

**Washington State Medical Association (WSMA)  
&  
Washington State Medical Group Management Association (WSMGMA)**

**PRACTICE INFORMATICS ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**PRACTICE INFORMATICS RESOURCE LIBRARY**

**FOCUS AREAS**

- Electronic Data Interchange (EDI), includes Claims Clearinghouses
- Electronic Medical Record (EMR), *Also called* Electronic Health Record (EHR)
- Practice Management Systems (PMS)  
*Also called* Physician's Office Management and Medical Information Systems (POMIS)

**RESOURCES:** (*publication titles are shown in italics*)

**Association and Society Resources**

**Washington State Medical Association (WSMA) - Practice Resource Center** ([www.wsma.org](http://www.wsma.org))

- *Electronic Health Records / Electronic Medical Records: Practical Guidance for Physicians and Practice Managers*
- *E-mail: Secured Services for Physician Practices*
- *HIPAA EDI Transactions: What you need to know (CD)*
- *INHS –Services Available to Physicians' Practices*

**American Medical Association (AMA)** ([www.ama-assn.org/](http://www.ama-assn.org/))

- *Automating the Medical Record*
- *Electronic Medical Records: A Guide for Clinicians and Administrators (published by American College of Physicians – American Society of Internal Medicine - [www.acponline.org](http://www.acponline.org))*
- *How to select a billing software vendor for the physician practice*
- *What is a medical billing service?*
- *What is a clearinghouse?*
- *What is an Application Service Provider (ASP)?*

**American Academy of Family Physicians** ([www.aafp.org](http://www.aafp.org))

- *Center for Health Information Technology (HIT)*
- *Checklist for EMR Systems*
- *Electronic Medical Records: The FPM Vendor Survey*
- *How to Select a Computer System for a Family Physician's Office*
- *Internet and Email*
- *Personal Digital Assistants and Wireless*
- *Practice Management Tools*
- *Software and Hardware Issues for Billing and EMR Systems*
- *Working with Vendors for Billing and EMR Systems*

**California Medical Association (CMA)** ([www.cmanet.org](http://www.cmanet.org))

- *Information Technology Assistance: Examination of Potential Needs and Opportunities for Technology Applications for Solo & Small Group Practices*

## **Medical Group Management Association ([www.mgma.com/](http://www.mgma.com/))**

- *Electronic Claims Clearinghouse: Information Exchange*
- *Electronic Medical Records: Information Exchange*
- *Practice Management Software: Information Exchange*
- *Technologies with ROI (Return on Investment) - Article*

## **Government & Contractor Resources**

### **General Accountability Office (GAO) (<http://www.gao.gov/index.html>)**

- *Report on Computer Based Patient Records: Subcommittee Questions Concerning VA & DOD Efforts to Achieve a Two-Way Exchange of Health Data (<http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d01459.pdf>)*

### **Institute of Medicine (IOM) (<http://www.iom.edu/>)**

- *Key Capabilities of an Electronic Health Record System (<http://www.iom.edu/report.asp?id=14391>)*

### **Doctors' Office Quality Information Technology (DOQ-IT) (<http://www.doqit.org>)**

- *Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services - Physician Focused Quality Initiative (<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/quality/pfqi.asp>)*
- *Lumetra Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) (<http://www.lumetra.com/doq-it/resources/index.asp>)*
- *Qualis Health (<http://www.qualishealth.org/doqit/index.cfm>)*

## **Industry Resources**

### **Civic Research Institute ([www.civicrosearchinstitute.com/order\\_pomis.html](http://www.civicrosearchinstitute.com/order_pomis.html))**

- *The POMIS Report (Physician's Office Management and Medical Information Systems)*

### **CTS, Inc. ([www.ctsguides.com](http://www.ctsguides.com))**

- *20 Secrets of Smarter Software Selection*
- *Secrets of Choosing Medical Software*
- *Medical Software: Time To Change?*
- *The Guide to Medical Practice Management Software, Medical Billing, EMR Software & Requirements Analysis (CD)*
- *The Demo Evaluator for Medical Software Selection*

### **EDI Partners ([www.edipartners.com](http://www.edipartners.com))**

- *Seminars: EDI 101; EDI 201; Mastering HIPAA EDI Implementation Guides*

### **EHR Collaborative ([www.ehrcollaborative.org](http://www.ehrcollaborative.org))**

- *A consortium of health care information technology organizations promoting adopting of electronic health records; advocating for preparation and adoption of a national EHR standard.*

### **ePocrates ([www.epocrates.com](http://www.epocrates.com))**

- *PDA Formulary*

### **Forrester ([www.forrester.com](http://www.forrester.com))**

- *Electronic Medical Records: A Buyer's Guide for Small Physician Practices; October 2003*
- *Electronic Medical Records: Lessons from Small Physician Practices; October 2003*
- *EMRs for Small Physicians Groups; December 2003*

### **HCP Directory (out of print - see Civic Research Institute: The POMIS Report)**

- *HCP Directory of Medical Software; 1999 – 2000*
- *HCP Directory of Medical Office Management Systems with Ratings; 1999 – 2000*

**Health Management Technology** ([www.healthmgttech.com](http://www.healthmgttech.com))

- *EMRs / CPRs Hot List*

**Healthy E Mail** ([www.healthyemail.org](http://www.healthyemail.org))

- Secure E Mail Services

**KLAS Report** ([www.healthcomputing.com](http://www.healthcomputing.com))

- *Ambulatory EMR Report*; June 2003 (Analyses of PMS vendors)

**National Organizations**

**The Markle Foundation/Connecting for Health** ([www.connectingforhealth.org](http://www.connectingforhealth.org))

**The Foundation for E-health Initiative** ([www.ehealthinitiative.org](http://www.ehealthinitiative.org))

**The Healthcare Information and Management System Society** ([www.himss.org](http://www.himss.org))

**The National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics** ([www.ncvhs.hhs.gov](http://www.ncvhs.hhs.gov))

**National health information Infrastructure** ([www.aspe.hhs.gov/sp/nhii](http://www.aspe.hhs.gov/sp/nhii))

**Electronic Claims Clearinghouses**

**Premera Blue Cross** ([www.premera.com](http://www.premera.com))

**Network Data Express (NDEX)**

No longer available, as of January 31, 2004. Alternatives:

- Regence Online Services [www.wa.regence.com/provider/onlineServices/index.html](http://www.wa.regence.com/provider/onlineServices/index.html)
- Asuris Northwest Health Online Services  
[www.asurisenorthwesthealth.com/provider/onlineServices/index.html](http://www.asurisenorthwesthealth.com/provider/onlineServices/index.html)

**ProxyMed** ([www.proxymed.com](http://www.proxymed.com))

**The Healthcare Information Network (THIN)** ([www.thinedi.com](http://www.thinedi.com))

**WebMD** ([www.webmd.org](http://www.webmd.org))

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