

Evaluation of a physician informatics tool to improve patient handoffs.

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This study found that a patient [handoff](#) tool can reliably extract information from the electronic health record, though additional opportunities for improvement were identified. A past AHRQ WebM&M [commentary](#) discussed a case of a failed signout process that contributed to a delay in treatment and diagnosis.