



EMR PROGRESS ASSESSMENT TOOL

OntarioMD has worked with thousands of physicians across Ontario to help them enhance their use of a provincially-certified electronic medical record (EMR) to improve patient care. It also advocates on behalf of physicians to evolve EMR Specifications to meet the needs of community-based physician practices. OntarioMD offers products that connect to more patient information and services that assist physicians with becoming more skilled EMR users. All products and services are complimentary and are available to all Ontario physicians using a certified EMR. Past participation in an OntarioMD program is not required.

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Want to improve your EMR skills?

An OntarioMD EMR Progress Assessment (EPA) is an evidence-based tool for physicians who wish to assess their current EMR use and make improvements that will translate into enhanced patient care. An EPA asks critical questions spanning three key functional areas of EMR use:

- Practice Management
- Information Management
- Diagnosis and Treatment Support



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EMR Maturity Model - Key Measures

An EMR Progress Assessment (EPA) tracks progress against key measures based on an EMR maturity model developed by OntarioMD.

KEY MEASURES

PRACTICE MANAGEMENT

1. Appointment Scheduling
2. Practice Billing
3. Communication & Messaging

INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

4. Encounter Documentation
5. Data Quality & Nomenclature Consistency
6. Document Management

DIAGNOSIS & TREATMENT SUPPORT

7. Results Management
8. Referral & Consultation Tracking
9. Prevention & Screening
10. Complex Care / Chronic Disease Management

Who should complete an EPA?

An EPA should be completed by physicians who wish to assess their current EMR use and make improvements that will help realize more of their EMR's untapped functionality. Physicians who are participating in any of the OntarioMD legacy funding programs must complete an EPA to receive their performance grant.

An EPA is a fundamental component of OntarioMD's EMR Practice Enhancement Program (EPEP), a complimentary service designed to help physicians enhance their EMR skills. Completing an EPA can help uncover hidden gaps for improvement in a practice's workflow, efficiency and patient care.

What benefits will physicians realize from completing an EPA?

The questions on an EPA are designed to help physicians assess their most desired areas of improvement with their EMRs, and put them in the driver's seat to get there. By helping the physician understand and measure current use, an EPA can open the door to realizing tangible improvements unique to each practice setting. It helps to narrow down and prioritize improvements in the practice, provide focus for conversations with EMR vendors, and guide discussions about practice efficiency with colleagues and practice staff.

Hundreds of physicians have completed an EPA and participated in EPEP, allowing them to further improve their EMR use and gain benefits like:

- More efficient EMR use and workflow
- Optimizing existing EMR functions and accessing additional ones
- Timely access to information at the point of care
- Improved clinical decision support
- Identification of data quality and standardization issues

How do physicians access an EPA?

Registered users of OntarioMD.ca simply log in and launch an EPA by clicking on the button at the top left of the screen. A new window will open and users click on the Start Assessment button at the top right. Once they begin the EPA questions, they may stop at any time to save answers so they can later pick up where they left off. Those who don't have an OntarioMD account can register using their OMA number, date of birth and email address.

To reset a password, contact the OntarioMD support team at **416-623-1248, 1-866-744-8668** or **support@ontariomd.com**. Support is available during regular business hours from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.

Once the EPA tool is completed, an OntarioMD Practice Advisor can discuss the practice priorities that are important to the physician.