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

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

May not be used for:

Cohort identification

Research study recruitment

Feasibility analysis

Retrospective record reviews

Exception: Treatment intervention studies

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

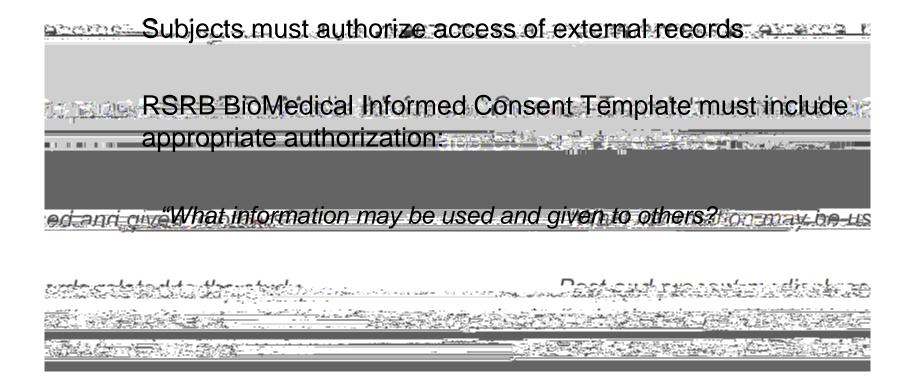
Continued eligibility

Adverse events

Patient safety issues

Examples

Caveat for use in treatment intervention studies:



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 ont

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 asThe 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 lends in (Currently 1/21/21; may be extended) the 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

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Conditions for direct record access via RHIO for research purposes:



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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