EHR Implementation Hits 69 Percent in Texas

The percentage of respondents who currently use an EHR continues to rise (69 percent, up from 60 percent in 2012). “Cost prohibitive” remains the top reason why 19 percent of physicians do not plan to implement an EHR.

EHR Satisfaction

Physicians are most likely to be satisfied with EHR reports, data entry and retrieval, and effect on patient care. The majority of physicians are dissatisfied with their EHR’s effect on productivity.

EHR Impact on Patient Safety and Quality of Care

Most physicians agree that use of the EHR decreases attentiveness to the patient’s presentation of signs and symptoms and that data entry at the point of care disrupts a physician’s diagnostic thought process.

Summary

The current survey is a benchmark of physician needs and experiences with HIT. In February 2014, TMA emailed a survey to 30,250 Texas physicians and residents with 1,552 respondents for a response rate of 5 percent. For a complete report, contact TMA at (800) 880-5720 or go to www.texmed.org/HIT.