



COMPLIANCE E-NEWS

Compliance Tips for the EPIC Upgrade

Access to electronic health records is reserved for *work related duties/activities only*.

The *For Your Information (FYI)* flag contains important information and should be checked at each chart access for information and updates.

The *Break the Glass (BTG)* feature provides an added layer of security for record access. BTG access is monitored carefully.

The Teaching Physician (TP) rules for presence, participation and documentation remain the same.

Simply using a macro such as "seen and agree, note reviewed and edited," etc. without the addition of specific individual patient findings is NOT ACCEPTABLE.

Copy and Paste function is discouraged and should only be utilized by the original author with date appropriate updates. The author remains responsible for the accuracy of the note.

Please see the following page for Compliance Education Opportunities

Ensuring Meaning in EHR "Meaningful Use"

As a result of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) have initiated a complex program to provide financial incentives for "meaningful use" of certified EHR technology. Meaningful use is evidenced in documentation and activities by providers that demonstrate the utilization of EHR technology to promote quality in clinical care and communication.

Three main components are outlined by CMS for quality and quantity measures:

Certified EHR technology is used -

- 1) in a meaningful manner – such as e-prescribing, documentation of diagnostic measures, etc.
- 2) to provide electronic exchange of health information to improve quality of health care
- 3) to submit clinical quality and other measures

The true focus of meaningful use is **excellence and efficiency in clinical care**. EHR technology is utilized to promote reduction in errors, availability of medical records and data, reminders and alerts, clinical decision support, and communication with patients and caregivers.

As such, caution must be exercised to accurately and honestly perform, record and report services/information that are required and medically necessary. Documenting, printing or reporting strictly for the sake of accomplishing quotas or percentages in the absence of clinical pertinence or necessity may certainly be perceived as "gaming the system" for financial incentive or gain. From both the clinical and compliance perspective, the **meaning** in meaningful use is reflected in the evidence of sound, pertinent and rational documentation, operational practices and procedures.

Traveling with Technology Tips for Summer

Michael Reeves, Research Auditor

While planning for summer vacations, it is important to remember to properly plan if you will be traveling with laptops, smart phones or flash drives.

If you are traveling internationally, the Department of Commerce, Export Administration Regulations (EAR), and Department of State, International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR), regulate the information that is allowed to leave the United States. In general, the information that is controlled by these two agencies is related to military research (US Munitions List), although many commercial "dual-use" items (Commerce Control List) are regulated. These types of information need to be removed from any devices prior to travel; this includes laptops, smart phones, and flash drives. If you have any questions regarding export controls, contact the Manager of Responsible Conduct of Research, Johnny Kidd, jkidd2@slu.edu or 977-7047 prior to international travel.



Compliance Academy Schedule of Classes July – August 2011

2011 Annual Compliance Update – Registration not required (mandatory completion by 12/31/11)

July 21	2:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Hanlon Conference Room, <i>7th Floor, Bordley Tower, SLUH</i>
July 22	12:00 – 1:00 p.m.	Learning Resource Center (LRC), <i>Room 113</i>
August 3	4:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Hanlon Conference Room, <i>7th Floor, Bordley Tower, SLUH</i>
August 5	8:30 – 9:30 a.m.	SLUCare OB/GYN Office, <i>Bellevue Office Bldg, Suite 400 1031 Bellevue, St. Mary's Hospital Campus</i>
August 19	12:00 – 1:00 p.m.	Cardinal Glennon Hospital, <i>Hussmann Room, First Floor</i>

Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act (HIPAA) General Session- Registration not required

July 14	3:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Compliance Academy Classroom, <i>Room 229H, Schwitalla Hall</i>
August 18	3:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Compliance Academy Classroom, <i>Room M229H, Schwitalla Hall</i>

Compliance Topics in Billing, Coding and Reimbursement (Billers Meeting) Registration not required

July 19	10:00- 11:30 a.m.	Learning Resource Center, <i>Auditorium C</i>
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Topic: ***Coming Soon: ICD-10***
 Guest Presenter: Jody Smith, PhD
 Academic Department Chair
 Health Informatics & Information Management
 Saint Louis University

Reminder:

*Please contact the Compliance Department at 977-5545 to schedule a mandatory individual compliance education session for **all new faculty and clinical providers that bill for services.***