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The ABCs of HIT: Decision Support Tools Now Online

The role of HIT (Health Information Technology) in coming health reform and federal funding for the acquisition of HIT in physician practices figures to be a hot, as well as confusing, topic in the physician community. The Denver Medical Society has joined with the Colorado Medical Society to offer a one-stop resource for physicians to help them navigate the evolving and potentially overwhelming information related to HIT. Physician practices are already reporting that an onslaught of HIT vendors and others offering to assist them in the HIT process are already on the march, and even official information from government agencies, the AMA, and others intending to assist physicians with this transition can often be difficult to easily access and interpret.

The new HIT web page, which can be accessed from the DMS website at denvermedsociety.org, provides up-to-date information and resources for physicians at each stage of the HIT adoption and implementation process. For those practices just beginning to wade into the decision making process about HIT adoption, there is a glossary of HIT terms to help make sense of the jargon. Tools have been developed to evaluate the risks and benefits of HIT, to help assess the readiness of individual practices including determin-

ing current work flow and technical readiness. Practices about to enter into a contract with an HIT vendor might want to review suggested contract language to ensure that any purchased product will meet evolving standards for compliance with stimulus package eligibility criteria. There is detailed information about the HIT

incentives in the stimulus bill as well as the HIPAA changes included in the stimulus package. Updates on the definition of "meaningful use" and certification, which have not been finalized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, can also be found.



Calculate Your Stimulus Dollars

Two new tools that will be of immense interest and value to physicians will be available on September 15. The first, a stimulus fund calculator, will help individual physicians and their practices estimate how much money they may be eligible to receive for implementing and using HIT. The Calculator allows analysis at the individual physician and practice levels that will:

- compare incentives for Medicare and Medicaid and determine which program may be best for you

- see how *when* you implement HIT could effect how much money you receive
- find out how much you could lose if you don't implement HIT according to the schedule outlined in the stimulus bill.

Compare Popular EMR Systems

The second new tool available will be an EMR Comparison Tool which will compare the pricing, capabilities and technology available from many of the vendors marketing EMR systems in Colorado. In addition to providing detailed information about vendors and their products, physicians will:

- learn key considerations when “shopping” for an EMR
- learn which EMRs are most commonly used by your specialty and practice size
- find out what you will need to connect your EMR to the rest of the community.

This tool will be regularly reviewed and updated to reflect changes in the marketplace. Initially, you will be able to compare the features of 11 EMR systems popular with Colorado practices. (See list in next column.)

For those attending the CMS Annual Meeting in Breckenridge September 11-13, there will be an opportunity to demo both of these tools and to ask questions of CMS consultant Barbara Drury about HIT implementation, stimulus bill incentives, and other practice specific concerns.

Be sure to visit the HIT link on the DMS website after September 15 and check out the new online tools to help you make sense of the coming HIT tsunami!



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ARRA-MCR Calculator
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Use the buttons below to navigate the calculator. Do not use your browser's Back/Forward buttons.

Physician's Name

Enter first year AFTER attesting full meaningful use. Not earlier than 2011 (YYYY)

Enter 12 month total of allowable Medicare charges (whole dollars).

Enter Y if this provider practices in a Health Professional Shortage Area. If not, enter N.

Maximum Incentives before Jan 1, 2017, based on:

a. Start of meaningful use,
 b. Annual allowable Medicare charges, and
 c. Shortage area

Print date: August 31, 2009
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Using the Calculator, physicians can easily determine their eligibility for federal HIT stimulus funds.

Systems Reviewed on EMR Comparison Tool

- Allscripts Misys: Allscripts Enterprise (aka Touch-Works)
- Allscripts Misys: Allscripts Professional EHR (aka Healthmatics)
- Aprima (aka iMedica): Aprima PRM
- CareTEC Colorado: Practice Partner/McKesson via CareTEC
- eClinicalWorks: eClinical-Works unified EMR/PM solution, version 8.0
- EHS Inc: Care Revolution
- GE Healthcare: Centricity Practice Solutions
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Thursday, September 17

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- 7:30 Program starts

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Peter J. McNally, CEO, Banner Health, Loveland, CO

Tuesday, November 17, 2009

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Physicians Practice Toolbox

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The Denver Medical Society is committed to supporting members' practice viability. That's why we created the Physicians Practice Toolbox (www.physicianspracticetoolbox.com) and now the PPT Practice Viability Tip via email. The monthly Tip will arrive in your Inbox every 4 weeks.

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NEWS FROM THE DENVER MEDICAL LIBRARY: Changes are Coming Soon to PubMed

In an effort to increase usability, the National Library of Medicine will freshen their webpage by simplifying their interface. The roll out date for this new look has been announced as late summer 2009.

With 18.8 million records, 3 million daily searches, and 550 thousand of those searches referred by Google, the goal is to change the user's focus. Therefore, the search box will become larger and singular, intending to draw attention to the results area. The major component of this change is to migrate away from using tabs (for setting limits, viewing history, details, etc.). As a result, all searching can be completed in one area. By utilizing automatic term mapping (ATM), your search terms will be sensed for different details such as: author, title, and journal. (Burns - is this a name, article or journal title?)

Even though ATM allows searching from the main search box, single citation matcher will not be discontinued. The new search option will allow entering any combination of pertinent data into one box on one page, and the need to enter tags for each term entered (Burns [Au], [Ti], or [Jour]) will be eliminated. Once data is entered then searched, exact matches will be displayed in a yellow box just under the search box. If no exact matches are found, a results list will be generated. (*TIP*: always use the clear button after each search. This ensures that other search criteria are not included in a fresh search.)

