



# #eRx630 Tweet Chat Transcript

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## TWEET REPORTS

 @TexmedHIT: Are there free e-prescribing systems available? Is there a catch? **#eRx630**  
June 14, 2011, 3:12 pm




 @scriptpad: RT @texmedhit: R there free e-prescribing systems available? Is there a catch? **#eRx630** Yes there r & no catch @ all @scriptpad bit.ly/leiyIH  
June 14, 2011, 6:40 pm




 @texmed: Welcome to **#eRx630** chat on #eprescribing. Are you ready for June 30 deadline?  
June 15, 2011, 5:02 pm




 @drmattmurray: **#eRx630** Tweet Chat now open: Welcome! Let's discuss eRx and deadline to avoid 1% Medicare penalty that is only 15 days away  
June 15, 2011, 5:04 pm




 @texmed: Q1: Why is e-prescribing important? **#eRx630**  
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 @drmattmurray: ERx systems put information at physician's fingertips with drug-drug, drug-allergy interaction checks **#eRx630**  
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 @drmattmurray: eRx is more efficient, safer way to prescribe- secure electronic exchange 'tween prescriber/pharmacy-than phone/ fax/paper methods **#eRx630**  
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 @scriptpad: **#eRx630** Hi everyone. I'm Shep from ScriptPad. Glad to be a part of the convo and thx to @texmed 4 organizing/hosting & all others involved!  
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@texmed: Q2: Start today. Select a stand-alone eRx system or you might be able to e-prescribe through your EHR. **#eRx630**

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@TexmedHIT: Q2: What do I need to do if I have not started e-prescribing? **#eRx630**

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@drmattmurray: e-Rx empowers informed decisions by making patient formulary, eligibility and medication history information available point-of-care **#eRx630**

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@drmattmurray: What do I need to do if I have not started e-Rx? A. Start today, select a stand-alone eRx system or a certified EHR **#eRx630**

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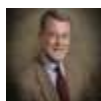
@texmed: With each #Medicare office visit where you have sent an #e-prescription, report G-code G8553 on your Medicare claim. **#eRx630**

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@texmed: @Scriptpad: Do you think most physicians are ready for June 30 deadline? **#eRx630**

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@drmattmurray: Anyone have a suggested guide or information source on e-prescribing that have you found helpful? **#eRx630**

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@texmed: @drmattmurray: Check out TMA's e-Prescribing White Paper - lots of details <http://ow.ly/5iwt2> **#eRx630**

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@drmattmurray: One of my suggested guides on eRx and eRx incentive program is at <http://ht.ly/5iyrh> **#eRx630**

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@TexmedHIT: CMS estimates 209,000 physicians and other providers will be hit with this 1-percent penalty. Will you be one of them? **#eRx630**

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@scriptpad: "Most" as in a large majority? Probably not RT @texmed: @ScriptPad: Do you think most physicians are ready for June 30 deadline? **#eRx630**

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@texmed: Texas e-prescriptions rose from 0.33 percent in 2006 and 0.96 percent in 2007 to 3.17 percent in 2008. **#eRx630** <http://ow.ly/5iyH7>

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@drmattmurray: Please feel free to let us know if you are watching this feed-- Remember to add the hashtag **#eRx630** with your tweet!

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@TexmedHIT: Surescripts' 2010 data indicates 35% of primary care physicians nationally are e-prescribing. **#eRx630**

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@scriptpad: **#eRx630** RT @texmedhit: Q2: There r many dif. eRx systems out there: free & stand-alone 2 full on #emr - the doc needs to determine which...

