

# emrU newsletter, August 2013

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## What is emrU?

emrU is an Epic electronic health record software environment created for use solely by the Health Sciences here 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.

## This month: go-live, emrU environment, outreach, patient build continuing.

- **First classroom use of emrU is happening this month!** (Next month's newsletter will feature presenting emrU during med student orientation and introducing instructors to emrU.)
- The emrU Epic environment has been isolated from existing UIHC training environments, and we are creating users and moving patients in. We have also enabled logging to help ensure academic integrity.
- Working with other schools -- we have shared notes with University of Florida Health, and are reaching out to more schools to lead an Epic-in-Education session at the Epic Users Group Meeting this fall.
- Patient build continues for the fall semester and clerkships. We are beginning to think ahead to the spring semester; please get ahold of us sooner rather than later with requests for implementation (refer to the Join Us section below).

## Other exciting things:

- **First classroom use of emrU is scheduled for August 26<sup>th</sup>** – on the first day of classes medical students will view their first case from within emrU. Videos that traditionally lived in ICON will be available to every student this semester, as well as crucial information about patient vitals, past medical history and results of lab tests can now be found electronically in emrU instead of only on paper. Information that previously may only have been shared verbally will now be available to students in written form as well. This will be highlighted in next month's newsletter.
- This month has marked collaboration and communication between The Carver College of Medicine and The College of Pharmacy; the interprofessional prospects of this project are very exciting to everyone. If you have an idea for a way that emrU can be used to facilitate collaboration between your area of expertise and another Health Science profession, please contact a member of the committee listed below.
- Anyone receiving this newsletter by e-mail should be able to access materials relating to using emrU in their classroom or department on the emrU SharePoint. Login is your HAWKID & password. (Healthcare users, please preface your username with IOWA\<hawkid>):  
<https://groupshare.uiowa.edu/healthcare/emru/SitePages/Home.aspx>
- Heather Mullinnix (featured in the pictures in last month's newsletter) will be giving an Introduction to Epic in Beisner Auditorium (AUD1) in Bowen Science Building (BSB) on September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30-10:20, for all of the first-year medical students. Newsletter recipients are welcome to attend.

## 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, Maria Lofgren, Cristina Richards.

**UI Department of Nursing:** Janet Hosking, LouAnn Montgomery.

**College of Pharmacy:** Gary Milavetz.

**Health Care Information Systems:** Dr. Bolger, Mary Jo Duffy, Dr. 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](mailto:nicholas-may@uiowa.edu) for more information about what we can do for you!