The result area of a search is also set for redesign, especially the format summary. A mockup for this design is offered below, but since this format is still in the design mode, expect to see additional modifications.

[An internet-based weight loss intervention initiated by a newspaper.](#)

Carter-Edwards L, Bastian LA, Schultz M, Amamoo MA, Østbye T.

Prev Chronic Dis. 2009 Jul;6(3):A101. Epub 2009 Jun 15.

PMID: 19527573 [PubMed - in process]

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Clicking on the title will now link to the abstract, keeping focus on the results area. Free articles will also be linked via the citation to holdings through PubMed or the publisher. Gone are the format icons for free text. Related article links will also be within the citation summary rather than the other side of the screen.

Another redesign has been initiated for citation style. This will involve the "Sent To" dropdown box. Depending on your choice of citation style, the bibliographic record can be designed from the main search page. So, if the preference is for an author first citation, use the "Send to Text/File" from the dropdown box. The "Send to Text/File" will not include the status tag, links to related articles, or free full text. It will include the unique PMID and the PCID when available. The net format provides bibliographic information in paragraph style.

My NCBI saw the most change in redesign. The user name area offers new alternatives. Now you will be able to manipulate your password by resetting it, email it to yourself if forgotten, or have it remembered for you.

Take note: new screens will be coming to the homepage. This page will link to personal designs for search filters, preferences, and saved data.

Other miscellany in NCBI will include an infinite number of saved searches or collections. Collections will be able to accept an unlimited number of citations, and links options will offer a popup menu if desired.

Sharing your collection on blogs or web pages will be seamless with a URL or HTML code available. This feature will also allow book marking.

Another option available now is searching by DOI (digital object identifier). The help page at PubMed suggests using the tag [lid]; however, this search tag has not been helpful. If this is the case, we suggest searching without the tag which has generated the exact article if the item has been indexed for MEDLINE.

For those of you who are motivated by research, keep in mind that researchers funded by NIH must include PMCID for any article cited in grant applications, proposals, and progress reports.

The Ebling Library offers an online tutorial if more information is needed. This can be found at: <http://liblog.mayo.edu/2009/03/04/pubmed-advanced-search-an-introduction/>



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Notturmo for Four Horns in F..... Jean Francaix
Quartet for Horns..... Bernard Heiden

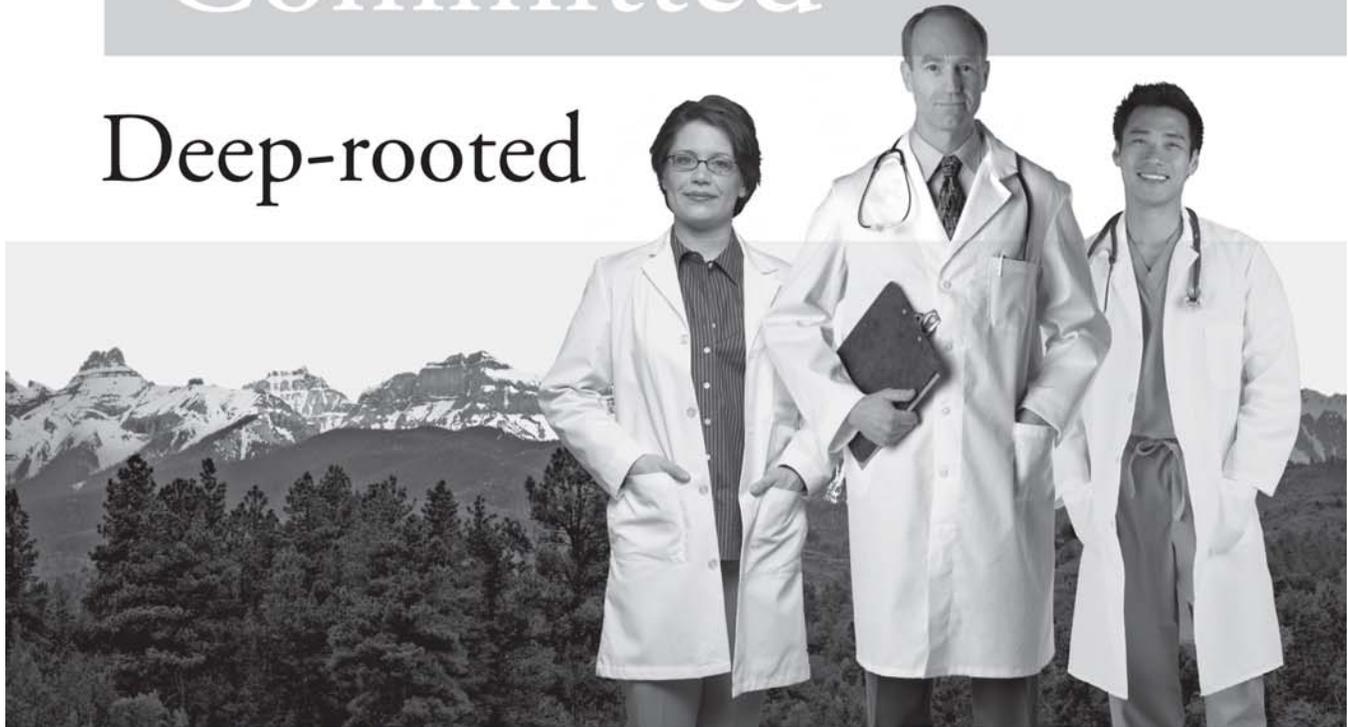
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