The Benefits of Including Patients In Your Interoperability Plan

Most of us are aware of the many benefits to patients when they have electronic access to their medical records. Much of what patients do for their health happens outside of clinical settings. When patients can track their health over time and have information and tools to manage their health, they can be more engaged in their health and healthcare.

Our new award-winning MyLinks® FHIR® application makes it possible for patients to better manage their care by allowing them to aggregate and share their records with whomever they wish. Patients will have bi-directional communication with their providers, care team, family, other MyLinks users, and researchers. Fully bringing patients into their own care team will have a tremendous impact on health and healthcare.

84% EHR notes contained at least 1 error with an average of 7.8 errors per patient.

When patients have full access to all their medical records, they:
- Better understand their conditions and how their actions impact their health
- Identify errors in their physicians’ records, which increases patient safety
- Become more compliant with their medications
- Confirm and remember next steps
- Are empowered to become an active participant in their care

When patients are able to share their medical records, they:
- Can provide their caregivers with current and complete information
- Reduce costs associated with staff searching for information from other care providers
- Enable caregivers to help coordinate care, improving family health management

When patients respond to health questionnaires from their providers, they:
- Add information the provider might not have
- Provide health assessment information that is valuable to the caregiver
- Inform care providers about issues which impact their ability to follow the care plan

MyLinks won first place in the ONC Consumer Health Data Aggregator Challenge.