

UNLOCK YOUR CONTENT WITH A FLEXIBLE PATIENT VIEWER

Manage medical images and documentation better to improve patient care and lower costs

Before your clinicians can confidently assume care for patients admitted or transferred to their care, they require access to the complete patient record – one that includes previous consents, reports and modality images, like CTs, MRIs and X-rays.

Clinicians often have two options to ensure they have what they need. They can navigate multiple systems to track down all of the related content and images, which adds time and distracts from patient care. Or, they can order duplicative services, which contributes to the tens of billions of dollars in healthcare spending that could be saved each year by avoiding unnecessary tests.

As the volume of healthcare images grows, clinicians aren't the only ones demanding better ways of sharing and accessing patient information.

Healthcare organizations following the HIMSS EMR Adoption Model won't move past Stage 3 unless they can provide access to medical images outside of the Radiology department. And, while image sharing was optional for Meaningful Use Stage 2, it will likely be required for Stage 3 certification.

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Even federal healthcare reform has shifted its focus to better management of medical information as a means of controlling healthcare costs. Designed to improve the healthcare delivery system, the accountable care organization (ACO) payment and delivery reform model places provider reimbursements against quality and total cost of care metrics. Making all clinical and administrative patient information accessible is mandatory in order to participate as an ACO under the Patient Protection and Affordability Care Act (PPACA) of 2010.

To ensure patient and clinician satisfaction while supporting the market's healthcare delivery and payment system initiatives, healthcare organizations must manage medical imaging and documentation better if they are to successfully deliver high-quality care in a financially sustaining way.

Create a single point of access

At a recent Radiology Society of North America conference, it was estimated that approximately 60 percent of patient diagnoses are supported by imaging. With many healthcare organizations having at least 24 different specialties capturing medical images and creating reports, that is a lot of information to track down.

Stop requiring your clinicians to jump from one application to another and toggle between screens to locate images and reports. Instead, present patient information to them, in context, in one location with a flexible, enterprise patient viewer.

In a single, unified view, your clinicians will have access to the complete patient record, including DICOM and non-DICOM clinical images from Radiology, Cardiology and other specialties, as well as any associated reports and related data.

The benefits of integrating an enterprise patient viewer with your existing PACS and image archives as well as your EMR extends beyond providing a single point of access to comprehensive patient information.

Move beyond storage

Improving access to clinical content certainly allows clinicians more time for patient care and collaboration, but automating the delivery of that clinical content expedites decision-making and improves patient outcomes.

Your patient viewer must go beyond store-and-retrieve functionality. Utilizing business process tools, like physician workflows, ensures that critical information routes to the right people at the right time. After all, there is a difference between accessible information and immediately accessible information and in emergent situations, the difference can have significant consequences.

Leverage existing systems to extend value

Your clinicians have precious little time with each patient – and even less for system training. That's why OnBase by Hyland keeps user training at a minimum. Through a seamless integration, OnBase Medical Imaging Solutions work behind the scenes while your clinicians and staff continue to work in the familiar systems they use every day. The added functionality simply becomes a new feature of the existing system – boosting user adoption and optimizing your existing health information technology.

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