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Title:

Electronic Patient Records (EPR) and Public Reporting: Benefits and Challenges to Data Quality

Abstract:

The conversion from paper to electronic patient records (EPR) conveys many benefits for both hospital staff and patients, but also presents many challenges for accurately capturing data. As hospitals have implemented EPR to various degrees, they have faced complications in insuring that data conform to the specifications of various reporting agencies. Although hospitals have similar reporting requirements (for example, most are faced with Joint Commission/Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services core measure requirements), there are likely to be different approaches to overcoming these challenges. A panel presentation could bring together representatives from hospitals of various sizes, organization structures, and EPR applications, all of whom would be able to share benefits and challenges of EPR implementation as it pertains to public reporting.