

## Half-life of a printed handoff document.

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Despite advances in [handoff](#) practices, printed [signout](#) documents remain ubiquitous in inpatient settings. This chart review study found that the accuracy of printed signout sheets decline significantly over the course of a physician shift. This work highlights the need for more real-time updated patient information than a printed page can provide.