

Panel 4: Experience from the Field:

What is the experience of care providers (primary and specialty) in implementing meaningful use in the field, and how can that inform meaningful Stage 2?

We found meeting Stage 1 meaningful use requirements valuable. Many of the items required us to work with our vendor to find better ways to care for patients.

- Do you plan to apply for reimbursement for Meaningful Use of HIT via Medicare or Medicaid?
 - Attestation already done for 12/50 physicians. We expect all 50 to eventually attest before the end of the year.
- When do you plan to begin your Meaningful Use reporting period?
 - 1/1/11
- Which objective requirements do you find easy to meet (or exceed)
 - CPOE Medication
 - Implement Drug Interaction Checks
 - Transmit Prescription Electronically
 - Maintain Active Medication List
 - Maintain Active Medication Allergy List
 - Record Patient Demographics
 - Age, Language, Gender, Ethnicity, Race
 - Record and Chart changes in Vital signs
 - Record Smoking Status
 - Implement One Decision Support Rule
 - Latex Allergy, BMI > 30 charts as Obese VENDOR DID
 - Provide Electronic Health Information Upon Request
 - We were excluded as no one has asked
 - We can burn a CD or Transfer to Flash Drive
 - Perform Security Risk Assessment
 - WHITEC (REC) helped with this
 - Exchange Electronic Information with another provider
 - Used Cerner and WHITEC for this and Exchanged with another Cerner Client

- Which core objectives have posed the greatest challenges to you meeting the requirements (and why)?
 - Maintain Up to Date Problem List
 - Report Quality Measures to CMS
 - Provide Visit Summary VENDOR had to create this and we had to start using it.
- Which menu objectives have posed the greatest challenges to you meeting the requirements (and why)?
 - By requiring 5/10 we were able to choose ones we could do. Stage 2 will be harder.
- How well have the Meaningful Use clinical quality measures aligned with other measures in common use in your field? How easy or difficult has it been to report them for this program?
 - We still have to do separate reports for Minnesota Community Measurement. Our VENDOR (Cerner) revamped reporting so we can get these reports more easily.
- What have been the major challenges, especially external factors (links to other organizations, vendor issues, etc.)?
 - Cerner has been a delight to work with as has WHITEC
- What do you estimate is your project cost to implement meaningful use?
 - Less than it would have been not to proceed with it.