**ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORDS**

Given birth by Health Information Technology, electronic medical record (EMR) systems are intended to keep track of a patient’s entire health and medical history in an electronic format. Compared to traditional, hard-copy medical records, EMRs can maintain vast records in this electronic format and are far easier to retrieve, search, review and exchange among all healthcare professionals in any location. In addition, the likelihood of losing the patient’s entire medical record, or any portion of the record, is greatly reduced by using EMRs.

Beyond these very significant logistical advantages, there is a great benefit to patient safety. EMRs can be accessed rapidly and efficiently by patient care providers who need to quickly and accurately access patient information in critical care situations. If you would like copies of any of these articles, or if you would like further information on this or any topic, please contact any Library staff member.


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