

Objectives

- Understand the limited circumstances in which Care Everywhere may be used in research

Special allowance: COVID-19 research

Understand the conditions for use of RHIO in research

Learn about the processes to obtain Care Everywhere and RHIO access where permitted

What is Care Everywhere?

A system to share health information between providers who use Epic for their electronic medical record

Allows URMC providers to view records of RGH providers and other Epic users (and vice versa) for treatment purposes

Description of how it works

Care Everywhere

May be used only for treatment purposes, not research

*“You warrant and represent... that at the time you are making the request for the patient’s information You are providing the treatment to that patient... You understand that You may not request patient information using Care Everywhere for any other purpose, including without limitation healthcare operations, **research...**”*

- Care Everywhere Rules of the Road

Care Everywhere

- May not be used for:

Cohort identification

Research study recruitment

Feasibility analysis

Retrospective record reviews

Care Everywhere

Exception: Treatment intervention studies

May be appropriate to review external records regarding e.g.

- Continued eligibility

- Adverse events

- Patient safety issues

Examples

Care Everywhere

- Caveat for use in treatment intervention studies:

Subjects must authorize access of external records

RSRB BioMedical Informed Consent Template must include appropriate authorization:

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only related to the study. Do not ask research medical care



Alternatives

- Alternatives to accessing external records via Care Everywhere

Obtain them directly from the provider

E.g. via a ROI Authorization (e.g. SH48) signed by the subject

RHIO Level 2 Consent



Temporary Exception for Covid-19 Research

Even in non-intervention studies, Care Everywhere can be used, provided certain criteria are met:

The research is directly related to the treatment, testing or vaccine development of COVID-19

The research and access of external records via Care Everywhere is approved by RSRB, and

Subject authorization to review external records has been obtained



COVID-19 Research

- **CAVEATS:**

To use CE for COVID-19 research purposes, the user must be assigned CE research privileges. Users with CE clinical privileges may not use CE for research purposes

Exception will end when the Public Health Emergency ends (Currently 1/21/21; may be extended)

Epic will turn off the research template access at that point. Records already obtained will be unaffected

What is RHIO?

Rochester Regional Health Organization

Secure health information exchange mechanism for 14 counties in upstate NY

Accesses records from any EMR, not just Epic

Intended for, but not restricted to, use for treatment purposes

purposes.



RHIO

Conditions for direct record access via RHIO for research purposes:

RHIO

Discussion of examples where:

RHIO but not CE may be used to access external records

Neither RHIO or CE may be used to access external records

Key Takeaways

privileges to use Care Everywhere or RHIO, you can access external records for research

Plan ahead:

What external records will you need?

What system will you use to get them?

What authorization or consent do you need to obtain from the subject?



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