



# Five Reasons Your Doctor Is Using an Electronic Health Record System

An EHR system allows your doctor and his/her practice to put your healthcare information into a computer. Recent studies have shown the computerization, or healthcare information technology, improves the quality, safety, and efficiency healthcare patients receive.

EHR systems have many benefits for patients:

- 1 Minimize Waiting Time.**  
Medical records are easily and conveniently accessed, not only in the office where a patient has an appointment, but also from other offices and hospitals where he/she may need to go for care.
- 2 Assure That What's Written in Your Medical Records Is Clear to All Your Doctors and Healthcare Providers.**  
Computer technology means that there is no handwriting to decipher. As a result, healthcare providers will understand patient healthcare information more easily and be better prepared to care for each patient appropriately and effectively.
- 3 Increase Patient Safety.**  
Clear documentation provided by an EHR system helps to reduce medical and prescription errors.
- 4 Help You to Better Communicate with Your Doctors and Other Healthcare Providers.**  
EHR systems allow messages from a patient to get to a doctor quickly because they can be sent electronically. Also, doctors do not need paper records, such as a patient chart, before they talk to a patient. The records are stored on a computer that the doctor can access easily.
- 5 Increase the Likelihood of Illness Prevention and Successful Treatment.**  
EHR systems provide tracking functions that remind patients to get preventive immunizations, such as flu shots; regular tests that are part of patient treatment plans; or screening procedures, such as mammographies and colonoscopies.