

Meaningful Use of Health IT: *Notes from the Field*



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- **Medical Associates Clinic**
 - 115 physician
 - **EHR clinic:** 2003 (McKesson HAC)
 - **Level 3 PCMH:** 2008; 2010
- **Dubuque**
 - **Lowest hospital costs** (Dart. Atlas)
 - **2nd low. Commercial** (T-R)
 - **2nd health system performance**
- **EHR essential**



Shared Information

with patient; tracking; nothing to chance



Calcium-D Oral Capsule 600-200 mg-unit (Liquid Calcium, Liquid...)	2 DLY
Carvedilol 25 mg Tab (carvedilol oral)	1 tab in the am and 1/2 tab in
Ecotrin Oral Tablet, Delayed Release (E.C.) 325 mg (Adult Low Dose Aspirin...)	1 DLY
Enalapril Maleate 20 mg Tab (enalapril maleate oral)	1 tablet(s) by mouth 2 times p
Glimepiride 4 mg Tab (glimepiride oral)	1 tablet(s) by mouth daily
Lancets (lancets misc. (non-drug; combo route))	test twice a day every other d
multivitamins w-minerals oral Tablet (Antioxidant Vitamins, ...)	1 DLY
nifedipine oral tablet sustained action 60mg (Adalat CC, Afeditab CR...)	1 tab(s) PO QDAY
nitroglycerin sublingual tablet,sublingual 0.4mg (NitroQuick, Nitrostat)	1 sl prn chest pain (MR q5 mi
One Touch Ultra Test Strips (blood sugar diagnostic in vitro)	test twice a day every other d
Plavix 75 mg Tab (clopidogrel bisulfate oral)	1 tablet(s) by mouth daily
Simvastatin 80 mg Tab	1/2 TAB DAILY

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across settings



Leveraging HIT: *Web Portal*

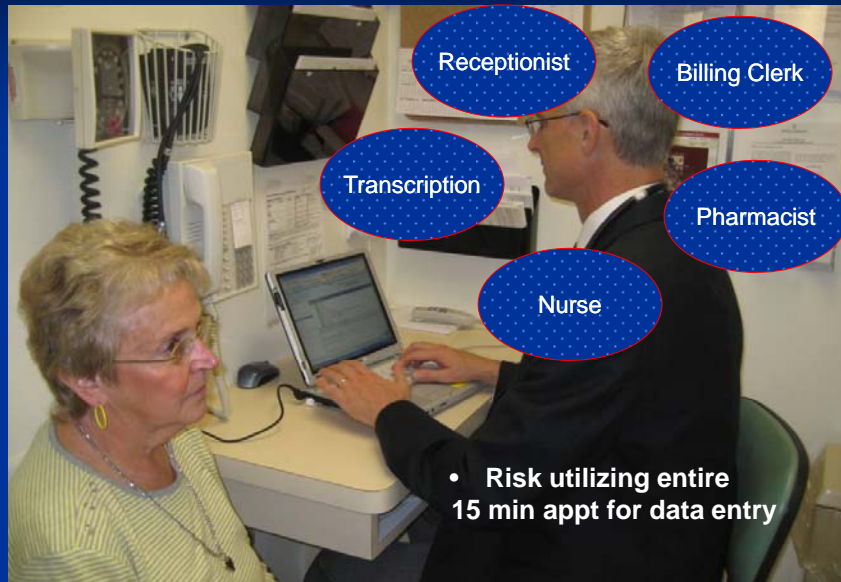


Misleading to imply easy or work is done

I used to be a doctor. Now I am a
typist.

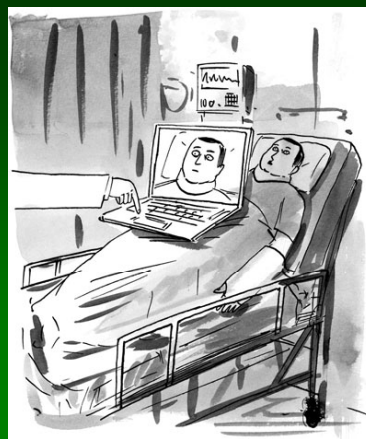
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internist Anchorage AL 8.3.11

Continuous Partial Attention



Gap: Promise vs Reality

- Tools not yet sufficiently aligned w/new models team-based, daily constrained
- Efficiency
 - 2 hr/night inbox
 - Career satisfaction
- Implications 3 Part
Aim: Pt.Exp, Q, Cost



Take Home Message



- EHRs: **Blessing and Burden**
 - Never go back, need continue move forward
- Recommendations
 - New tech demands new delivery model
and support staff: ramp up CC ADNs info mgt
 - Policy/technology align with team-based care
MU CPOE, security constraints teamwork
 - Environment supports rapidly evolving IT
Mirror pace of improvement in rest of our lives