatics and provides learning objectives, key points, case studies and references. Topics include: HI Overview; Healthcare Data, Information, and Knowledge; Electronic Health Records, Practice Management Systems; Health Information Exchange; Data Standards; Architectures of Information Systems; Health Information Privacy and Security; HI Ethics; Consumer HI; Mobile Technology; Online Medical Resources; Search Engines; Evidence-Based Medicine and Clinical Practice Guidelines; Disease Management and Registries; Quality Improvement Strategies; Patient Safety; Electronic Prescribing; Telemedicine; Picture Archiving and Communication Systems; Bioinformatics; Public HI; E-Research. Available as a printed copy and E-book.

Experts estimate that as many as 98,000 people die in any given year from medical errors that occur in hospitals. That's more than die from motor vehicle accidents, breast cancer, or AIDS--three causes that receive far more public attention. Indeed, more people die annually from medication errors than from workplace injuries. Add the financial cost to the human tragedy, and medical error easily rises to the top ranks of urgent, widespread public problems. To Err Is Human breaks the silence that has surrounded medical errors and their consequence--but not by pointing fingers at caring health care professionals who make honest mistakes. After all, to err is human. Instead, this book sets forth a national agenda--with state and local implications--for reducing medical errors and improving patient safety through the design of a safer health system. This volume reveals the often startling statistics of medical error and the disparity between the incidence of error and public perception of it, given many patients' expectations that the medical profession always performs perfectly. A careful examination is made of how the surrounding forces of legislation, regulation, and market activity influence the quality of care provided by health care organizations and then looks at their handling of medical mistakes. Using a detailed case study, the book reviews the current understanding of why these

mistakes happen. A key theme is that legitimate liability concerns discourage reporting of errors--which begs the question, "How can we learn from our mistakes?" Balancing regulatory versus market-based initiatives and public versus private efforts, the Institute of Medicine presents wide-ranging recommendations for improving patient safety, in the areas of leadership, improved data collection and analysis, and development of effective systems at the level of direct patient care. To Err Is Human asserts that the problem is not bad people in health care--it is that good people are working in bad systems that need to be made safer. Comprehensive and straightforward, this book offers a clear prescription for raising the level of patient safety in American health care. It also explains how patients themselves can influence the quality of care that they receive once they check into the hospital. This book will be vitally important to federal, state, and local health policy makers and regulators, health professional licensing officials, hospital administrators, medical educators and students, health caregivers, health journalists, patient advocates--as well as patients themselves. First in a series of publications from the Quality of Health Care in America, a project initiated by the Institute of Medicine

This third edition of HIMSS' award-winning, bestseller explores how clinicians, patients, and health IT stakeholders are collaborating to support high-value care through health IT. Medical Informatics: An Executive Primer continues to explore information technologies applied in hospital settings, at the physician's office and in patients' homes to

"This book will be a terrific introduction to the field of clinical IT and clinical informatics" -- Kevin Johnson "Dr. Braunstein has done a wonderful job of exploring a number of key trends in technology in the context of the transformations that are occurring in our health care system" -- Bob Greenes "This insightful book is a perfect primer for technologists entering the health tech field." -- Deb Estrin "This book should be read by everyone.?" -- David Kibbe This book provides care providers and other non-technical readers with a broad, practical overview of the changing US healthcare system and the contemporary health informatics systems and tools that are increasingly critical to its new financial and clinical care paradigms. US healthcare delivery is dramatically transforming and informatics is at the center of the changes. Increasingly care providers must be skilled users of informatics tools to meet federal mandates and succeed under value-based contracts that demand higher quality and increased patient satisfaction but at lower cost. Yet, most have little formal training in these systems and technologies. Providers face system selection issues with little unbiased and insightful information to guide them. Patient engagement to promote wellness, prevention and improved outcomes is a requirement of Meaningful Use Stage 2 and is increasingly supported by mobile devices, apps, sensors and other technologies. Care providers need to provide guidance and advice to their patients and know how to incorporated as they generate into their care. The one-patient-at-a-time care model is being rapidly supplemented by new team-, population- and public health-based models of care. As digital data becomes ubiquitous, medicine is changing as research based on that data reveals new methods for earlier diagnosis, improved treatment and disease management and prevention. This book is clearly written, up-to-date and uses real world examples extensively to explain the tools and technologies and illustrate their practical role and potential impact on providers, patients, researchers, and society as a whole.

