Using Data to Tackle the Burden of Nursing Documentation in the Electronic Health Record

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Death By 1,000 Clicks: Where Electronic Health Records Went Wrong

The U.S. government claimed that turning American medical charts into electronic records would make health care better, safer and cheaper. Ten years and $36 billion later, the system is an unholy mess. Inside a digital revolution that took a bad turn.

By Fred Schulte and Erika Fry, Fortune • MARCH 18, 2019

Source: https://khn.org/news/death-by-a-thousand-clicks/
Agenda

► Review current issues related to the burden of clinical documentation in the electronic health record
► Propose a framework to address the “Burden”
► Share emerging data and tools measuring EHR use
► Identify data driven organizational strategies to help reduce documentation burden for nurses – aka – what you can do today!
Headlines, Cartoons and Memes

ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORD?
MORE MEANINGLESS CLICKING

“I hear there’s a new ICD-10 code for carpal tunnel syndrome caused by clicking too many times in an EMR system.”

https://imgflip.com/i/15v4s7

https://www.pinterest.com/pin/381961612125245061

https://www.md mag.com/medical-news/why-are-emrs-so-terrible

SCHOOL OF NUR SING
Why Doctors Hate Their Computers

Digitization promises to make medical care easier and more efficient. But are screens coming between doctors and patients?

By Atul Gawande
Reducing the Stress Associated With Electronic Health Records

Physicians cite electronic health records (EHRs) as a leading contributor to burnout. Learn about solutions academic medicine could employ to help eliminate the stress EHRs cause.

Google Search: "Stress, depression and burnout related to use of an EHR" 757,000 results

Innovative approaches to solve physician burnout - KevinMD.com
Apr 8, 2019 - Burnout is associated with higher rates of major medical errors, ... factors, such as untreated depression, stress about medical school debt, the ... or hiring IT technicians to work with clinicians to streamline use of the EHR. 4.

Physician Burnout Costs The U.S. Health Care System Billions Each ...
https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2019/05/31/757000219/whats-doctor-burnout-costing-america
May 31, 2019 - "Everybody who goes into medicine knows that it's a stressful career... "Cumberson, inefficient" electronic health record systems; ... "Burnout is highly, highly associated with major depression," she says. ... This site is protected by reCAPTCHA and the Google Privacy Policy and Terms of Service apply.

Handout 2018 Physician Burnout Crisis - The Doctors Company
2018 Medscape National Physician Burnout and Depression Report ... associated with clinician stress by sharing information ... Full EHR Use with Redesign.

5 Ways to Reduce Physician Burnout Caused by EHRs
https://www.softwareadvice.com/resources/reduce-physician-burnout/
Find out how you can reduce physician burnout resulting from EHR usage. ... Read about how you can reduce physicians' stress to help them provide better ... This can result in severe breach of patient data confidentiality, because multiple ...

Electronic Health Records Contribute To Major Burnout And Stress For ...
https://www.techtimes.com›Home›Health›Public Health
Jun 30, 2016 - Having to deal with electronic health records may be contributing to the ... Electronic Health Records Contribute To Major Burnout And Stress For Doctors ... who use order entry software and electronic health records (EHR) tend to become ... how to make the tools more clinically relevant and user-friendly.
Burnout Among Health Care Professionals: A Call to Explore and Address This Underrecognized Threat to Safe, High-Quality Care

By Lotte N. Dyrbye, Tait D. Shanafelt, Christine A. Sinsky, Pamela F. Cipriano, Jay Bhatt, Alexander Ommaya, Colin P. West, and David Meyers

July 5, 2017 | Discussion Paper

NAM - What Is Driving Burnout Among Health Care Professionals?

► Work-Related Stress – fueling burnout and job dissatisfaction
  _ Excessive workload
    _ work hours
    _ overnight call frequency
    _ nurse-patient ratios
  _ Moral distress
    _ perceived powerlessness
    _ Unnecessary/futile care
    _ Inadequate informed consent
  _ Work process inefficiencies – CPOE and Documentation

NAM - Why Should We Be Concerned About Burnout Among Health Care Professionals?

- Medical Errors
- Malpractice Suits
- Depressive Symptoms
- Decrease in Quality of Life
- Average burnout levels among hospital nurses are an independent predictor of health care–associated infection

- Emotional Exhaustion – as mean emotional exhaustion levels of physicians and nurses working in intensive care units rose, so did standardized patient mortality ratios - and perceived quality of interpersonal teamwork deteriorated

Some Stats from the National Academy of Medicine

400 physicians die by suicide each year, a rate more than 2X that of the general population.

24% of ICU nurses tested positive for symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder.

Physician rates of depression remain alarmingly high at 39%.

23–31% Prevalence of emotional exhaustion among primary care nurses.

How can we protect the health of the people who protect our own?

