

**Partnering for Quality**

Working together to  
improve health outcomes

# Beyond an Electronic Paper File – Optimizing Your EMR

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# *Disclosures*

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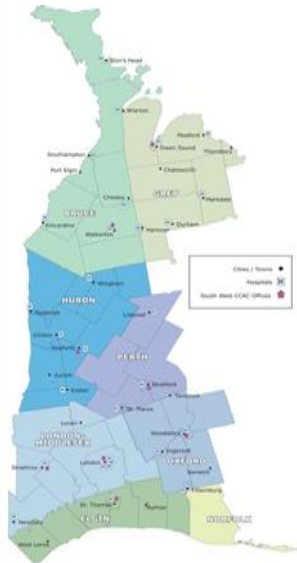
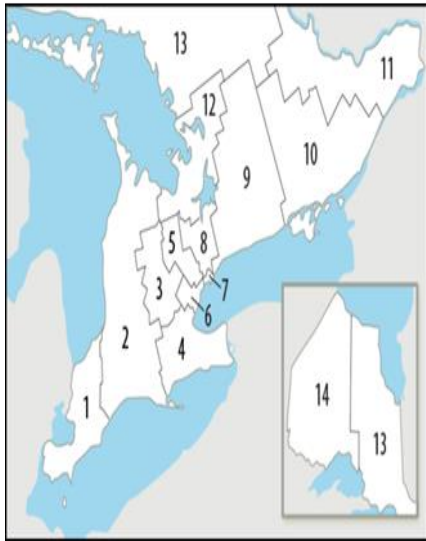
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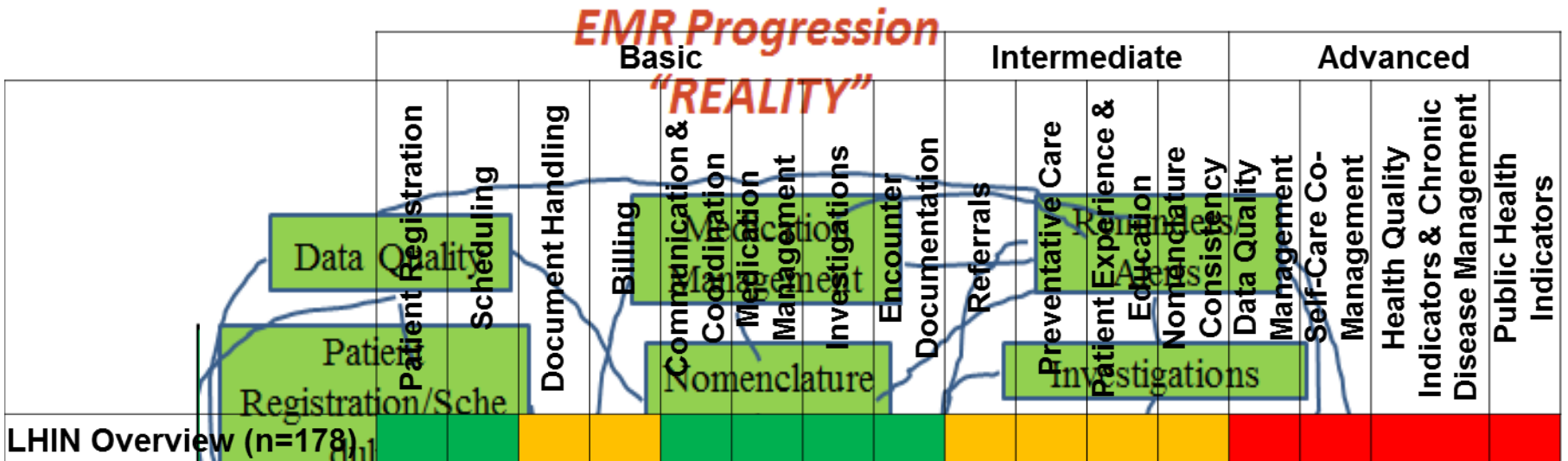
# *Partnering for Quality - Who are we?*

- Our mandate is to support primary care in optimizing their EMR in order to implement practice changes in chronic disease management.
- Working with over 700 Stakeholders and 335 physicians (in all makes/models of primary care CHC, NPLC, FHT, FHO, Solo Practices)



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# What problem does this solution address?



