Electronic Health Records and Compliance

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What are the benefits of an EHR?

- Legibility
- Accessibility
- Space savings
- Interoperability
- E-prescribing
- Improved Accuracy for Coding Evaluation and Management
- Financial incentives

- Quality of patient care Care Coordination
- Increase practice efficiencies and cost savings
- Improve accuracy of diagnoses and health outcomes
- Bridge documentation and claim prep

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Areas of Concern:

- Privacy and Security
  - Authorship integrity
  - Auditing integrity – Amending and correcting
  - Patient identification and demographic accuracy
  - Documentation integrity
    - Copy and paste
    - Automatic roll forward

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Areas of Concern:

- Storage
  - ➤ Designating Legal Medical Record
  - ➤ Transfer
  - ➤ Locking and access

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Areas of Concern:

- Meaningful use
  - ➢ Some measures that were optional in stage 1 of meaningful use requirements are mandatory in stage 2
  - ➢ Physician penalties in 2014

- Fraud
  - ➢ Obama admin: EHR fraud won't be tolerated
  - ➢ Upcoding
  - ➢ Cloned notes

Technology tools for records don't come with pre-written policies or rules!

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Billing, Coding or Compliance Question?

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