"Poets have been mysteriously silent on the subject of cheese."

- G. K. Chesterton

**EPIC compatible personal devices**

The communication process with your new EPIC system has a few requirements for the personal devices many of you use. The website now has those features you will need in your device to access and operate EPIC from some remote location. This list is not identical to the eClinical requirements for the IPA software and as such you will need to evaluate IPA requirements and purchase accordingly. We have yet to verify that any firewall protection required by IHS will hinder the device being used by any other EHR products. There is more to come on this subject. The website has complete details but the following specifics are known: Apple devices must support Apple iOS3x or greater; Android 1.5 (Cupcake) or higher; and Blackberry software 4.6 or higher with at least 128MB. If you plan on dictating, then that product will also need that capacity. IHS will offer support for you to set up your personal device. The CMIO office recommends that you begin that process after the first of next year so you are personally equipped with your device when go-live begins. Think Big Screen.

**CMIO Report**

Remarkable progress continues to be made on the order sets and I thank you all for your contributions to that task. There have been no significant disruptions in the EPIC launch to this point. What remains concerning at this juncture is the ability for the EPIC product to communicate effectively with the other two products in town, Cerner with Mercy Health Center, and eClinical and the IPA. I refer you to the RHIO articles from last month and want to assure you that every effort is being made to accomplish the task of full communication between these products. That being said, the infrastructure at the state level may not be in place for this to happen at the beginning of our go-live process. I am confident that IHS is working on a solution to this problem but also realize that many of the hurdles to overcome are still unknown to us. Trinity Health Care (Mercy) does share information with the MA system but only to the extent it will send, but not import information. Negotiations are ongoing.

**Physician updates.**

The physician round table discussion is now being formed. Dr. Van Daele, an otolaryngologist from the University of Iowa has graciously agreed to come to Dubuque to speak with us regarding the use and implementation process at the University four years ago. He was CMIO at UIHC during the launch phase of that project.

This discussion will involve at least three subjects that appear to be very important to the surgical specialists here in Dubuque. While all providers are invited to attend, the bulk of the discussion will be centered on the OP Note, the EHR advantages and disadvantages. We recognize that the University experience will be somewhat different than our experience. This will hopefully give us some insight from those who have gone before us. Mark your calendars for early November. Details to come.
Meaningful Use
Stage One objectives are all required. Each stage one objective is thought to be a basic function of any EHR program and would have the most impact on both patient safety and ease of information flow. **H102 will require drug to drug and drug allergy checks that are in place for the duration of the reporting period. There will be no exclusions for this measure.** **EPIC** does have different levels of Drug to Drug interaction reporting and it is unclear at this point just what level of functionality will be necessary to meet meaningful use. IHS will have the lowest sensitivity in place required to meet this measure and assure patient safety.

We need your help
As you may have heard by now, there will be specific requirements that each Finley Hospital provider will need to achieve before they can be approved to use the facility and the **EPIC** electronic health record. While the CMIO office sees the necessity of such requirements, we also see the need to make this training as painless as possible. We are now seeking your insight into how this training can best serve you and your schedule. The provider readiness program will track each provider and keep them up to date on the progress they are making. This process is time consuming and the sooner you complete each task, the less painful this will be going forward. To put a more positive spin, how can we make this a great experience? Think wine and cheese. I can save most of the surgical subspecialist time by reminding them there are no vulgarities that rhyme with Compton, so please keep your suggestions precise and productive.

**LEARN TO TYPE: 30 WPM. See Mavis Beacon!!!**

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Don’t forget...

The second step in the CMIO office campaign of ‘no doctor left behind’ offers each IPA office with the opportunity to have lunch with the CMIO and discuss both the **EPIC** product and the implementation process. We will be available for lunch hour discussions with each office beginning January 2012. As there are 19 individual offices in the IPA, we will hope to complete the lunch hour talks by April 1, 2012. Please contact Jody and schedule a lunch time for early 2012.

For more information
Your Finley Hospital Physician website has some new changes that may be of help. This site was specifically designed to give you 24 hour access to vital information and relevant topics. Please check the site periodically to see if there is anything new. If you have specific comments or additions that may make the site even more useful, please contact the CMIO.

**http://www.finleyhospital.org/body.cfm?id=250**

**Web Links**

- [https://xen.ihs.org](https://xen.ihs.org)
- [http://www.ihs.org/body.cfm?id=476](http://www.ihs.org/body.cfm?id=476)
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