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@drmattmurray: Where can I find assistance with selecting and implementing an eRx system? **#eRx630**

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@texmed: Q3: What if the pharmacies I work with don't take e-rx? **#eRx630**

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@drmattmurray: It depends on the needs of your practice, there are many stand-alone systems on the market RXNT, DrFirst are two of the largest. **#eRx630**

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@TexmedHIT: @drmattmurray You can get help with e-prescribing through the Texas Regional Extension Centers <http://www.texmed.org/REC>. **#eRx630**

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**@drmattmurray:** Free systems include Practice Fusion and NEPSI (no tech support and vendor sponsored). Both are qualified systems. **#eRx630**

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**@TexmedHIT:** If you're outside of Texas and want help with eRX, check with the Regional Extension Center in your state. **#eRx630**

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**@WTOAssociates:** RT **@texmed:** Texas e-prescriptions rose from 0.33 percent in 2006 and 0.96 percent in 2007 to 3.17 percent in 2008. **#eRx630** nn <http://ow.ly/5iyH7>

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**@scriptpad:** RT **@texmed:** Q3: **#eRx630** Surescripts connects 2 over 95% of all US pharmacies: chain, local & independent. But u can always print the escript

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**@drmattmurray:** What if the pharmacies I work with don't take e-rx? If that is the case, use G-code G8642 one time on claim form to CMS **#eRx630**

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**@TexmedHIT:** **@TexMed** Q3. If your e-prescribing system has converted it to a fax, it will still count towards your 10 required e-scripts. **#eRx630**

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**@IThealthnonprof:** RT **@texmed:** Texas e-prescriptions rose from 0.33 percent in 2006 and 0.96 percent in 2007 to 3.17 percent in 2008. **#eRx630** nn <http://ow.ly/5iyH7>

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**@texmed:** Q4: What qualifies as an #e-prescription? **#eRx630**

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**@drmattmurray:** Regarding assistance- N. TX Regional Extension Center is offers services to help N. TX physicians meet June deadline-www.ntrec..org **#eRx630**

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@drmattmurray: @texmedhit Sending faxes doesn't count unless your e-Rx system converts your Rx to a fax (i.e. receiving pharmacy not set up 4 eRx) **#eRx630**

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@drmattmurray: f you see a Medicare patient for an office visit and send any Rx electronically, it will count. This includes OTC medications **#eRx630**

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@TexmedHIT: @Texmed Q4: What qualifies? See a list of office denominator codes that qualify on @texmed whitepaper. (PDF) <http://t.co/CRAyiLA> **#eRx630**

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@drmattmurray: Can I e-prescribe controlled substances? **#eRx630**

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@TexmedHIT: @Texmed Q4: What qualifies? Must be office visit for the e-script to qualify. Prescription itself doesn't matter (can even be OTC). **#eRx630**

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@scriptpad: RT @drmattmurray: if you see a Medicare patient 4 an office visit & send any Rx electronically it will count. Includes OTC meds **#eRx630**

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@texmed: I heard there will be an exemption from the 6-30 #e-prescribing deadline, do I still have to do this? **#eRx630**

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@drmattmurray: I heard that CMS has new hardship exemptions that I may apply for. Is that true? **#eRx630**

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@TexmedHIT: @drmattmurray Can't e-prescribe controlled substances in Texas, will require two-factor authentication and not yet available. **#eRx630**

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@TexmedHIT: @drmattmurray CMS has "proposed" new hardship exemptions for eRx. Comments due July 25. We'll find out in early fall if they pass. **#eRx630**

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@texmed: @texmedhit So you still have to write the magic 10 e-scripts by June 30, right? **#eRx630**

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@drmattmurray: @drmattmurray DEA now allows e-Rx of control drugs; trials just starting in couple states...in Texas I think we'll hear more by Oct. **#eRx630**

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@TexmedHIT: @DrMattMurray One proposed exemption: "insufficient opportunities to report the e-prescribing measure due to program limitations." **#eRx630**

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@drmattmurray: @texmed Interestingly, even if you a registered for EHR incentive program, you still have to enter the 10 scripts and codes by 6/30 **#eRx630**

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@TexmedHIT: Mastashari (Director of ONC) supported new exemptions and they have the support of @texmed TX physicians. **#eRx630**

