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Exhibit S1: Information Technology Use Among Primary Care Physicians, Doctors With Electronic Medical Records, 2006

	AUS	CAN	GER	NET	NZ	UK	US
Unweighted N=	1003	578	1006	931	503	1063	1004
Electronic Medical Record System:							
Do you currently use electronic medical records in your practice?							
%Yes	79% ^{bcdefg}	23% ^{cdefg}	42% ^{defg}	98% ^{efg}	92% ^g	90% ^g	28%
Does your electronic medical record system allow you to: (Base: Use EMR) % Yes	798	145	425	910	463	955	290
Share your patients' medical records electronically with clinicians outside your practice	13% ^{bcdeg}	24% ^{dfg}	21% ^{dfg}	45% ^{ef}	18% ^g	15% ^g	42%
Access medical records when you are outside the office	24% ^{bcdeg}	50% ^{cdefg}	37% ^{fg}	32% ^{efg}	39% ^{fg}	22% ^g	76%
Provide patients with easy access to their medical records	46% ^{bcdeg}	25% ^{cdef}	35% ^{df}	8% ^{efg}	35% ^f	51% ^g	34%
Do you currently use any of the following technologies in your practice? (Base: Use EMR)							
Electronic ordering of tests							
yes, routinely	75% ^{bcdefg}	27% ^{cdeg}	41% ^{defg}	5% ^{efg}	65% ^{fg}	20% ^g	51%
yes, occasionally	5% ^{bcfg}	10% ^c	24% ^{defg}	8% ^e	5% ^f	11%	9%
Electronic prescribing of medication							
yes, routinely	93% ^{bcdefg}	44% ^{cdeg}	69% ^{defg}	85% ^{efg}	81% ^{fg}	57%	59%
yes, occasionally	1% ^{bcdfg}	10% ^{def}	5% ^{eg}	4% ^g	2% ^g	4% ^g	14%
Electronic access to your patients' test results							
yes, routinely	89% ^{bcdeg}	63% ^{cdefg}	50% ^{defg}	79% ^{ef}	93% ^{fg}	85% ^g	80%
yes, occasionally	5% ^{bcdeg}	16% ^{defg}	24% ^{defg}	8% ^e	2% ^{fg}	7%	9%
Electronic access to patient hospital records							
yes, routinely	14% ^{bcdefg}	41% ^{cdfg}	9% ^{efg}	11% ^{efg}	46% ^{fg}	21% ^g	65%
yes, occasionally	7% ^{deg}	10% ^f	10% ^{ef}	11% ^{ef}	17% ^f	5% ^g	13%
Yes, routinely to first 3:	73% ^{bcdefg}	16% ^{deg}	24% ^{defg}	5% ^{efg}	63% ^{fg}	15%	42%
Yes, routinely to all 4:	12% ^{cdefg}	9% ^{deg}	6% ^{deg}	1% ^{efg}	36% ^f	5% ^g	34%

Source: 2006 Commonwealth Fund International Health Policy Survey of Primary Care Physicians

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Unweighted N=	798	145	425	910	463	955	290
Are the following tasks routinely performed in your practice? (Base: Use EMR)							
Doctor receives alert or prompt about a potential problem with drug dose or interaction							
yes, using a computerized system	92% ^{bcg}	26% ^{cdefg}	48% ^{defg}	93% ^g	90% ^g	93% ^g	62%
yes, using a manual system	3% ^{bcg}	16% ^{defg}	25% ^{defg}	2% ^{fg}	4% ^g	4% ^g	9%
no	5% ^{bcfg}	55% ^{cdefg}	27% ^{def}	4% ^g	6% ^{fg}	3% ^g	28%
Doctor receives alert or prompt to provide patients with test results							
yes, using a computerized system	61% ^{bcdefg}	20% ^{cefg}	41% ^{def}	16% ^{efg}	54% ^g	54% ^g	40%
yes, using a manual system	10% ^{bcdeg}	20% ^{cef}	30% ^{defg}	14% ^{ef}	6% ^g	8% ^g	16%
no	29% ^{bdefg}	58% ^{cdefg}	29% ^{defg}	69% ^{efg}	40%	38%	43%
Patients sent reminder notices for preventive or follow-up care							
yes, using a computerized system	74% ^{bcdefg}	18% ^{cdefg}	36% ^{def}	61% ^{efg}	94% ^{fg}	84% ^g	34%
yes, using a manual system	13% ^{ceg}	17% ^e	23% ^{def}	15% ^{eg}	4% ^{fg}	13% ^g	21%
no	13% ^{bcdefg}	62% ^{cdefg}	42% ^{def}	23% ^{efg}	2% ^g	3% ^g	43%
With your current patient medical records system, how easy is it for you to generate: (Base: Use EMR)							
List of patients by diagnosis or health risk							
easy	77% ^{bdefg}	46% ^{cdef}	80% ^{dfg}	64% ^{efg}	82% ^{fg}	94% ^g	55%
somewhat difficult	15% ^{bdfg}	28% ^{cef}	12% ^{dfg}	30% ^{efg}	15% ^{fg}	6% ^g	23%
very difficult/cannot generate	8% ^{befg}	25% ^{cdef}	7% ^{efg}	6% ^{efg}	3% ^{fg}	<1% ^g	19%
List of patients who are due or overdue for tests or preventive care							
easy	69% ^{bdefg}	24% ^{cdefg}	69% ^{defg}	42% ^{ef}	84% ^{fg}	78% ^g	38%
somewhat difficult	24% ^{bcdefg}	34% ^{cef}	16% ^{dg}	40% ^{ef}	13% ^g	17% ^g	34%
very difficult/cannot generate	7% ^{bcdefg}	39% ^{cdefg}	15% ^{efg}	17% ^{efg}	3% ^g	4% ^g	26%
List of all medications taken by patients including Rx by other doctors							
easy	79% ^{bdefg}	47% ^{cdefg}	75% ^{dfg}	60% ^{ef}	73% ^{fg}	88% ^g	61%
somewhat difficult	14% ^{deg}	21% ^{cf}	13% ^{deg}	20% ^f	19% ^f	11% ^g	20%
very difficult/cannot generate	6% ^{bcdfg}	30% ^{cdefg}	11% ^{dfg}	20% ^{ef}	8% ^{fg}	1% ^g	17%
% Easy to ALL	51% ^{bdefg}	15% ^{cdefg}	57% ^{dfg}	29% ^{ef}	59% ^{fg}	69% ^g	27%
Practice clinical information functions: * (Base: Use EMR)							
Low (1 to 2)	2% ^{bcdefg}	15% ^{cdefg}	4% ^{ef}	1% ^{efg}	0% ^{fg}	0% ^g	5%
Middle (3 to 6)	11%	50%	36%	39%	8%	11%	31%
High (7 to 14)	87%	35%	60%	60%	91%	89%	64%

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* Count of 14 includes: EMR; EMR access - other doctors, outside office, patient access to records; routine electronic - ordering of tests, prescriptions, access test results, access hospital records; computer for patient reminders, RX alerts, prompt tests results; "easy" to generate diagnosis, medications, patients due for tests or preventive care. Significant differences between countries are indicated for distribution of summary variable rather than individual responses.