

EFFECTIVE CLINICAL DOCUMENTATION

The Missing Component of Resident Training



Using the electronic health record (EHR) to clearly document and communicate about patient care is an essential skill that all physician residents should have. Unfortunately effective, consistent, and contextually meaningful clinical documentation skills are often left out of physician training. If you provide them with the skills to accurately record the appropriate patient data, they can spend less time on administrative tasks and more time giving patients the care and attention they deserve.

A good physician can evaluate a patient, but a great physician understands the patient's entire story : their medical history, medical needs, social situations, and beliefs. Only after analyzing the patient's story can a physician determine the most accurate diagnosis and the best treatment options.

How can physicians get the full story on their patients?



Through clear and empathetic communication, physicians must gather information about a patient's health history.



Then the physician must perform a physical examination.



After the physical exam, the physician must order the correct diagnostic tests (if needed) based on the patient's health history and the exam.



Lastly the physician must interpret the data for a diagnosis, clearly explain that diagnosis to the patient, and accurately record the patient care encounter from beginning to end in the EHR.

Accurately recording the patient care encounter ensures that the patient's story is easy to access should future health issues arise.

What are the REAL benefits of effective clinical documentation?

- Improves accuracy of medical diagnosis
- Reduces the administrative burden of charting
- Ensures that correct services are provided
- Reduces compliance and legal risks
- Optimizes third party payer reimbursement

How can I learn more about best practices for clinical documentation?

Core-CDI offers physician-tailored training and knowledge sharing to residents and their attendings on effective documentation of patient care in the EHR. We make it easy for clinicians to accurately record the appropriate data about their patients so that they can spend less time on administrative tasks and more time giving patients the care and attention they deserve.

You can find more information about our training and services at www.core-cdi.com.

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