

Trends in primary care clinician perceptions of a new electronic health record.

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Less than 20% of [ambulatory practices](#) in the United States utilize electronic health records (EHRs). Uptake has been limited by cost issues and concern about the impact of EHRs on [clinician workflow](#). This survey evaluated clinicians' perceptions of a newly implemented electronic medical record in three primary care clinics. Although initially clinicians felt that the EHR resulted in longer patient visits and increased the time spent documenting, by 1 year after implementation, clinicians felt that the EHR improved their ability to [follow up on test results](#) and [communicate with other providers](#), and contributed to higher quality care overall. Importantly, these perceived advantages emerged only after 1 full year of using the new system.