A guide to the implementation and interpretation of Quantile Regression models This book explores the theory and numerous applications of quantile regression, offering empirical data analysis as well as the software tools to implement the methods. The main focus of this book is to provide the reader with a comprehensive description of the main issues concerning quantile regression; these include basic modeling, geometrical interpretation, estimation and inference for quantile regression, as well as issues on validity of the model, diagnostic tools. Each methodological aspect is explored and followed by applications using real data. Quantile Regression: Presents a complete treatment of

quantile regression methods, including, estimation, inference issues and application of methods. Delivers a balance between methodology and application. Offers an overview of the recent developments in the quantile regression framework and why to use quantile regression in a variety of areas such as economics, finance and computing. Features a supporting website (www.wiley.com/go/quantile_regression) hosting datasets along with R, Stata and SAS software code. Researchers and PhD students in the field of statistics, economics, econometrics, social and environmental science and chemistry will benefit from this book.

This User's Guide is intended to support the design, implementation, analysis, interpretation, and quality evaluation of registries created to increase understanding of patient outcomes. For the purposes of this guide, a patient registry is an organized system that uses observational study methods to collect uniform data (clinical and other) to evaluate specified outcomes for a population defined by a particular disease, condition, or exposure, and that serves one or more predetermined scientific, clinical, or policy purposes. A registry database is a file (or files) derived from the registry. Although registries can serve many purposes, this guide focuses on registries created for one or more of the following purposes: to describe the natural history of disease, to determine clinical effectiveness or cost-effectiveness of health care products and services, to measure or monitor safety and harm, and/or to measure quality of care. Registries are classified according to how their populations are defined. For example, product registries include patients who have been exposed to biopharmaceutical products or medical devices. Health services registries consist of patients who have had a common procedure, clinical encounter, or hospitalization. Disease or condition registries are defined by patients having the same diagnosis, such as cystic fibrosis or heart failure. The User's Guide was created by researchers affiliated with AHRQ's Effective Health Care Program, particularly those who participated in AHRQ's DEcIDE (Developing Evidence to Inform Decisions About Effectiveness) program. Chapters were subject to multiple internal and external independent reviews. This book constitutes the proceedings of the Second International Conference on Human Aspects of Information Security, Privacy, and Trust, HAS 2014, held as part of HCI International 2014 which took place in Heraklion, Crete, Greece, in June 2014 and incorporated 14 conferences which similar thematic areas. HCII 2014 received a total of 4766 submissions, of which 1476 papers and 220 posters were accepted for publication after a careful reviewing process. These papers address the latest research and development efforts and highlight the human aspects of design and use of computing systems. The papers thoroughly cover the entire field of Human-Computer Interaction, addressing major advances in knowledge and effective use of computers in a variety of application areas. The 38 papers presented in the HAS 2014 proceedings are organized in topical sections named: usable security; authentication and passwords; security policy and awareness; human behaviour in cyber security and privacy issues.

Early assessment finds that CMS faces obstacles in overseeing the Medicare EHR incentive program.

After attending numerous CME's, volunteering in many health screening camps, engaging in intellectual healthcare discussions, and assisting a number of Physicians in their efforts to implement EHR/participate in the EHR incentive program.....I have repeatedly heard Physicians say, "Someone should write a book on this!". In an effort to reach out to as many Physicians as possible who share a similar concern, it gives me great honor to introduce to you, "Meaningful Use Guide for Physicians". In May of 2014, CMS announced that more than half of the eligible health care providers have been paid under the EHR Incentive Program. The advantages of implementing EHR/participating in the EHR incentive program are two-fold: Financial Benefits: 1) Billions of dollars are available in incentive payments for eligible professionals in the U.S. 2) Every Physician has the opportunity to receive up to \$44,000 - \$64,000 for achieving Meaningful Use before 2016. 3) In May of 2014, CMS announced that more than half of the eligible health care providers have been paid under the EHR Incentive Program. 4) Starting in

2016, there will be mandatory reductions in Medicare payments to eligible professionals who have not implemented EHR. Non-Financial Benefits: 1) Improve quality, safety and efficiency of health care. 2) Promotes patient engagement via patient health records program (PHR) and improved care coordination by creating patient portals. 3) Promotes patient privacy and secure exchange of health information. In this book, I have addressed topics such as Obama Care, HITECH ACT, Meaningful Use, EHR incentive program along with its implementation, patient engagement, patient portals, HIPAA Security Compliance, CMS deadlines, CMS reporting periods, CMS audits, and challenges/solutions to Meaningful Use (MU) in Practices. The goal of this book, "Meaningful Use Guide for Physicians", is as follows: To help Physicians understand the concept of Meaningful Use along with the repercussions of not implementing EHR, to help understand both the financial as well as the non-financial benefits of participating in the EHR incentive program, and most important of all, to help physicians understand how the concept of Meaningful Use benefits not only Physicians but patients as well. Finally, I have gone one step further in "Meaningful Use Guide for Physicians" by advising an action plan for both initiation and sustainment of Meaningful Use.

