

WHAT'S NEW FOR MAY!

In this month's edition of EHR Scope we start to address the issue of interoperability. We introduce the issue of the Nationwide Health Information Network (NHIN). This is the goal of a variety of stakeholders of health information technology. We will scratch the surface of the technical and political issues surrounding this agenda, and will address them in more detail in coming months, as this is a critical issue in this industry.

As part of this review of interoperability we cite H.R. 1952, recently introduced legislation entitled 'National Health Information Incentive Act of 2007'. We discuss how this legislation is designed to encourage, with financial incentives, the more rapid adoption of EHRs, particularly in small practices. We explore how Dragon NaturallySpeaking has helped a Urologist in his daily practice.

We address the fact that physicians seem to be more anxious to acquire this technology than they were even 2 years ago.

John Ingram offers sage advice about how to improve your accuracy with Dragon NaturallySpeaking by using a variety of vocabulary tools.

And, since we have changed our name from EMR Consultant.com to EHRConsultant.com we are just now running into issues concerning the automatic spellcheck feature of Microsoft Word. We show you how to fix this, if you are having the same problem.

Finally we look at Barriers to Success, hoping to help you avoid them.

Please let me take this opportunity to provide you with some of the feedback we've received so far:

Congratulations on publication of the first EHR Scope newsletter! It is simply excellent – great content, great layout.

From the Marketing and Communications manager of public company's EHR division.

- Isn't it always the case that communications managers know just how to say things!

Very impressive. Robust and informative.

From the President of a private label pharmaceutical marketing company.

- Sounds like the wording we hear in many of the pharmaceutical commercials I see on television.

Wow, this is very cool. I love the presentation. You looked great in the picture!!!

From an MGMA member, and previous office manager who hadn't seen me in years.

- I guess I used to look not so good.

I was a little amused to see quotes from Presidents Clinton and Bush. Like movie stars advertising soap

or whatever, these persons have no particular expertise in this specialized field.

From the developer of an open source software program.

- Like it or not, our Presidents are going to have a tremendous impact on the future of healthcare information technology, as we will see in this month's interview with the leadership of EHRVA.

I scanned the EHRScope newspaper....more like a short novel. Great resource and easy to read. I like your headshot.....you look smart and happy.

From the CEO of a Healthcare company working on outcome based medicine.

- Thank You!

