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Safeguarding Confidentiality in Electronic Health Records

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Abstract: Electronic health records (EHRs) offer significant advantages over paper charts, such as ease of portability, facilitated communication, and a decreased risk of medical errors; however, important ethical concerns related to patient confidentiality remain. Although legal protections have been implemented, in practice, EHRs may be still prone to breaches that threaten patient privacy. Potential safeguards are essential, and have been implemented especially in sensitive areas such as mental illness, substance abuse, and sexual health. Features of one institutional model are described that may illustrate the efforts to both ensure adequate transparency and ensure patient confidentiality. Trust and the therapeutic alliance are critical to the provider-patient relationship and quality healthcare services. All of the benefits of an EHR are only possible if patients retain confidence in the security and accuracy of their medical records.

Keywords: electronic health records; EHR; EMR; ethics; confidentiality; privacy
Asthma: Management in Older Adults

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Asthma is a chronic disease characterized by reversible airway inflammation and the obstruction of airflow due to transient narrowing of the airways, most often as a result of the body's immunologic response to allergens or irritants and, in older adults, as a result of physiologic respiratory changes. Although asthma is commonly referred to as a childhood disease, it is now recognized that the prevalence of asthma in older adults (i.e., individuals > 65 years of age) is higher than previously reported. The exact number of older adults in the United States who have asthma is not known due to underdiagnosis and misdiagnosis, low recognition and underreporting of asthma-related symptoms by the patient, and limited research studies involving older adults with asthma. Results of studies show that asthma in older adults is associated with high rates of hospitalization and substantial healthcare costs, and more than 50% of all asthma-related deaths involve persons with asthma who are 65 years of age and older. In the U.S., patients who are 65 years of age and older represent the 2nd highest age group for all age groups of patients who are hospitalized for asthma, and rank only slightly lower than hospitalized patients with asthma who are 15 years of age and younger. The rate of hospitalizations for older adults is 23.7 per 100,000, and the average length of hospital stay for this population is 4.5 days (1.3,4,5,9,11,12,15,16).
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directed by John Palfreman, fl. 2012; produced by John Palfreman, fl. 2012, in Frontline (Public Broadcasting Service (PBS), 2010), 57 mins

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