

Biomedical and Health Informatics Lecture Series

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"Electronic Medical Record Functionality: Should We Reexamine the Fundamentals?"

Health care organizations are increasingly moving to electronic medical record (EMR) systems because of their advantages and incentives to do so, most recently in the US as a result of HITECH. EMR functionality includes the ability to directly enter orders, document care, provide decision support, support electronic communication and to review and manage patient laboratory results, radiology reports and images. Providing thorough and efficient clinical results management through an EMR has received less recent attention than order entry and decision support, but presents challenges to EMR developers and those who implement them. We will review EMR functionality and discuss in detail current challenges in EMR results management functionality.

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