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eHealth Initiatives

EMR Adoption Program Funded by OMD and Ehealth Ontario

What is the new EMR Adopter Funding Program?

The New EMR Adopter Funding within the EMR Adoption Program is designed to broaden and accelerate the adoption of EMRs by practice-based family physicians and specialists over the next three years. The program provides funding as well as transition support to help family physicians and specialists implement and benefit from EMRs in their practice. OntarioMD's target is to fund an additional 5,700 to a previous 3000 physicians by March of 2012. This means EMRs will be accessible to more physicians, allowing them to leverage information technology to improve patient care and practice efficiency.

Who is Eligible?

All practice-based primary care physicians and, for the first time, specialists are eligible for the program. The program will provide both one-time and monthly funding, as well as transition and adoption support services. Early EMR adopters, who helped expand and evolve the program, are also eligible for a monthly subsidy in order to upgrade their EMRs to the latest certified specification.

How to Apply:

Eligible physicians can apply for new EMR Adopter funding through the EMR Adoption Program beginning November 2, 2009. To apply physicians within a group must complete a New EMR Adopter Funding Application Form and Readiness Self-Assessment and submit to OntarioMD, 150 Bloor Street West, Suite 900, Toronto, ON, M5S 3C1.

For a copy of the application form and more information about the program, please visit www.ontariomd.ca and click on 'EMR Funding' under 'EMR Adoption Program'.

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eHealth Events

Privacy and Security Workshop

As part of the regional Privacy and Security Framework initiative, the first Privacy and Security workshop was held on Nov 18th 09. Attendance included representation from the hospital, Community Health Centres and Community Support Services sectors.

eHealth Day *Making Connections*

A big thank you to all those who participated in and contributed to the success of eHealth Day on Nov 26th 09. The event attracted over 100 attendees from across the South East LHIN, with representation from all sectors in the health care field. Please visit the SE LHIN website for videos from the event as well as all presentation materials:

www.southeastlhin.on.ca

***Upcoming!* Primary Health Care Forum- Jan 25th 2010**

After its noteworthy success in Nov 2007, the Primary Health Care Forum is now back with more exciting topics and informative lectures. For more details, please visit the SE LHIN website for the event's flyer. To register, please visit

http://www.dfmqueens.ca/phccphcc_forum.php

A Message from the eHealth Team

On behalf of the eHealth Team at the South East LHIN, I wish everyone a fun, relaxing and safe holiday season.

This month marks the end of my work term at the LHIN. To those with whom I have had the pleasure of meeting in person, as well as those with which I have not had the opportunity to meet from the SE LHIN HSP community, I wish you all the best in your professional careers and personal endeavors.

Stay tuned for the January 2010 eHealth newsletter, to be authored by the eHealth team's to-be newest member, Kyle Darcy.

Happy holidays, everyone!

Yasmin Fawzi