

General Criteria for Selecting EMR Software

- Does system support networking with industry standards – Windows NT, Novell?
- Does system support wireless and pen based notebooks?
- Are all applicable code applications offered in the system?
 - ICD9-CM
 - CPT
 - DRG
 - ICPC
- Does system have updating of codes?
- Are standard clinical terms integrated in system?
- Does system have capability to expand into large database over next five years?
- Is special computer hardware required of system or is it compatible to common computers?
- Is the system designed to support a totally paperless operation?
- Can system print out patient information prior to visit?
- Does system have easy view of problem lists, allergies, medications with difficulty in navigating several screens?
- Do reports generated by system include:
 - SOAP notes?
 - HX and physical?
 - procedure notes?
 - prescriptions?
 - admission orders?
 - operative notes?
 - summaries?
 - hand-outs for patients?
- Is there feature in system that alerts user to complete unfinished reporting?
- Is there ease of data entry in these areas:
 - medical history?
 - family history?
 - problem lists?
 - medications?
 - surgeries?
 - allergies?
 - social history?
- Does system integrate with lab work and results?

- Will system support multiple forms used for patient information collection?
- Are there capabilities of referrals/consultations?

Publications related to this topic on website www.practicesupport.com include:

- [Electronic Health Records: Transforming Your Medical Practice](#)
- [Evaluating Computer Systems, Upgrading & EMR](#)