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Barriers and facilitators to electronic medical record documentation for the anesthesia provider

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Billions of dollars have been offered through governmental legislation for healthcare providers to use Electronic Medical Records (EMR) to document patient care. Despite the incentives and upcoming penalties, anesthesia providers were slow to adopt an EMR called Anesthesia Information Management Systems (AIMS). The purpose of this study was to identify barriers and facilitators of anesthesia provider documentation on AIMS. 90 Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA) in Illinois responded to an online survey. The recognized facilitators for AIMS include improvements to Surgical Care Improvement Project (SCIP) adherence, record completion, and easy access to patient information. The barriers to AIMS adoption are significant and include workflow disruption and cost. CRNAs are in an ideal position to help AIMS vendors facilitate the creation of an AIMS system that can address the documentation requirements of patient care while making a user interface customizable and individualized towards the end user (the CRNA).

Biography

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