

New ONC Data Brief Available: Interoperability Among Office-Based Physicians

The ONC released in July a new data brief showing the latest data on interoperable exchange of health information among office-based physicians based on data from 2019. The data brief highlights what percentage of physicians are participating in health information exchange (HIE) in their quest to find, send, or receive information. It also gives insight on the number of physicians engaged in HIE benefits related to care quality, patient safety, and operational efficiency.

To learn more, click [here](#) to access the full data brief from ONC.

Welcome to NDHIN: New Participant Spotlight

NDHIN would like to welcome our newest participant [Riverdale Ambulance Service](#). We look forward to assisting you!

DirectTrust Presents: Let's Talk About Fax

Many organizations have replaced a significant amount of their faxing with Direct and reaped the benefits of fast, accurate, and discrete data exchange. Direct Secure Messaging, commonly referred to as Direct, is a secure communication transport mechanism for sensitive information over the open internet. While appearing like email, Direct Secure Messaging utilizes digital certificates and a Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) to encrypt the contents of a message, meaning only the intended recipient can decrypt the message. Today, Direct Secure Messaging (DSM) utilizes the foundation of the Direct Standard™ and is a widely deployed and accessible means for communicating sensitive health information to other trusted parties. Considered a “push” interoperability mechanism because of the sender “pushing” a message to the receiver, DSM is a cornerstone of facilitating interoperability between disparate health technologies and organizations.

NDHIN provides DSM services to all participants and the service is included in their terms of participation. To view the full blog from DirectTrust and learn more about Direct Secure Messaging options for your facility, click [here](#).

Electronic Case Reporting Updates

NDHIN has partnered with the North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) to assist facilities with electronic case reporting (eCR) implementation. eCR is the automated, real-time exchange of case report information between electronic health records (EHRs) and public health agencies. Two CMS Quality Programs now require eCR: the Medicare Promoting Interoperability (PI) Program and the Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) Program. Eligible hospitals and providers must begin eCR in 2022 to meet the required Public Health and Clinical Data Exchange objective. If you have further questions regarding eCR, please reach out to Rachel Goble at rgoble@nd.gov.

To learn more, join NDHIN for our next Q&A Session on September 15th at 12:30 - 1 pm where the topic will focus on Electronic Case Reporting (eCR).

Quarterly Q&A Sessions

Our September session will be a follow up to the June session that focused on Electronic Case Reporting (eCR). We are hoping to provide the basics of eCR reporting as well as some additional information on eCR implementation. We have two more sessions scheduled for 2022 and are listed below:

- **September 15th - Electronic Case Reporting (eCR)**
- December 15th

All session times are 12:30-1:00 pm CST. Keep watching your inbox for more information as we will be providing additional information closer to each session date. *Missed Q&A sessions?* Click [here](#) to access past sessions.

Please join the Q&A sessions using the link or any of the alternative options listed below:

Microsoft Teams meeting

1. Join on your computer or mobile app: [Click here to join the meeting](#)
2. Join with a video conferencing device: teams@join.nd.gov -Video Conference ID: 119 977 118 9 - [Alternate VTC dialing instructions](#)
3. Or call in (audio only) [+1 701-328-0950](tel:+17013280950) - Phone Conference ID: 738 474 511#

Just a Reminder.....

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- ❖ When an employee leaves your organization, please contact NDHIN to ensure access to Clinical Portal and DSM (if applicable) is terminated. Making this a part of your employee termination process will ensure this step is not forgotten.
 - ❖ Please reach out to NDHIN with any EHR vendor changes or changes that may affect your connectivity with NDHIN. We are here to ensure the appropriate connectivity is in place and to make sure your journey is a seamless one. Please contact us with any questions.
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Have questions? Our coordinators are here and ready to assist you.

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