

emrU newsletter, November 2013

This month: Interprofessional Education, patient catalog & promotion

- We are excited to announce that we are working with colleges across the health sciences to bring emrU to their students. Students in the College of Dentistry, College of Nursing, College of Pharmacy, and College of Public Health will begin using emrU in January. As part of Interprofessional Education @ Iowa (IPE) students are working together in multi-disciplinary teams to care for a simulated patient. We are creating a realistic medical record for this simulated patient in emrU and teaching students the basics of using the Epic electronic medical record. Providing emrU access to all students also removes a major barrier to emrU adoption across the health sciences and paves the way for patient cases from all disciplines to be integrated with emrU.
- The new emrU Patient Catalog is attached to the e-mail you received with this newsletter and is also available on the [emrU GroupShare](#). The goal of the patient catalog is to provide a census of existing patients that may be used in other courses or used as the basis of new curriculum build. Any of these patients can be extended with new encounters, chart notes, labs etc. Take a look – we have robust patients with cystic fibrosis, pulmonary embolisms and abdominal trauma. We also have a variety of patients with radiologically-diagnosable ailments, with more on the way.
- This month we put together a proposal to share our emrU successes with other medical schools at a medical education conference this spring. The proposal is attached and is also available on the [emrU GroupShare](#), in the “Sharing emrU” folder.
- This project is steadily maturing and we have met our initial challenges –bringing the environment online, creating patient cases and delivering the system, with cases, to students. While work remains to adapt the electronic medical record for use as a teaching tool, the challenge before us today is to ensure that the project is sustainable and can grow to meet educational needs. To facilitate this and get ahead of anticipated growth, we are documenting core processes, compiling checklists of common tasks (e.g. patient build) and defining new processes where they are needed (e.g. access for students across the health sciences). This ensures the project can expand, adapt to changing educational needs and run smoothly for years to come.

What is emrU?

emrU is an Epic electronic medical 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.

Past newsletters

Past newsletters are available on the [emrU SharePoint site](#) in the “Newsletters” folder.

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!