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Dr. Steven Gorin Increases Productivity with the Customizable EHR system, EMA™

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KEY BENEFITS

Orthopedic-specific electronic health records (EHR) system	Intuitive interface helps increase productivity	Automated coding increases efficiency	Cloud-based technology allows for easy access to patient data

BACKGROUND

When Dr. Steven Gorin, a Florida-based orthopedic surgeon, started his new practice, Institute of Sports Medicine and Orthopaedics, in 2006, one of the most important tasks was to secure an EHR system. "Before starting with EMA, I had experienced two EHR systems that were not orthopedic-specific or prepared for the upcoming government mandates, plus the transition to ICD-10. I needed an advanced system that would be compatible with my practice and know orthopedic workflow," he explained.

"I attended the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS) annual meeting and researched about eight EHR systems there, including two that seemed to be orthopedic-specific. They looked very nice on the surface but after I dug deeper into those products, I discovered they did not work very well and wouldn't be a good fit for my practice," Dr. Gorin explained. "My practice management system company recommended Modernizing Medicine's EHR system, EMA.

After reviewing numerous systems, I decided that EMA would most fit my practice and was exactly what I was looking for in an EHR system. EMA is orthopedic-specific, integrates with my current practice management system, works efficiently and best of all automatically remembers my preferences. The general systems I experienced required a lot of work to tailor them to my own style of practice."

"The training for EMA was very straightforward and quick compared to my previous systems. It only took a couple days for my staff to understand and learn it. We began seeing a few new patients every day with EMA and were fully live within a few weeks. There are also videos on Modernizing Medicine's user site that we could refer to if we got stuck. Whenever we contact support, they are very reliable and quickly answer any questions."

ORTHOPEDIC-SPECIFIC

One of the key features of EMA that was important to Dr. Gorin is the fact that it's orthopedic-specific. EMA was

designed to think like a real orthopedic surgeon and know the specialty-specific workflow. "What really made EMA interesting for me was that the system was designed and written by practicing orthopedic surgeons. Other systems have software engineers coding the product who don't understand our workflow and what we need to get through the day efficiently. To me that is what makes EMA stand out from the rest," said Dr. Gorin.

"EMA has really helped increase my practice productivity in the sense that it focuses on what I do and what needs to be done with my notes. With note taking, I don't have to reinvent the wheel because the orthopedic-specific verbiage is already there, plus the notes are patient-specific, read normally and I don't have to worry about cloning. EMA knows the common diagnoses I use and is customizable to my style of practice. For example, if I have a specific plan for a knee replacement, that plan will remain accessible so I don't have to keep adding it every single time. A new patient note may take me a couple of minutes and a follow up note can take 15-30 seconds. Unlike how other general systems operate, EMA doesn't include charts and templates that don't pertain to me. I'm able to remain efficient and productive throughout my day," he explained.

AUTOMATED BILLING INCREASES EFFICIENCY

EMA simplifies the tedious task of coding by automatically generating ICD-10 codes helping Dr. Gorin be more efficient. EMA does all the coding for him with no extra work required.

"One of the biggest draws for me was knowing that EMA had a solution for ICD-10. The system already includes the ICD-10 codes, which automatically populate after touching the 3D Interactive Anatomical Atlas™, so there is nothing that needs to be done on my end. I'm able to increase my efficiency because EMA is straightforward with my billing," Dr. Gorin explained. "One of the features I really appreciate about EMA is that it's always staying ahead of the curve with the changes in healthcare. I'm able to get through the day and focus on my patients."

EASY ACCESS IN THE CLOUD

EMA is cloud-based allowing Dr. Gorin to access his patient's information from virtually anywhere using an iPad, Mac, PC or smartphone. "My first EHR system was server-based so in order to access patient data while away from the office, I had to log-in through a virtual private network. It was inconvenient to be required to use a certain computer to access information, not to mention this set up was costly," he said. "With EMA, I can use my iPad or access PocketEMA™ on my Android. Having this smaller version of EMA on my smartphone to reference a chart on the go is very useful. I can eprescribe, look up patient information and note in real time, no matter where I am. Modernizing Medicine really created a convenient tool that will improve the way we as orthopedic surgeons practice."

To learn more about the products Dr. Gorin discussed, please request a demo at modmed.com or call 561.235.7503

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