

## Specialty-Specific Funding Eligible EMR Offerings

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### General

**1. Why were rheumatology, ophthalmology and pediatrics selected as the first three specialties?**

Rheumatology, ophthalmology and pediatrics were selected based on EMR adoption rates and interest expressed by these specialties.

**2. Will there be a Specialty-Specific EMR Requirements Specification for every specialty, including those that do not have a large number of specialists?**

The first phase of Specialty-Specific EMR Requirements Specification will focus on rheumatology, ophthalmology and pediatrics. Additional Specialty-Specific EMR Requirement Specifications for other specialties will be assessed based on interest expressed by the specialty.

**3. What are the anticipated timelines for the release of specialty specifications for rheumatology, ophthalmology and pediatrics?**

Rheumatology – Spring 2014, Ophthalmology and Pediatrics – Summer 2014

**4. What is the timeline to begin working with additional specialties?**

At this time, OntarioMD has not scheduled working with specialties other than rheumatology, ophthalmology and pediatrics.

**5. What is an EMR Release?**

An EMR Release references a “set of” Ontario EMR Requirements Specifications. An EMR Release also defines the funding eligibility requirements of an EMR Offering for a particular clinician group e.g., general practitioners, community based specialists. EMR Releases will be added, updated or removed over time.

**6. Has the specialty considered the cost associated with a mandatory requirement?**

Yes. OntarioMD has worked with the specialty to develop reasonable and achievable requirements. Any costs associated with developing a particular functionality must be made clear to the physician.

**7. Why is the Specialty-Specific EMR Requirement Specification based on requirements instead of guidelines?**

The specialty has defined mandatory and optional EMR requirements that must be present in a Funding Eligible EMR offering for it to be designated as specialty-specific.

**8. Who is the librarian of the forms, tools and reference material in the specialty-specific toolboxes?**

The representative body of each specialty is the librarian of the forms, tools and reference material in the specialty-specific toolboxes.

## 9. How often do the forms in a specialty-specific toolbox change?

A specialty-specific toolbox contains forms, tools and material that are referenced in the respective Specialty-Specific EMR Requirements Specification. A change to the mandatory requirements in the Specialty-Specific EMR Requirements Specification would result in an updated specialty-specific toolbox. Optional forms, tools, documents and reference material may be added separately to a specialty-specific toolbox from time to time to support the respective Specialty-Specific EMR Requirements Specification.

## 10. How will vendors be notified of changes to mandatory forms and tools contained in the specialty-specific toolbox?

Vendors will be notified of changes to mandatory forms and tools contained in the specialty-specific toolbox via the standard process for EMR Vendor Requirements Specification review.

## 11. What is the EMR vendor's obligation to keep the forms and tools in the specialty-specific toolbox up-to-date within the EMR offering?

An EMR vendor must maintain the mandatory requirements outlined in the respective Specialty-Specific EMR Requirements Specification.

## 12. Does OntarioMD have copyright clearance for the forms?

OntarioMD will work with specialties to ensure there are no copyright constraints on the forms and tools described in the Specialty-Specific EMR Requirement Specification.

## 13. How will the export of specialty-specific EMR data be addressed?

The export of specialty-specific EMR data will be handled in the same way as the export of any other data that is not included in the core data set as described in the data portability section of the Core EMR Requirements Specification.

## Process & Evaluation

## 14. Can a specialist purchase a Funding Eligible EMR Offering that is not specialty-specific?

Yes, a specialist can choose any of the Funding Eligible EMR Offerings.

## 15. Can an EMR vendor participate in the specialty-specific Funding Eligible EMR offering process with less than three site references?

No, the minimum requirement of three (3) site references has been established to demonstrate both market presence and consistent alignment with the mandatory requirements defined by the specialty. The reference sites do not have to be new; they may be a combination of new and existing sites in the Ontario EMR Adoption Program that meet the mandatory requirements within the Specialty-Specific EMR Requirements Specification.

## **16. What does “Evaluated by Physician” mean?**

For an EMR to achieve a specialty-specific designation, three (3) lead physicians at three (3) separate clinical practices need to complete a Specialty-Specific EMR Offering Site Reference Evaluation Worksheet based on the respective Specialty-Specific EMR Requirements Specification.

## **17. What is the schedule for evaluating Specialty-Specific EMR Requirement Specifications?**

An EMR vendor can submit a completed Specialty-Specific Funding Eligible EMR Offering Application Form along with three (3) Specialty-Specific EMR Offering Site Reference Evaluation Worksheets to OntarioMD for review at any time.

## **18. How long is the specialty-specific Funding Eligible EMR offering evaluation process?**

Once the Specialty-Specific Funding Eligible EMR Offering Application Form and three (3) completed Specialty-Specific EMR Offering Site Reference Evaluation Worksheets have been provided, the evaluation process is anticipated to take approximately four weeks based on site reference availability.

## **19. What information will be published on OntarioMD.ca about the specialty-specific Funding Eligible EMR Offering?**

Once an EMR vendor has successfully completed the specialty-specific Funding Eligible EMR offering evaluation process, the Specialty-Specific EMR Offering Evaluation Summary Report will be published on ontariomd.ca. The report states that the specialty-specific Funding Eligible EMR Offering meets all mandatory requirements as outlined in the Specialty-Specific EMR Requirement Specification. The report will also indicate if optional requirements were implemented, not implemented or partially implemented.

## **20. Will the Specialty-Specific Funding Eligible EMR Offering Evaluation Summary Report be published on other websites by the specialties?**

Publishing the Specialty-Specific Funding Eligible EMR Offering Evaluation Summary Report on other websites is at the discretion of the respective specialties.