

Lake and Mendocino County Physician Information Technology Survey, January 2006

Question	Responses	Total responses	Percent Yes
Computer systems at your practice:	None	2	4%
	Windows	38	87%
	Macintosh	5	10%
	Other	0	---
Computers in your practice are used by:	Admin. Staff	42	91%
	Clinical Staff	32	69%
	No computers	1	2%
Does your practice use a computerized PMS system?	Patient Registration	34	74%
	Appt. Scheduling	34	74%
	Patient Billing	38	83%
	Bookkeeping	31	67%
	Other	0	---
Do you handle your billing?	In house	32	69%
	Outside service	8	17%
	Combination	6	13%
Are our clinical records:	Handwritten	24	52%
	Type written	10	21%
	On a computer	13	28%
	Dictated	26	56%
	Other	0	---
If dictated, average time to receive transcribed printout?			
If dictated:	In house transcription	11	42%
	Outside service	15	57%
Does your practice use EMR?	Yes	5	10%
	No	41	89%
If yes, name of EMR software:			
If yes, do you also maintain paper chart backups?	Yes	1	20%
	No	4	80%
If yes, does your EMR interface with your PMS?	Yes	4	80%
	No	1	20%
Does your practice plan computer technology implementations or upgrades in 2006?	Yes	19	41%
	No	26	56%
Does your practice access the internet via:	Dial up	12	26%
	High speed modem	33	71%
	No internet access	3	6%
Can you access the computer system at your practice from off site?	Yes	12	26%
	No	33	71%
Does your practice have at least one email address?	Yes	35	76%
	No	11	24%

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Does your practice have a website?	Yes	8	17%
	No	38	82%
Does your practice subscribe to an online clinical information service?	Yes	16	34%
	No	30	65%
Does your practice transmit prescriptions electronically?	Yes	3	6%
	No	43	93%
Does your practice receive laboratory results via:	Mail or courier	34	74%
	Fax	36	78%
	On printer supplied by lab	7	15%
	Online	15	32%
	Directly w/in your EMR	2	4%
	Other	0	---
Are you interested in participating in the e-Referral clinical messaging project?	Yes	21	45%
	No	22	48%

Notes

- (1) 210 surveys mailed in January 2006 by Foundation for Medical Care of Lake and Mendocino County to all known practicing physicians in Lake and Mendocino Counties.
- (2) N = 46 surveys completed.
- (3) Results tabulated by HealthAlliant
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- (5) Available from http://mendocinohre.org/mern/docs/rmn_survey_20060401.pdf

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