This book provides content that arms clinicians with the core knowledge and competencies necessary to be effective informatics leaders in health care organizations. The content is drawn from the areas recognized by the American Council on Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) as necessary to prepare physicians to become Board Certified in Clinical Informatics. Clinical informaticians transform health care by analyzing, designing, selecting, implementing, managing, and evaluating information and communication technologies (ICT) that enhance individual and population health outcomes, improve patient care processes, and strengthen the clinician-patient relationship. As the specialty grows, the content in this book covers areas useful to nurses, pharmacists, and information science graduate students in clinical/health informatics programs. These core competencies for clinical informatics are needed by all those who lead and manage ICT in health organizations, and there are likely to be future professional certifications that require the content in this text.?

The Incentive Roadmap(r) is acknowledged as one of the most comprehensive and actionable guides available to healthcare professionals seeking to achieve meaningful use through certified EHR technology. The new Fourth edition adds new and expanded information including:

- * New Appendix on required Core Objective: Performance of HIPAA Compliant Security and Risk Analysis
- * New Appendix which includes link to recorded webinar and slides from the recent eLearning event for Specialists and Meaningful Use
- * Extended Chapter for Specialists achieving Meaningful Use through exclusions
- * Update information on Certified Technology and the Permanent Certification Program
- * New information on the provisions proposed in the CMS NPRM for Stage 2 Meaningful Use

What buyers are saying: I highly recommend this for medical practices trying to qualify for meaningful use this and upcoming years. - Stuart Zeilender "5 out of 5 stars, this book is well researched, insightful and full of useful information. It distills a difficult subject into plain English. It is clear that the author is well versed in the subject matter. I recommend this book highly." - Marla Durben Hirsch ...I also love a later section where Jim Tate provides some practical strategy advice on how a clinic should approach meaningful use. I know I'll be keeping my copy of The Incentive Roadmap(r) close by as a reference. It's a lot easier to go through than the HHS/CMS/ONC websites. - John Lynn, EHR blogger, emrandhipaa.com

Written by Jim Tate, a nationally recognized expert on the CMS EHR Incentive Program, certified technology and Meaningful Use objectives, The Incentive Roadmap(r) is currently in use by practices around the country as the "go-to" manual on achieving meaningful use. In addition to new material, it provides end-to-end guidance to eligible providers and practices on the right way to successfully meet all the requirements for receiving incentives and covers:

- * Which incentive program to select
- * How to become a meaningful user
- * The registration process
- * Details on certification
- * Meaningful Use for Specialists

This manual looks at what steps you will need to take to get ready for meaningful use.

The Definitive Guide to Complying with the HIPAA/HITECH Privacy and Security Rules is a comprehensive manual to ensuring compliance with the implementation standards of the Privacy and Security Rules of HIPAA and provides recommendations based on other related regulations and industry best practices. The book is designed to assist you in reviewing the accessibility of electronic protected health information (EPHI) to make certain that it is not altered or destroyed in an unauthorized manner, and that it is available as needed only by authorized individuals for authorized use. It can also help those entities that may not be covered by HIPAA regulations but want to assure their customers they are doing their due diligence to protect their personal and private information. Since HIPAA/HITECH rules generally apply to covered entities, business associates, and their subcontractors, these rules may soon become de facto standards for all companies to follow. Even if you aren't required to comply at this time, you may soon fall within the HIPAA/HITECH purview. So, it is best to move your procedures in the right direction now. The book covers administrative, physical, and technical safeguards; organizational requirements; and policies, procedures, and documentation requirements. It provides sample documents and directions on using the policies and procedures to establish proof of compliance. This is critical to help prepare entities for a HIPAA assessment or in the event of an HHS audit. Chief information officers and security officers who master the principles in this book can be confident they have taken the proper steps to protect their clients' information and strengthen their security posture. This can provide a strategic advantage to their organization, demonstrating to clients that they not only care about their health and well-being, but are also vigilant about protecting their clients' privacy.

Special edition of the Federal Register, containing a codification of documents of general applicability and future effect ... with ancillaries.

