

Health Information Technology Toolkit for Family Physicians

Vendor Selection Tools

EHR Selection Tools			
Organization	Description	Website	Notes
Vendor Selection Tools			
Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS)			
	Vendor selection guide	http://www.himss.org/content/files/Selecting_EMR_Eval_Usability.pdf	Free
	Stark law: Guidance on EHR donation and compliance with federal regulation.	http://www.himss.org/ASP/topics_stark.asp	Free
	Sample EHR RFPs for vendor selection	http://www.himss.org/ASP/topics_FocusDynamic.asp?faid=262	\$

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American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP)	AAFP Center for Health Information Technology Resources and product reviews	http://www.centerforhit.org/online/chit/home.html	Some tools for members only
Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)	HRSA EHR Selection Guidelines	http://www.hrsa.gov/healthit/ehrguidelines.html	Free
Texas Medical Association	EHR Implementation Guide	http://www.texmed.org/Verondi/Templates/Seminar.aspx?pageid=18804	Free Publication with Login, \$25 for CME credits
American Medical Association	15 Questions to ask before signing an EHR contract	www.ama-assn.org/ama1/pub/upload/mm/472/emragement.pdf	Free
	General HIT resources and activities	http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/physician-resources/solutions-managing-your-practice/health-information-technology/hit-resources-activities.shtml	Free
American College of Physicians	Selection and implementation tools	http://www.acponline.org/running_practice/technology/ehr/roadmap/ehr.htm#sel	Free
Metastar	MetaStar is designated by CMS as the Medicare	http://www.metastar.com/web/Default.aspx?tabid=167	Free

	Quality Improvement Organization for Wisconsin. Provides downloadable tools.		
Stratis Health	Stratis Health is designated by CMS as the Medicare Quality Improvement Organization for Minnesota. Provides downloadable toolkit for physician offices.	http://www.stratishealth.org/expertise/healthit/clinics/clinictoolkit.html	Free; View documents under subheading "Select"
Vendor research			
AC Group, Inc.	Vendor evaluation and ranking	http://www.acgroup.org/	\$
KLAS (Research Firm) Reports	Vendor evaluation and ranking	http://www.klasresearch.com/Providers/HowProvidersUseResearch.aspx	\$
Certification Commission for Health Information Technology (CCHIT)	Certification Commission for Health Information Technology	http://www.cchit.org/	Free

California HealthCare Foundation (CHCF)	Buyers guide for small practices	http://www.chcf.org/~media/Files/PDF/F/PDF%20ForresterEMRBuyersGuideRevise.pdf	Free
EMR Consultant™	Vendor research tool	http://www.emrconsultant.com/	Free
EMR Match™	Vendor research tool	http://www.emr-match.com/index.html	\$
User Forums			
EMRUpdate	Blog, forum, webcasts, and tools	http://www.emrupdate.com/	Free
EHR Watch	Blog, forum, webcasts, and tools	http://www.ehrwatch.com/	Free
Healthcare IT News	Online health IT industry news	http://www.healthcareitnews.com	Free
The EHR Group	Consulting group providing online resources	http://www.ehrgroup.com/	Some free online information