National Academy of Medicine
Action Collaborative on Clinician Well-Being and Resilience

Learn more at nam.edu/ClinicianWellBeing

https://nam.edu/initiatives/clinician-resilience-and-well-being/
• Administered by the Rhode Island Department of Health
• A state-wide electronic survey was sent to all 1,197 APRNs licensed and in practice in Rhode Island
• The survey period was from May 8th, 2017 to June 12th, 2017
• A total of 371 APRNs contributed data for a response rate of 31.0%
Harris, et. al. - Article Highlights

► Almost one in five APRNs are experiencing at least one burnout symptom.
► Insufficient time for documentation was the strongest predictor of burnout among APRNs.
► 64 (19.3%) reported spending a moderately high to excessive amount of time on their EHR at home.
► 165 (50.1%) agreed or strongly agreed EHRs add to their daily frustration.
► 97 (32.8%) reported insufficient time for documentation.

What is “Burden”?

- We are hearing this term often – in the literature, blogs, social media
- Merriam-Webster: Duty or responsibility, something oppressive or worrisome
- The problem – no definition for burden related to health IT and documentation in the EHR.
- Need to look at burden more holistically
- Need to address the various domains of causation to help focus improvement efforts as work is conducted, evaluated, categorized and reported
Proposal – Use of a Framework to Address the Burden of Documentation in the EHR: The Six Domains of Burden

Clinicians are spending too much time documenting in the EHR.
Reimbursement/Billing

► Documentation, coding and other administrative data entry tasks required for payment

► Examples:
  - Evaluation and management (E & M) documentation
  - Prior authorization documentation
  - New payment models: Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) and the Advanced Alternate Payment Models (Advanced APMs) – require use of certified EHR technology to exchange information across providers and with patients to support improved care delivery, including patient engagement and care coordination. All requiring documentation.
ONC/CMS Reducing Documentation Burden for Reimbursement

Our top priority at CMS is putting patients first
CMS is committed to reducing unnecessary burden, increasing efficiencies, and improving the beneficiary experience.

Burden Reduction Initiatives

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Dr. Kate Goodrich
Melanie Combs-Dyer

Regulatory

► Accreditation agency documentation requirements
  _ The Joint Commission
  _ Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program
  _ State Regulatory Agencies
TJC’s Project Refresh

- Multi-phased effort to modernize and streamline Joint Commission requirements by deleting non-value-added requirements and consolidating redundant requirements. Throughout 2016 and 2017, almost 300 hospital elements of performance (EPs) were removed.

What is Project Refresh?

- A series of inter-related and/or inter-dependent process improvement initiatives underway at The Joint Commission
  - Guiding principles: Simplification, Relevancy, Innovation, Transparency
- Refresh projects are implemented in a phased and coordinated approach, that began in June 2016 and continue.

https://www.jointcommission.org/assets/1/6/Revised_Survey_Report_Presentation.pdf
Quality

Documentation required to demonstrate that quality patient care has been provided. This includes documentation requirements by the healthcare organization itself, as well as by governmental and regulatory agencies

- The Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) Program,
- The Hospital Outpatient Quality Reporting (OQR) Program,
- The Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS)
- National Database of Nursing Quality Indicators (NDNQI)
“Meaningful Measures” framework is the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services’ new initiative which identifies the highest priorities for quality measurement and improvement. It involves only assessing those core issues that are the most critical to providing high-quality care and improving individual outcomes.

Its purpose is to improve outcomes for patients, their families and providers while also reducing burden on clinicians and providers.

Usability

- Limited and insufficient use of human factors engineering and human-computer interface principles resulting in extra time spent entering data, scrolling, clicking and searching for pertinent information in the record
  - Lack of support of optimal workflows
  - Inefficient use of clinical decision support tools
  - Limited vendor use of human factors engineering principles and usability standards
  - Inappropriate use of copy and paste functionality
The NIST Health IT Usability Initiative:

- Focused on establishing a framework that defines and assesses health IT usability.
- Conducted (in collaboration with ONC) and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)

Technical Evaluation, Testing, and Validation of the Usability of Electronic Health Records: Empirically Based Use Cases for Validating Safety-Enhanced Usability and Guidelines for Standardization

[NISTIR 7804-1](https://nvlpubs.nist.gov/nistpubs/ir/2015/NIST.IR.7804-1.pdf)
Interoperability

- Insufficient configuration standards resulting in duplication and re-entry of data even though it resides elsewhere, either internal to the organization or in an external system.
  - Duplication of documentation that’s already in an organization’s electronic system – somewhere
  - Duplication of documentation due to inability to integrate external patient data into workflow of clinician.
ONC’s Interoperability Roadmap

Connecting Health and Care for the Nation
A Shared Nationwide Interoperability Roadmap

Self Imposed

Organizational culture’s influence on what should be documented can exceed what is needed for patient care, including:

- “We’ve always done it this way” mentality
- Misinterpretation of regulatory standards
- Over zealous risk managers
- Outdated organizational policies
Self Imposed - Examples

► “Squeaky wheel” or powerful special interest groups want added documentation by clinicians to meet their needs.

► Excessive documentation on admission to the hospital or an initial visit to a clinic

► End users oftentimes are not aware that the functionality to improve effectiveness is available. It was not taught during initial system use training.

