Health Information Technology Toolkit for Family Physicians

Available HIT Tools and Resources

1. Regulations related to HIT/EHR adoption

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
https://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms

HITECHActHelp.org
http://hitechacthelp.com/2010/05/25/understanding-the-state-hie-toolkit/

American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA)
http://www.ahima.org/advocacy/rec/default.aspx

Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology
http://healthit.hhs.gov/portal/server.pt/community/healthit_hhs_gov__home/1204

2. Incentive programs: Medicare v. Medicaid

Healthcare Information Management and Systems Society (HIMSS)
http://www.himformatics.com/himss/final.htm

Iowa REC
http://www.iowahitrec.org/tools_resources/MU_charges_known

Chicago REC
http://www.chitrec.org/sites/default/files/MICalc1.htm

Wisconsin REC
http://www.whitec.org/custom/IncentiveCalculator/Medicare_MCnotknown.htm

Texas REC
http://www.txrecs.org/

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3. Practice-readiness tools or tips

Metastar
http://www.metastar.com/web/Default.aspx?tabid=160

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) (link to 8 readiness tools)
http://healthit.ahrq.gov/portal/server.pt/community/readiness_assessment/1084/how_do_i_conduct_a_readiness_assessment_/14286

In particular, see Assessing Your Practice: The Green Book, Dartmouth College, 2004

StratisHealth
http://www.stratishealth.org/expertise/healthit/clinics/clinictoolkit.html

American Academy of Family Physicians
http://www.centerforhit.org/online/chit/home.html

American College of Physicians
http://www.acponline.org/running_practice/technology/ehr/roadmap/

There are many more and many are proprietary or are only available with consulting services.

4. Practice technology needs (including workflow analysis)

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)
Workflow analysis
http://healthit.ahrq.gov/portal/server.pt?open=512&objID=1110&parentname=CommunityPage&parentid=28&mode=2&in_hi_userid=7330&cached=true

System requirements http://healthit.ahrq.gov/portal/server.pt/community/system_selection/1090

Infrastructure Assessment
http://healthit.ahrq.gov/portal/server.pt/community/infrastructure_assessment/1088

Evaluation, Optimization and Sustaining
http://healthit.ahrq.gov/portal/server.pt?open=512&objID=1100&parentname=CommunityPage&parentid=29&mode=2&in_hi_userid=7330&cached=true

HITECHActHelp.org
http://hitechacthelp.com/2010/05/25/understanding-the-state-hie-toolkit/

Texas Medical Association
http://www.texmed.org/EMRTool/

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American Academy of Family Physicians
http://www.centerforhit.org/online/chit/home.html

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5. Budget and finance preparation

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)
http://healthit.ahrq.gov/portal/server.pt/community/financing_health_it__general_strategies/1080

Texas Medical Association
http://www.texmed.org/EMRTool/

6. Staff engagement and implementation (primarily listed as change management)

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)
http://healthit.ahrq.gov/portal/server.pt/community/change_management/1107/how_do_i_promote_adoption_of_the_new_system_/14490#Answer

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7. Achieving meaningful use

HITECHActHelp.org
http://hitechacthelp.com/2010/05/25/understanding-the-state-hie-toolkit/

Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology
http://healthit.hhs.gov/portal/server.pt/community/healthit_hhs_gov__home/1204

Certification Commission for Health Information Technology
http://ehrdecisions.com/

Association of Medical Directors of Information Systems
http://www.meaningfuluse.org/

8. Regional and local extension centers

eHealth Initiative
http://www.ehealthinitiative.org/

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9. Outcomes from EHR implementation

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)
http://healthit.ahrq.gov/portal/server.pt?open=512&objID=654&&PageID=5984&mode=2&cached=true#outcomes

10. Reporting and compliance requirements

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
https://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms

11. All or more than one topic covered

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) Health IT Toolkit
http://healthit.ahrq.gov/portal/server.pt?open=512&objID=1077&cached=true&mode=2&userID=7330

Healthcare Information Management and Systems Society (HIMSS)
http://www.himss.org/EconomicStimulus (many items are proprietary)

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
https://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms

Health Resource & Services Administration (HRSA-Community Health Center Oriented)
http://www.hrsa.gov/publichealth/business/healthit/toolbox/HealthITadoptiontoolbox/index.html

American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA)
http://www.ahima.org/

Texas Medical Association
http://www.texmed.org/hit/

American Academy of Family Physicians
http://www.centerforhit.org/online/chit/home.html

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