



# Physician Practice EMR

Strategies for working with  
RHIOS

# Allied Physicians of Michiana

- 50 Specialists
  - Otorhinolaryngology
  - Urology
  - Orthopedics
  - Cardiology
  - Surgery – General & Vascular, Neurosurgeons
  - Ob/Gyn
  - Hematology/Oncology
  - Surgery Center

# Decision Process

- Committee consisting of physicians and practice managers
- Evaluation of three vendors
- Deciding factor: **INFORMATION**
  - integration of data from contributors
  - become a contributor
- Reduced number of interfaces

# Benefits

- Integration
  - Physicians have access to information from multiple sources
- Reduced interface costs
  - Only one interface needed to HIE
- Contributor of information
  - Information available back to PCPs and other providers
  - Surgery Center transcription available

# Benefits

- Limited capital outlays
- Positive pricing models
- Other initiatives available - care coordination, P4P
- HIE staff expertise available - additional resources - workflow analysts, implementation team

# Challenges

- Control
  - Some parts of the process out of our control
  - Have to consider other organizations for customizations
- Troubleshooting
  - Can be more challenging between organizations
  - Pinpointing just where a problem lies more complex

# Recommendations

- Physician leadership crucial!
- Strong Practice Management
- Internal EMR  
implementation/training staff
- Hardware, infrastructure  
specifications all known and in  
place
- Cooperation, not competition  
within community

# Status

- Orthopedic office fully implemented
- Urology office 1/2 way completed
- Otorhinolaryngology about 1/3 completed
- Remaining on the schedule to start implementation over the next year
- **VERY POSITIVE PROCESS TO DATE**