

Privacy Rights

Addressing Basic Concerns - shared Electronic Medical Records

- Step (1)** Provide reasonable discussion template for all citizens to review
- Step (2)** Share overview roadmap with all US citizens, Doctors, Hospitals, etc.
- Step (3)** Insure there are great safeguards, with consequences to violators
- Step (4)** USA needs to get on with it... or be dumb about it!

Questions most asked by people living in a free society?

Do I need a high tech “chip implant”?.....	NO
Will my personal medical information be readily available to current or prospective employers?.....	NO
Can I see a basic overview on how it works?.....	YES
Can I see my personal medical information?.....	YES
Can I permit med-info made available to ER if emergency?...	YES
Should US Congress adopt a stringent rules policy?.....	YES
Should automatic JAIL sentences be part of policy?.....	YES
Can I sue if my information is wrongfully shared?.....	YES
Can I sue both the abusing provider + requestor?.....	YES
Can I seek help from citizen watch groups if problem?....	YES

What kind of information will be stored in this master file??

Click here for propose sample electronic medical records. [EMR](#)

Note, the proposed associated roadmap flow diagrams show how all entities can share a common model for electronically maintaining and SHARING an individual’s pertinent medical health information.

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Premise: It is essential that medical health care service entities (doctors, nurses, hospitals, pharmacies, re-hab centers, etc. etc) start working in a more coordinated fashion. For example, your primary health care doctor has most of your existing medical records filed in his/her office. Currently, some medical information is shared efficiently, **but mostly it is not**. There are many good examples where health care providers need limited but accurate and timely access to our medical information. Common sense tells us that reasonable and secure access to medical information will streamline the entire health care system. All medical personnel and insurance companies must abide by a common set of stringent rules governing **EMR** privacy rights.

For many years, our society has possessed the technical IT resources to construct and launch an efficient working model for sharing specific chunks of information called std data packets. The first goal is to **establish a common set of file + data packet standards** and to help facilitate rapid implementation of a working model. Medical facilities and Dr. offices will **NOT need to immediately replace their existing IT systems or databases**. Current computer software providers will be required to modify their systems to support exchanging standard **Medical Data Packets** (MDP) with appropriate entities. These common data transmit packets (specific chunks of data) will include items such as X-rays, MRI films, latest lab tests, etc. The nature and level of shared information will be restricted to need to know basis and patient/doctor authorization

AXIOM 1: A common sense design approach must not allow any **unauthorized** access to our personal medical history. It is imperative **all reasonable safeguards** are put in place to protect our basic rights to privacy. Establish a clear **EMR** "Bill of Rights" for USA citizens.

- 1) Every person has right to know who has accessed their **EMR electronic medical records**
- 2) Every person **can challenge any unauthorized access** to their **EMR**
- 3) Every person **can seek financial remedy** if appropriate and will have full legal recourse.
- 4) Stiff legal and financial penalties can be filed against offending individuals / institutions.
- 5) A citizens based **EMR oversight group** will assist individuals prosecute violators

AXIOM 2: Unauthorized access and distribution of an individual's medical records will be considered a serious criminal act and all violators must be prosecuted. We will establish a set of open standards and supervise how our pertinent medical data is shared responsibly. They will follow a clear set of rules about who and how data is shared. Patients, doctors, citizen watch groups, and some form of a specialized trained USA government medical agency/ medical court system will provide oversight and protection of core medical data privacy rights.

AXIOM 3: Eventually all core medical history and knowledge will be maintained in a more standard master **Electronic Medical Record** format **to improve efficient + safe access**. Each individuals master set of records will be maintained in a secure master **EMR health database** – a repository of key medical information for each person. A semi-independent ORGANIZATION must act as the **primary gate keeper**. The **EMR server** and **medical Database models** should run on an "open systems" platform that CAN be replicated as a standard in all participating community health care facilities. (See EMR picture diagram for proposed sample data model)

Can YOU LIVE WITH THIS APPROACH ?