WHY YOUR ASC NEEDS AN EHR

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PURPOSE OF THIS PROGRAM

- To show how an integrated EHR will assist an ASC
- To provide high quality care
- Improve operational efficiencies
- Reduce costs
- While ensuring compliance with state and federal regulations

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

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ANESTHESIA SAID

- Faster
- More Efficient
- Everything at my fingertips
- Easy to review old chart
- Easy to review pertinent lab data
- Auto Capture Data
NURSING SAID

- We really love it
- System is a cake to use
- No redundant entry of data
- Everything is where it needs to be
- Automatic Coding
- At the end of the day I know that all charts are complete

SURGEON SAID

- All information is where I can find it including
  - Old charts
  - Lab Data
  - Able to go into clinic chart and find and review pertinent clinical data
- No information ever gets lost
- Op Notes are easy and complete
- Auto captures pertinent data
- When I finish the chart, it is finished.

WHY NOT PAPER CHARTS

- Paper charts = inefficient use of staff
- Less staff available to perform day to day ASC activities
- Take up valuable space
- Charts get lost
- Several people cannot access the chart at the same time

ADMINISTRATOR SAID

- After studying utilization reports, I was able to change block time schedules for several underutilizing surgeons and increase our surgery volume 30%
- With our inventory module, I am able to do a much better just tracking and minimizing overall inventory costs.
ADVANTAGES OF EHR
- Legibility
- Standardization
- Ability to create format for individual use
- Audit tool to ensure record completeness
- Inventory
- Billing
- Credentialing surgeons

ADVANTAGES OF EHR
- Ongoing training sessions
- Updates available
- Staff input for changes
- Operative report flexibility
- Predefined nursing comments
- Easy to follow program
- Screen readability

ADVANTAGES OF EHR
- Quality Assurance Features
- Regulatory reports are easy to produce
- Easy to find individual records
- Multiple users can access a record simultaneously
- Easy to find and correct mistakes

ADVANTAGES OF EHR
- Improved patient care
- Improve patient safety
- More focused patient time
- Less chance of medication errors
- Shows that organization cares about patient outcomes
- Things don’t fall through the cracks
ADVANTAGES OF EHR

- Summary of patient care
- All past surgical procedures are included in one EMR
- Many entries are simple check
- Real time information and charting
- Can determine where patient is at a glance
- Ease of updating individual patient records

ADVANTAGES OF EHR FOR NURSES

- EMR has opened new opportunities for nursing careers
- Nursing informatics has become a part of nursing education and training
- Nursing informatics has become a specific career choice and job opportunity

COMPLIANCE AND EMR

- Same “basic” rules as paper records
- Access and security
- Need EMR made for the surgery center environment
- Ensure enough computers/tablets are available to remain efficient

COMPLIANCE AND EMR

- HIPAA compliance
  - Separate firewall between practice and ASC
- Prominent viewing of allergies and advance directives
- Ensure record “fits” surgical specialty
  - Do not want blanks
COMPLIANCE AND EMR

- Proof of authentication (who truly signs?)
- Late entries
- Need to be aware of timing:
  - Presurgical update to the H&P
  - Preanesthesia evaluation
  - Postanesthesia evaluation
  - Physician orders
  - Time Out
  - Times throughout perioperative process

- Adequate support and training
- Ensure facility is able to make revisions to EMR when necessary
- What is plan B?

WHAT YOU SHOULD LOOK FOR

- Tight integration with
  - Practice EHR
  - Practice Management System
- Enhances productivity
- Does not modify current workflow
- Compliance reporting capability that meets
  - State
  - Federal
  - AAAHC and JCAHO requirements