

AHRQ's EvidenceNOW: A Snapshot of EHR Use in Small Primary Care Practices

EvidenceNOW regional cooperatives worked with more than 1,500 small- and medium-sized primary care practices to improve heart health. Cooperatives assessed practices' electronic health record (EHR) and data capabilities, which are shown here at the start of the EvidenceNOW initiative. Nearly all participating practices used EHRs, and a large number of EHR vendors were represented within and across cooperatives. Practices received EHR support from a variety of organizations, and their ability to share data varied. Cooperatives worked with practices to provide health IT support as part of the five quality improvement services offered through the initiative.



Use of EHRs before EvidenceNOW

68

unique EHR systems across EvidenceNOW (32 for one regional cooperative)



93%

used EHRs

82%

had an ONC-certified EHR

27%

had 3 or fewer years of experience with an EHR

* ONC is Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology

What Could Practices Do with Their EHRs before EvidenceNOW?

79%

incorporated lab results to generate reports

71%

reported quality measures at the practice level

72%

reported quality measures at the clinician level

RELATING TO HEART HEALTH

42%

produced quality measure reports on aspirin

55%

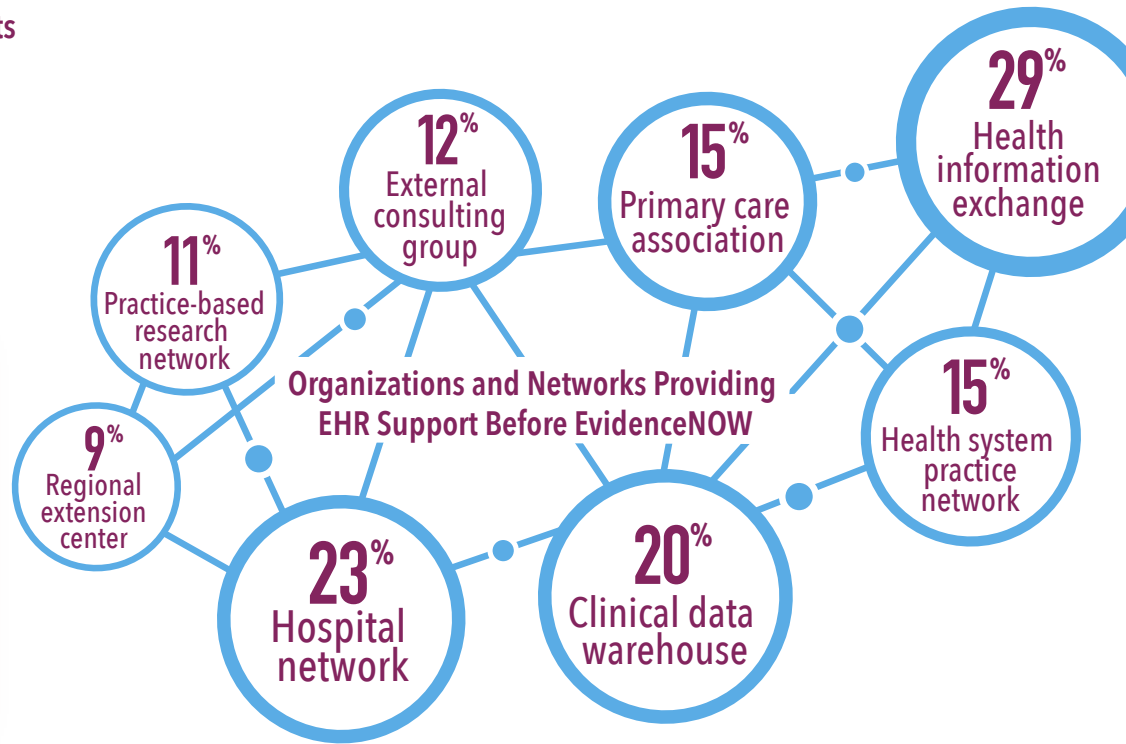
produced quality measure reports on blood pressure control

59%

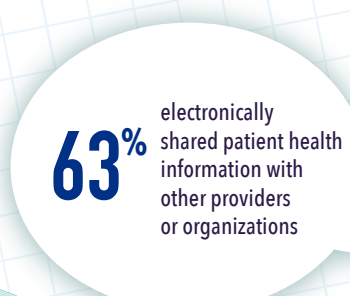
produced quality measure reports on smoking cessation

What Types of Organizations Provided EHR Support to Practices Before EvidenceNOW?

Capacity to Create EHR Reports



Did EvidenceNOW Practices Use EHRs to Share Data and Monitor Quality?



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