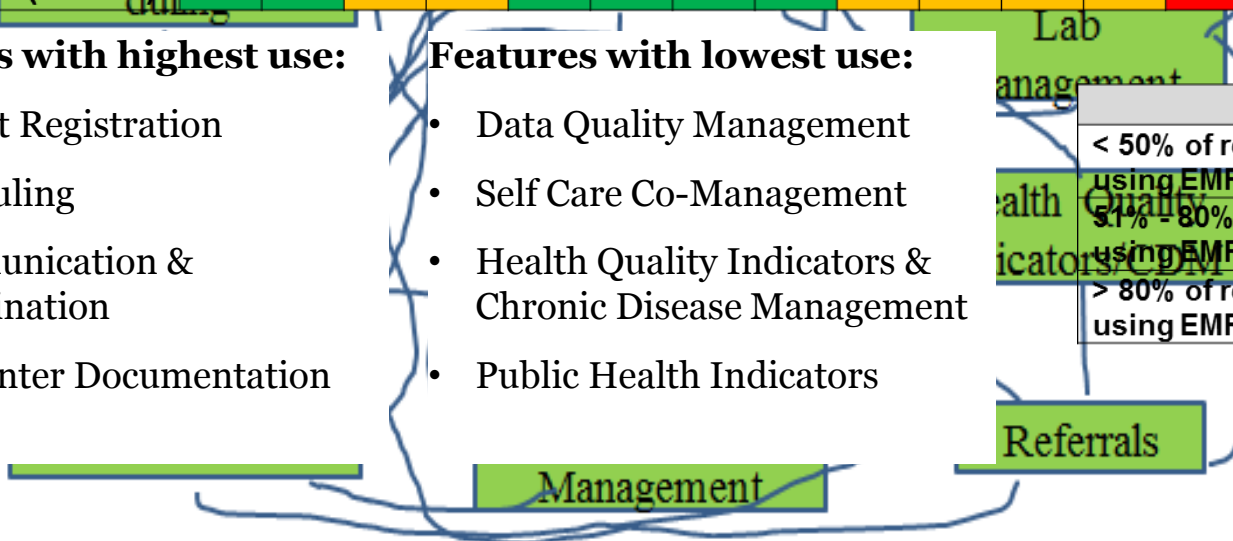
## Features with highest use:

- Patient Registration
- Scheduling
- Communication & Coordination
- Encounter Documentation

## Features with lowest use:

- Data Quality Management
- Self Care Co-Management
- Health Quality Indicators & Chronic Disease Management
- Public Health Indicators

Legend	
< 50% of respondents using EMR feature	Red
51% - 80% of respondents using EMR feature	Yellow
> 80% of respondents using EMR feature	Green



## *The Solution*

# DATA STANDARDIZATION

*Why bother?*

Critical to ensure the right decisions are being made with the right data located in the right place at the right time

- Accessing point of care patient information
- Reducing clinical workflow duplication
- Optimized use of the right forms, templates or stamps
- Patient recalls at the right time
- Population Health
- Engagement in Health Links
- Etc.

