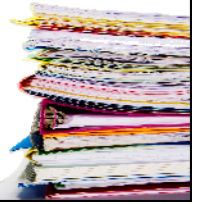




Electronic Records at CGH

Please bear with us as we convert to computerized patient charting. Our new electronic medical record will help us reduce paper so that we can be more efficient and provide you with even better care.



Electronic Medical Records at CGH Medical Center

This is an exciting time at CGH Medical Center. We have begun the transition to an Electronic Medical Record for our patients. We will be phasing out paper documentation and begin storing all your medical information electronically.

We appreciate your patience as we make this change. We are doing everything possible to make this a smooth transition.

We've prepared the following to give you more information on Electronic Medical Records. The transition to a hospital-wide Electronic Medical Records system will take place gradually over the next few years.

What is an Electronic Medical Record?

An Electronic Medical Record is your medical record-stored and managed on a computer instead of on paper. You will see computers placed throughout the hospital and the staff using them to record your information. They will provide secure access to your Electronic Medical Record for the medical team.

How will this improve my care?

Having a record available electronically allows clinicians to access and update patient information very quickly. It improves communication and helps with the coordination of care among many different care providers.

Who will be able to see my Electronic Medical Record and is it safe?

Your medical record is very safe. This new record will provide the utmost in patient confidentiality and privacy. Only those who need access to your information will be able to see this record.

Will my medical record be on the internet?

No. All Electronic Medical Records are stored on a secure system which ensures patient confidentiality. No one who is not affiliated with CGH Medical Center can enter this system, and your medical record will not be e-mailed to anyone.

Can I get a copy of my Electronic Medical Record or send a copy to another physician?

You can request a copy by filling out an Authorization for Release of Patient Information form. This form asks you to provide a name and address of where to send the record.

We are beginning our implementation of the Electronic Medical Record in different areas of the hospital. Starting in June 2007, the following units will have begun to make the transition to the Electronic Medical Record: Obstetrics, Critical Care, Medical and Surgical. Over time, we will be adding additional departments such as Outpatient Surgery/Procedures, Pediatrics and the Emergency Department.

If you have any other questions about Electronic Medical Records, you may call (815) 625-0400, ext. 5532.