► Extra “CYA” charting (fear of litigation)

► The nature of nursing and the desire to capture more than necessary to provide and communicate the essentials of care
Domain Relationships
How can we use data to reduce documentation time for nurses?
Vendor supplied data
TIME SPENT IN SYSTEM (Calculations from 33,545 12-hour shifts among RNs at your organization)

Clinician active time spent in Hyperspace is collected and summarized through our Nursing Efficiency and Assessment Tool. It can be shared with you, via your Inpatient TS, on a quarterly cadence.

166 Average Minutes in Hyperspace
Top Quartile: 152 minutes

54 Average Minutes in Flowsheets
Top Quartile: 56 minutes

Most Used Flowsheet Templates

Departments with Most System Time

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FEATURES FOR IMPROVING NURSING PRODUCTIVITY

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Changes in Efficiency and Quality of Nursing Electronic Health Record Documentation After Implementation of an Admission Patient History Essential Data Set

Eva L. Karp, DHA, MBA, RN-C, FACHE, SVP, Rebecca Freeman, PhD, RN, Kit N. Simpson, DrPH, Annie N. Simpson, PhD

“Clinical informatics professionals should consider the use of EHR event files and timers to gain insight into process and workflow changes. The use of system data can substantiate the transformational value of informatics practice and inform future optimization efforts”
# Evaluate What’s Currently in the System

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<th>Required regulatory field: Yes/No</th>
<th>If yes, list agency</th>
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<th>Ask EVERY patient?</th>
<th>Required in first 12 hours?</th>
<th>Needed for discharge planning?</th>
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**Health History**

| Admitted with IV | N | N | N | N | Y | Y |
| Date and time of insertion (required if answer to 42 is "yes") | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y |
| RN reviewed health history via: | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N |
# DNP Student Use of Data Collection Tool for Admission Assessment Review

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<th>Communicate with Care Provider: Yes/No</th>
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### DNP Student Use of Data Collection Tool for Admission Assessment Review – Weighting Assignments

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*Note – score of “0” for Yes.*
Analysis of the Nursing Admission Assessment Data Elements

Is it imperative or required to document the data element – 10 Questions

► Is it required by a regulatory agency? (TJC, CMS, MU, Core Measure – that requires documentation)
► Is an RN required to document?
► Is it something that EVERY patient must be asked?
► Is it required in the first 8 - 12 hours of admission?
► Is it needed for discharge planning?
Analyze the Nursing Admission Assessment Data Elements

► Is it pulled into the patient header?
► Does it trigger an alert?
► Communication of patient information to the care team?
► Is it needed for a report?
► Is it documented elsewhere in the chart?
DNP Student - Overall Results

Retain if Scores: 25 – 62
Review if Scores: 15 – 24
Remove if Scores: 0 - 14
Use Data to Make Informed Decisions

► Ask for vendor provided data
  _ Nursing time in chart
    _ Time spent in various areas of the chart
    _ With ability to compare across nurses/departments
  _ Flowsheet row data
    _ Are there any flowsheets we do not use?
    _ Are there any flowsheet row elements that have not been used?
Use Data to Make Informed Decisions

► Flowsheet Usage by Department

► Flowsheet Row Comments
  - Example: Blood Pressure Comments
Number of Comments Added to Documentation of Vital Signs 2/20/18 - 3/20/18

- BP: 5325
- Pulse: 812
- RR: 410
- Pulse Ox: 1431
- Temp: 2000
- Temp Source: 88
Blood Pressure Comments

- pt states he felt dizzy when he leaned back his head
- MD paged
- nurse notified
- 100ml bolus of ns given
- Paged Phy. Gave pain med. Awaiting pharm. to send Catopril.
- will re-check.
- appears to be sleeping.
- Pt screaming and crying about headache. Will recheck
- MD notified, no new orders received at this time.
- NP notified; no HA, no worsening chest pressure c pepcid adm
- I went in to assess the pt’s BP and realized the BP cuff was on the pt’s left arm which had a fistula. I placed the BP cuff on the pt’s right arm and reassessed the BP.
- pre-nitroglycerin paste administration
- Cuff adjusted
- right arm sitting
- manual recheck after auto read 162/105, pt refusing BP med
Call to Action

► Stay informed of changes by federal and regulatory agencies. If we don’t know - we can’t capitalize on their efforts to streamline and reduce the documentation burden
  - TJC efforts – Project REFRESH
  - CMS – Patients over Paperwork
  - University of Minnesota’s - Nursing Knowledge: Big Data Science Initiative

► Re-evaluate interpretation of regulations

► Review and revise our own written policies and procedures as appropriate

► Clean up the clutter - using data available

► Work with your vendor to continue to improve usability and increase efficiencies

► Continue to standardize where possible

► Innovate – Mobile technologies, Voice recognition, Device integration

► Publish!

► Develop guiding principles for improving/enhancing clinical documentation. Such as.....
Ideas for Guiding Principles

► No new documentation

► Unless:
  _ Mandated
  _ Based on data/evidence
  _ Identified how the data entered into the new fields will be used and what actions will be taken (and by whom) based on what is entered
  _ The requesting or responsible party for the addition reports out on the outcomes achieved by adding the documentation - at specified time intervals (ie – 3 months, 6 months, 9 months, etc)
  _ The addition is vetted and approved via a governance process
  _ If adding something – need to remove something
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