# DATA INTEGRITY

# Data Standardization Tools...

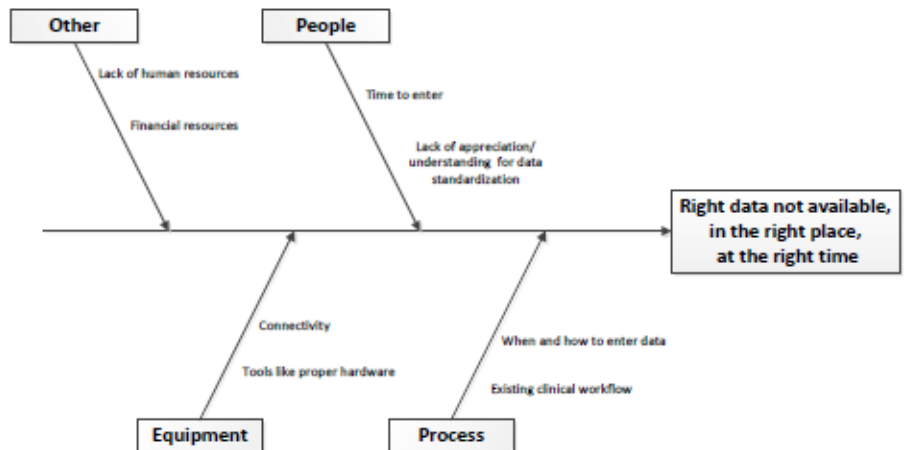
ICD codes: Problem List	Family Hx
70 Viral Hepatitis (Acute)	429 CVD
249 Pre-Diabetes (HbA1C between 6-7)	<b>Infectious Alerts (Alerts Captured in Demographics)</b>
250 Diabetes Mellitus	HIV
272 Hypercholesterolemia	Hepatitis B or C
290 Dementia	MRSA
296 Bipolar Depression	TB, VRE positive patients
300 Anxiety	<b>Influenza Tracking Codes (Billing)</b>
303 Alcoholism	G590 Active Immunization with a Visit
304 Drug Dependence	Q590 Active Immunization without a Visit (sole reason for visit)
305 Smoking	<b>Immunization Tracking Codes (Billing)</b>
309 Acute Situational Crisis	G840 Quadracel: Quadrivalent vaccine (DTaP-IPV)
311 Depression	G841 Pedicel: Pentavalent vaccine (DTaTIPV-Hib)
314 ADHD	G842 Hepatitis B vaccine
401 Hypertension	G843 HPV vaccine
428 CHF	G844 Menjugate (Conjugate meningococcal C vaccine)
436 Stroke (CVA)	G845 MMR vaccine
491 COPD	G846 Prevnar / Pneumovax (Conjugate pneumococcal vaccine)
493 Asthma	G847 Adacel (TdaP vaccine)
571 Cirrhosis of the Liver	G848 Chicken Pox (Varicella vaccine)
573 Other Liver Disease	<b>Immunizations (in Patient's CPP)</b>
585 Chronic Renal Failure	Tetanus
733 Osteoporosis	<b>Preventative Care Tracking Codes (Billing)</b>
896 Immunization	Q130 Influenza Vaccine TRACKING CODE for Patients Age 65 and Over - out of office
897 Economic Problems	Q011 Pap Smear TRACKING CODE for Patients Between Age 35 and 70
898 Marital Difficulties	Q140 Pap Smear EXCLUSION CODE for Patients Between Age 35 and 70
901 Family Disruption/Divorce	Q131 Mammogram TRACKING CODE for Patients Between Age 50 and 70
902 Educational Problems	Q141 Mammogram EXCLUSION CODE for Patients Between Age 50 and 70
905 Occupational Problems	Q132 Immunizations TRACKING CODE for Patients Age 2 and Under
906 Legal Problems	Q133 Colorectal Screening TRACKING CODE for Patients Between Age 50 and 74
<b>Social History</b>	Q142 Colorectal Screening EXCLUSION CODE for Patients Between age 50 and 74
ACP/ACD	<b>Procedures &amp; Preventative Care</b>
Alcohol non-drinker (tick box)	Pap Smear. : System
Contraception	Exclude Pap Smear : System
Disability: WSIB/ODSP/ CPP (dropdowns)	Mammogram : System
DNR	Exclude Mammogram : System
Driving Status	Colonoscopy : System
Drugs	FOBT : System
EDITH	Exclude FOBT : System
Employment	spirometry : Diagnostic Testing *
Family: list members	ECG : Diagnostic Testing *
Hobby	Echocardiogram : Diagnostic Testing *
Marital Status	PHQ-9 : Screening
Narcotic Agreement	PPS : Screening
Tobacco (current/ex-smokers: dropdowns) non-smoker (tick box)	Cognitive Screen : Screening
	Thoracic Screen : Screening
	BMD : Screening

\* variations in Diagnostic Testing (i.e. diagnostic test, diagnostic testing)

## *Implementing the Solution:*

- It's not just about a tool – it's about empowering clinicians/teams
- It's using simple quality improvement methodology to get to the root cause (change management)
- Need to actualize the benefits to clinicians at every level (\$\$; patient care; quality focus, Professional College requirements)

Possible reasons for 'Right data not available in the right place at the right time'



## *Sustainability: Keeping things on track*

- **Commitment** from leadership and of staff to keep the work going
- **Understanding** of tools that need to be in place for data integrity sustainability
- **Training/learning** to enhance skill level
- **Feedback mechanism** – how will you know if things stay on track if you don't monitor.



