McKesson Practice Choice™

Is a Cloud-Based EHR Right for Your Practice?

Today, many medical practices are choosing cloud-based electronic health record (EHR) systems over the traditional client-server model. They're finding that cloud technology, which powers popular services like Amazon and Google, can help them reduce the cost and complexity of deploying and maintaining an EHR in their practice.

If you're implementing an EHR for the first time, or you're planning a switch, there are several reasons to consider a cloud-based EHR like McKesson Practice Choice™ for your practice.

Reduced Upfront Investment

With a cloud-based EHR, the application is remotely hosted and accessed over the Internet using a Web browser, so there's no need to buy dedicated hardware such as a database server or networking equipment. This model is also referred to as Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) because rather than purchasing and installing software, you simply pay a subscription fee and have access to the most current version of the system.

Lower Operational Costs

Because the hosting and maintenance are handled remotely, you don't have the ongoing expenses associated with maintaining it on site. This reduces the need to hire dedicated technical support for software upgrades, system back-ups, security and troubleshooting. It also eliminates the storage and energy costs associated with maintaining equipment in a temperate environment.

Benefits of Cloud Computing

- Reduced upfront investment
- Lower operational costs
- Access from anywhere
- Automatic updates
- Enhanced data security

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Access from Anywhere

No matter where you are—at home, the office, the airport – if you have access to the Internet, you have access to your EHR.

Automatic Updates

With a cloud-based EHR, updates and fixes take place automatically. You don't have to wait for new software to install, and you don't have to back up the system before making any changes. When you log on, the system is always up to date. Because it's easier to roll out changes on a cloud-based system, new enhancements can be introduced more frequently. On average, McKesson Practice Choice is updated once a month.

Enhanced Data Security

With McKesson Practice Choice, your practice's data is stored in the same data center where McKesson, the nation's largest healthcare services company, runs its business. Because data security and HIPAA compliance are of utmost importance to McKesson, the following protocols are strictly followed:

- Transmitted data is secured with firewalls and Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) technology.
- Stored data is encrypted with AES-256 bit encryption, which means that if the system were hacked, the hacker could not see patient data.
- Data is backed up to encrypted tape every 24 hours. The backup is then replicated to the offsite data center.

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