

Physicians' attitudes towards copy and pasting in electronic note writing.

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Adoption and implementation of electronic health records (EHRs) are a growing focus in efforts to improve the quality and safety of care. While past studies have discussed their impact on [time efficiency](#) and the quality of [ambulatory care](#), concerns have also been raised about the ability to [copy and paste](#). This study surveyed residents and faculty in two academic centers and found that copying and pasting was not reported to [adversely](#) affect physician documentation or patient care overall. While the study did not examine clinical outcomes or actual errors in documentation, the potential safety issues raised have led to anecdotal reports. A past AHRQ WebM&M [commentary](#) discussed how inaccurate clinical information pasted forward through a hospitalization led to a patient not receiving appropriate care.