Healthcare Information Management Systems, 4th edition, is a comprehensive volume addressing the technical, organizational and management issues confronted by healthcare professionals in the selection, implementation and management of healthcare information systems. With contributions from experts in the field, this book focuses on topics such as strategic planning, turning a plan into reality, implementation, patient-centered technologies, privacy, the new culture of patient safety and the future of technologies in progress. With the addition of many new chapters, the 4th Edition is also richly peppered with case studies of implementation. The case studies are evidence that information technology can be implemented efficiently to yield results, yet they do not overlook pitfalls, hurdles, and other challenges that are encountered. Designed for use by physicians, nurses, nursing and medical directors, department heads, CEOs, CFOs, CIOs, COOs, and healthcare informaticians, the book aims to be a indispensable reference.

Improving access to justice has been an ongoing process, and on-demand justice should be a natural part of our increasingly on-demand society. What can we do for example when Facebook blocks our account, we're harassed on Twitter, discover that our credit report contains errors, or receive a negative review on Airbnb? How do we effectively resolve these and other such issues? Digital Justice introduces the reader to new technological tools to resolve and prevent disputes bringing dispute resolution to cyberspace, where those who would never look to a court for assistance can find help for instance via a smartphone. The authors focus particular attention on five areas that have seen great

innovation as well as large volumes of disputes: ecommerce, healthcare, social media, labor, and the courts. As conflicts escalate with the increase in innovation, the authors emphasize the need for new dispute resolution processes and new ways to avoid disputes, something that has been ignored by those seeking to improve access to justice in the past.

This book provides interdisciplinary analysis of electronic health record systems and medical big data, offering a wealth of technical, legal, and policy insights.

Health Informatics (HI) focuses on the application of Information Technology (IT) to the field of medicine to improve individual and population healthcare delivery, education and research. This extensively updated fifth edition reflects the current knowledge in Health Informatics and provides learning objectives, key points, case studies and references. IOM's 1999 landmark study *To Err is Human* estimated that between 44,000 and 98,000 lives are lost every year due to medical errors. This call to action has led to a number of efforts to reduce errors and provide safe and effective health care. Information technology (IT) has been identified as a way to enhance the safety and effectiveness of care. In an effort to catalyze its implementation, the U.S. government has invested billions of dollars toward the development and meaningful use of effective health IT. Designed and properly applied, health IT can be a positive transformative force for delivering safe health care, particularly with computerized prescribing and medication safety. However, if it is designed and applied inappropriately, health IT can add an additional layer of complexity to the already complex delivery of health care. Poorly designed IT can introduce risks that may lead to unsafe conditions, serious injury, or even death. Poor human-computer interactions could result in wrong dosing decisions and wrong diagnoses. Safe implementation of health IT is a complex, dynamic process that requires a shared responsibility between vendors and health care organizations. *Health IT and Patient Safety* makes recommendations for developing a framework for patient safety and health IT. This book focuses on finding ways to mitigate the risks of health IT-assisted care and identifies areas of concern so that the nation is in a better position to realize the potential benefits of health IT. *Health IT and Patient Safety* is both comprehensive and specific in terms of recommended options and opportunities for public and private interventions that may improve the safety of care that incorporates the use of health IT. This book will be of interest to the health IT industry, the federal government, healthcare providers and other users of health IT, and patient advocacy groups. Physician adoption of electronic medical records (EMRs) has become a national priority. It is said that EMRs have the potential to greatly improve patient care, to provide the data needed for more effective population management and quality assurance of both an individual practice's patients and well as patients of large health care systems, and the potential to create efficiencies that allow physicians to provide this improved care at a far lower cost than at present. There is currently a strong U.S. government push for physicians to adopt EMR technology, with the Obama

administration emphasizing the use of EMRs as an important part of the future of health care and urging widespread adoption of this technology by 2014. This timely book for the primary care community offers a concise and easy to read guide for implementing an EMR system. Organized in six sections, this invaluable title details the general state of the EMR landscape, covering the government's incentive program, promises and pitfalls of EMR technology, issues related to standardization and the range of EMR vendors from which a provider can choose. Importantly, chapter two provides a detailed and highly instructional account of the experiences that a range of primary care providers have had in implementing EMR systems. Chapter three discusses how to effectively choose an EMR system, while chapters four and five cover all of the vital pre-implementation and implementation issues in establishing an EMR system in the primary care environment. Finally, chapter six discusses how to optimize and maintain a new EMR system to achieve the full cost savings desired. Concise, direct, but above all honest in recognizing the challenges in choosing and implementing an electronic health record in primary care, *Electronic Medical Records: A Practical Guide for Primary Care* has been written with the busy primary care physician in mind.

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