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@drmattmurray: @texmedhit Exemption will likely include Those Who Register in Medicare or Medicaid EHR Incentive Program + Adopt Certified EHR **#eRx630**

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@drmattmurray: Is there still an e-prescribing incentive available to physicians? **#eRx630**

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@TexmedHIT: @texmed 'Program limitation' is considered an unfair constraint. ONC has left this intentionally vague to be accomodating. **#eRx630**

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@TexmedHIT: @texmed If you are applying for a program exemption, document why you have qualified for an exemption in the event of an audit. **#eRx630**

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@drmattmurray: Q: Should I use an eRx stand-alone system or EHRs? A: Most (>75%) e-prescribing is taking place in the context of full EHRs #eRx630

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@drmattmurray: Q: Name the two programs that now allow prescribers to receive incentives through the adoption and use of e-prescribing technology #eRx630

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@TexmedHIT: @DrMattMurray Yes there is still an incentive. Submit 25 eRX by Dec 31 to receive a 1% on Medicare PartB. Payment expected Oct '12. #eRx630

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@drmattmurray: A: Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) & Health Information Tech. for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) #eRx630

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@TexmedHIT: @DrMattMurray Incentives are available both this year (1-percent) and next year (.5-percent). #eRx630

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@drmattmurray: What penalty for not using eRx? #eRx630

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@TexmedHIT: Consider implementing a stand-alone eRX system if you are still waiting on implementing an EHR to avoid penalties. #eRx630

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@texmed: @drmattmurray If you don't write 10 qualifying Medicare #E-Rx by 6-30, you get 1% Medicare penalty for all of 2012 #eRx630

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@texmed: Where can I find more data on #e-prescribing? #eRx630

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@drmattmurray: @texmed This SureScripts website provides access to more e-Rx data <http://ht.ly/5iB55> #eRx630

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@texmed: For official CMS info on how the #e-prescribing incentives work, see <http://ow.ly/5ix2q> #eRx630

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@drmattmurray: Q:How does a Rx renewal work? A: Pharmacy sends message to your EHR requesting renewal; MD replies electronically to authorize/deny #eRx630

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@texmed: @drmattmurray Do those renewals count toward your 10? #eRx630

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@drmattmurray: The following CMS website may also be useful to answer questions on eRx program <http://ht.ly/5iBjP> #eRx630

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@scriptpad: #eRx630 @drmattmurray >75% of eRx is taking place in hospital/large health systems = full #ehr = smart. But what is right 4 small practices?

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@drmattmurray: What does all of this cost? #eRx630

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@drmattmurray: @scriptpad Also, a recent New England Journal of Medicine article found that ambulatory Rx errors are common but most r preventable #eRx630

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@texmed: Thanks for participating in our #eRx630 chat.. Will post transcript from <http://ow.ly/5iwuY>. Good luck meeting that #Medicare deadline.

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@drmattmurray: Thanks @TexMed for moderating. Good luck to all! #eRx630 chat is now closed

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@scriptpad: Couldn't agree more RT @drmattmurray: Also, a recent NEJ Med article found that ambulatory Rx errors r common but most r preventable **#eRx630**

June 15, 2011, 6:12 pm



@stlevine: Just ran my first Twitter chat. It was eerily quiet. Was there anyone out there? **#eRx630**

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@umar\_l: RT @texmed: For official CMS info on how the #e-prescribing incentives work, see <http://ow.ly/5ix2q> **#eRx630**

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@macobgyn: @texmed I can not believe E Rx is not 100%. This is the best thing that ever happened to me in practice **#eRx630**

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@drmattmurray: @macobgyn How long have you been using eRx? Have you registered for EHR incentive or for eRx incentive? **#eRx630**

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@drmattmurray: NEJM article referenced earlier--adverse events related to ambulatory Rx are common and majority are preventable <http://ht.ly/5iCHS> **#eRx630**

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