# *How does solution make a difference to patients?*

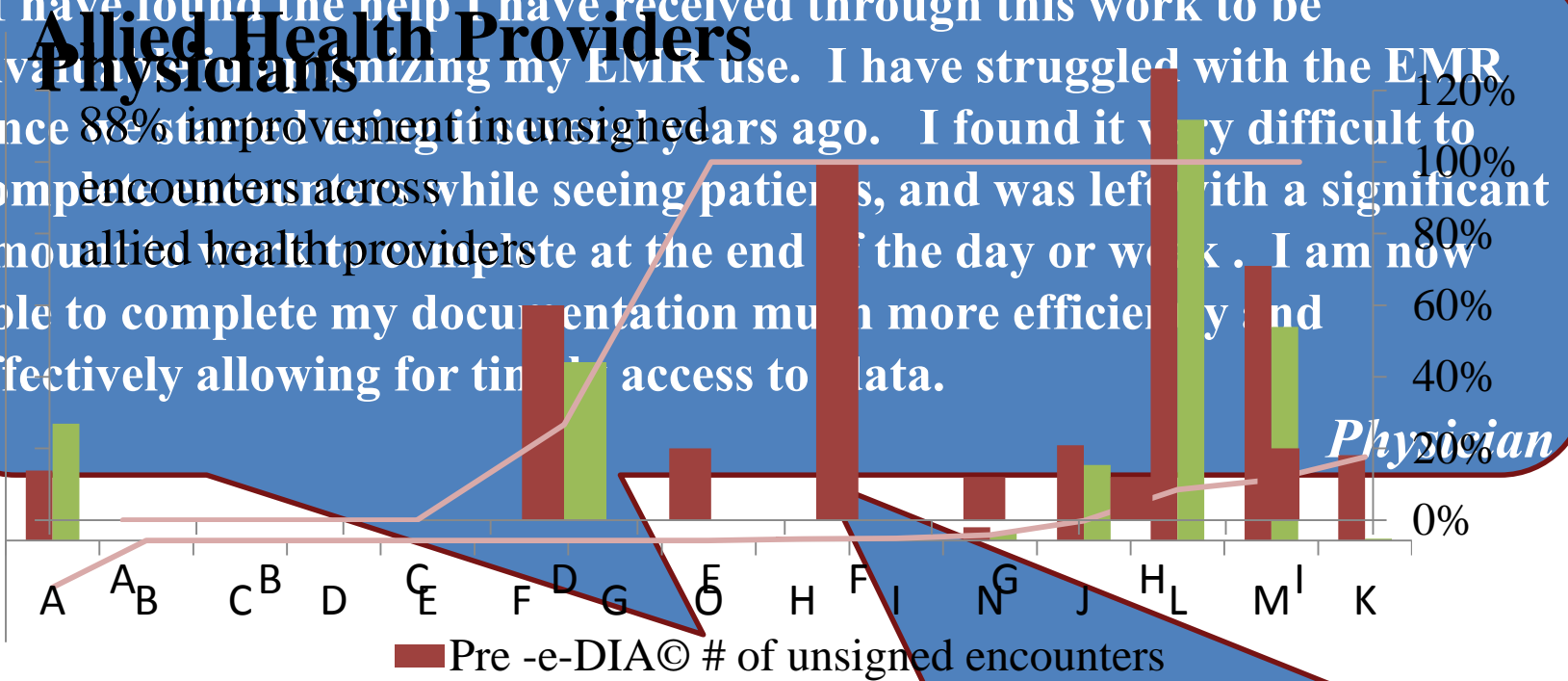
- **Accurate and reliable** data in the right place at the right time (at point of care and to retrieve data)
- Clinicians understand how their **data entry impacts patient care** and entire team
- **Improved screening** due to real time data vs. retrospective data
- **Increased organized care** – information in the right spot minimizes searches

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- Physician

# The Outcome

I have found the help I have received through this work to be invaluable in optimizing my EMR use. I have struggled with the EMR since 88% improvement in unsigned encounters across while seeing patients, and was left with a significant amount of allied health providers at the end of the day or week. I am now able to complete my documentation much more efficiently and effectively allowing for timely access to data.



The data standardization process has, from an efficiency perspective, allowed us to identify and eliminate patient duplications post e-DIA© coding. In comparing volume of unsigned encounters pre e-DIA© and post e-DIA©. Physicians 'B-J' maintained zero unsigned encounters during project while remaining physicians decreased or eliminated encounters entirely. Allied health providers A-C maintained zero unsigned encounters during project while remaining AHP's decreased or eliminated encounters entirely. Both measures will contribute to better patient care and quality outcomes.

Physician