

SHAREABLE INK PHYSICIAN PROGRESS NOTES AND CHARGE CAPTURE

The Clinical Documentation System that Makes Sense for the Hospital and the Physician

The Problem with Paper

The majority of hospitals use paper-based progress notes. Progress notes are written each day during a patient's stay by physicians as they round on their patients, eventually stored as paper in Medical Records or scanned into a document management system to make their images available electronically.

The storing, indexing and scanning of handwritten progress notes is costly. In addition, with traditional paper notes, care team members have limited access to the notes and timeliness is an issue since most hospitals do not scan until after the patient has been discharged. Extracting actionable data for quality improvement and regulatory requirements is also difficult and labor-intensive.

Capturing professional fee codes and communicating them to the physician's billing system is manual and divorced from the clinical note, often resulting in under- and overcoding.

Now is the time to look at a new approach that supports the hospital's goals of going electronic without requiring a large IT project or sacrificing physician productivity.



With Shareable Ink, hospital-based physicians have the best of both worlds – a familiar pen and paper or tablet workflow with simultaneous capture, analysis, and feedback from electronic data.

The Solution – A System Physicians Already Know How to Use

The Shareable Ink Physician Progress Notes application is a cloud-based platform that converts handwritten notes into structured and clinically-encoded data. Through the use of natural input tools, such as, digital pen and paper or iPad, healthcare providers can continue to document on paper forms in a natural, effortless way while automatically

generating discrete, actionable data. Each visit note is automatically scored and an accurate professional charge code and diagnosis generated. Physicians can document and round in their customary fashion using a tablet or specialized ballpoint pen and familiar paper forms, essentially capturing data electronically with no change in workflow.

Shareable Ink's unique approach is a refreshing alternative to lengthy and costly electronic documentation system implementations.

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IMMEDIATE. ACTIONABLE. EFFORTLESS.

A Closer Look

With Shareable Ink, the progress note is created with pertinent information defaulted onto the form at the time of printing, such as patient demographics, current medications, and lab results.

Additional information related to the visit, such as physical examination, vital signs, review of systems and adherence to quality measures, is captured through a combination of handwriting and checkboxes with the Shareable Ink digital pen or tablet entry. Charges for the visit are automatically calculated and mirror the clinical note exactly.

Although a PDF image of the form is created as a by-product of the data capture process – without

physically putting any documents through a scanner – the real value lies in the fact that handwritten notes and checked boxes are converted to structured, discrete data.

This allows for information to be sent into the hospital EHR and billing systems as if keyed in directly by the physician.

Business rules built into the system also provide automated, immediate feedback to the physician for missing or erroneous documentation. The result is immediate access to the patient note by any stakeholder in the patient's care with simultaneous capture of key quality metrics and billing codes – all without disrupting the physician's normal workflow.

Impact on Other Departments

Shareable Ink Physician Progress Notes is workflow-enabled so that pertinent charts and data are routed proactively to other hospital departments which otherwise have to perform manual chart reviews to satisfy JCAHO, CMS and other regulatory requirements. This proactive approach and real-time chart access improves efficiency for Quality Management, Utilization Review, Infection Control, and other departments needing to conduct chart reviews.

Documentation completeness is improved with automatic alerts to physicians, cutting down on the typical time involved with manual identification of chart deficiencies and the subsequent feedback loop.

Communication is also facilitated between physicians. Shareable Ink incorporates online patient tracking and assignment, ensuring that documentation and charges have been captured for each patient each day.

Benefits

- Maintain productivity with the most natural, least disruptive form of data input
- Maximize billing with automatic professional fee coding – based on the clinical note
- Streamline billing with immediate transfer of charges to the physician billing system/vendor
- Portability
- Automated alerts improve documentation compliance
- Elimination of scanning
- Real-time availability of progress notes in hospital EHR
- Data from progress notes can be aggregated, trended and reported on – within the group or hospital and across different facilities

