Implementing and Integrating EHR into the ASC

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A Panel Discussion

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Group Questions

- How many of you have implemented EHR?
- If not, how many of you are thinking about implementing EHR into the ASC?
Pros and Cons

**Cons**
- There is no CMS reimbursement for the system
- It can slow you down
- Getting information from “non-connected” doctors for their cases
- Making sure the documentation is up to the appropriate standards and not “cookie cutter”
- Easier to produce the required information for an audit

**Pros**
- Easier to access the latest information at your fingertips
- The documentation is easier and more complete
- Easier to provide the required information for an audit
- Electronic consents

ASC’s and MU

- EP’s who practice in multiple locations must have 50% or more of their patient encounters during the reporting period at a practice/location or practices/locations equipped with certified EHR technology. Every patient encounter in all Places of Service except hospital inpatient and hospital emergency should be included in the denominator of the calculation, which would include patient encounters in ASC.

- Electronic Health Record Improvements Act of 2013 if enacted would exclude ASC patient encounters from counting towards a physician’s 50 percent use requirement for three years.

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- How to pick a system
- What features and functionality to look for
- What has to be there
- What you can live without
Other considerations

- Wireless/Devices Used/Signature Pads
- Connectivity
- Internal vs. Hosted Servers

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- The implementation itself – What worked what didn’t work?

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- Workflows
- Training
- Abbreviated Schedule
- Onsite Support
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• Would you do it again?
• What would you do differently?

Maintenance of EHR

• Upgrades – prior testing
• Training on new features/functionality

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THANK YOU!