emrU newsletter, December 2013

This month: student access, leadership, academic proposals & patient build

- We worked hard this month developing the infrastructure needed to meet an aggressive deadline for granting emrU access for 400 new students and 50 additional faculty members. After training, this interprofessional group will login to the system for the first time in January. Grateful acknowledgements follow this section.
- Continuing the tradition of excellence at Iowa, we are one of the leading schools to use electronic medical record (EMR) simulation in our curriculum. Furthermore, we are one of the first – if not the first – school to also integrate electronic medical records across the breadth of our health science campus.
- To share our experiences and promote this cutting-edge educational tool, we submitted two proposals to the Group on Information Resources – a subgroup of the American Association of Medical Colleges (AAMC):
    - First – a panel of schools using EMRs in their curriculums. If our proposal is accepted, we will take the stage with University of Florida Health and Ohio State University and share:
        - Development timeline
        - Common best practices
        - Governance and resources utilized
    - Second – a poster showcasing The University of Iowa's success and educational outcomes with emrU.
    - Both proposals are attached to the e-mail containing this newsletter and are also available on the emrU SharePoint, in the "Sharing emrU" folder.
- The end of the semester is upon us and it's time to finish up curriculum development for January and February. Please remember to start integrating emrU into your curriculum early; the emrU patient build process requires a completed patient template one month before emrU is needed in the classroom.

Thank you

- This January, 400 additional students will be exposed to the Epic electronic medical record via emrU. This ongoing effort owes its success to the hard work of many University employees, including those across the health science colleges as well as those in HCIS, HCIS Identity Management, Hospital Human Resources and the HCIS Security Office.
- Thank you to: Dave Asprey, Linda Birkhofer, Tony Brenneman, Ellen Cram, Mary Jo Duffy, Kathy Foss, Lily Garcia, Jason Gardner, Robert Heitman & his Identity Management team, Lucianna Hulse, Mike Kelly, Elizabeth Lee, Carol Leigh, Rod Loney, Mark Miksch, Heather Mullinnix, Kevin Pellinen, Amal Rahhal, Rich Shields, Cathy Solow, Mary Spreen, Debbie Thoman, Jackie Thompson-Oster, Tanya Uden-Holman, Jeff Vossenkemper, and Joanne Walters for all of their help bringing new students and staff into emrU.

What is emrU?

emrU is an Epic electronic medical record software environment created for use solely by the health science colleges at The University of Iowa. Our goals are to enhance existing classes, facilitate interprofessional education and provide students with a solid background in how to use an electronic medical record before they graduate – an essential skill for anyone in healthcare today.

Past newsletters

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Find us

There is someone on the emrU Steering Committee near you! Go talk to them about what emrU offers and how it can help you with your next class.

Carver College of Medicine: Dave Asprey, Boyd Knosp, Amal Shibli-Rahhal.

College of Nursing: Ellen Cram, Deb McCarthy, Cristina Richards.

UI Department of Nursing: Janet Hosking, LouAnn Montgomery.

College of Pharmacy: Gary Milavetz.

Health Care Information Systems: Holly-Marie Bolger, Mary Jo Duffy, Douglas Van Daele, Val Heffernan, Nick May, Kristy Walker.

Join us

Do you have a class that you think would benefit from a robust patient for every student in a safe Epic environment devoid of real patient data? Do you want new tools to evaluate student learning? Tell us! Propose a project, get in touch with the people listed above, or e-mail Nick May at nicholas-may@uiowa.edu for more information about what we can do for you!