

Implementing the EHR in Settings Other than Acute Care and Ambulatory Care

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Key Issues Across Environments

Sites where extended care is given

- Home Health Care: public and privately delivered
- Correctional Facilities: jails, state and federal prisons
- Extended care facilities: rehab
- Long term care facilities: nursing homes
- Senior Residence Housing

In this unit, we will provide examples of some of these areas, but not all.

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Key Issues to Address

No matter which health care environment an EHR is configured for, there are three basic areas that need to be addressed:

- A. Adoption: Assessment, Planning, Selection
- B. Utilization: Implementation, Effective Use
- C. Exchange: Readiness, Interoperability

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Common Needs of extended Care

- Reducing the movement of patient from care area to ambulatory and acute care facilities
 - Reduce cost of health care
 - Increase quality of Care
 - Creatively resolve care issues

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Transporting patients is costly

- Transportation Issues- quality and cost
- Patient security issues
 - Dementia in the elderly patient
 - Damage to health care devices
 - Accidents (transport, patient equipment, and directly to patient)
 - In the case of patients that are high risk from jails and prisons, cost for security personnel is expensive

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Increase Quality of Care

- No one should be denied medical care that they need
- But, if accessing the care decreases the quality (see previous slide), then bringing the care to the patient increases quality of care

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Center for Aging Services Technologies

- The Center for Aging Services Technologies (CAST) is monitoring federal health care initiatives to fund wellness support and disease prevention in the aging population
- HITECH providers include skilled nursing facilities, nursing facility, home health entity and an open-ended "other long term care facility. CAST maintains that loans will be available but the specifics for grants and loans will be up to each state.
- It is important, then, in working with facilities that fall under "long term care" that you determine the state plan for those agencies.
- For more information see www.agingtech.org phone: 202-508-9463

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