

# Let's Talk Informatics

## EMR-related Burnout: What does the evidence suggest?

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OPOR Clinical Leads

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in Mi'kma'ki (\*Mig-**maw**-gee), the traditional ancestral  
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# Informatics

**Informatics** utilizes health information and health care technology to enable patients to receive best treatment and best outcome possible.

# Let's Talk Informatics Objectives

This series is designed to enable participants to:

- Identify knowledge and skills healthcare providers need in order to use information now, and in the future.
- Prepare health care providers through an introduction to concepts and experiences in Informatics.
- Acquire knowledge to remain current by becoming familiar with new trends, terminology, studies, data and news.
- Collaborate with a network of colleagues to establishing connections with leaders who can provide advice on business issues, best-practice and knowledge sharing.

# Conflict of Interest Declaration

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# Session Specific Objectives

At the conclusion of this activity, you will be able to:

1. Understand the defining qualities and symptoms of Burnout Syndrome (BOS)
2. Describe the impacts that BOS has on an individual and the healthcare system
3. Understand the evidence in the literature about Electronic Medical Records (EMR) related burnout.
4. Outline ways to moderate Burnout Syndrome in the planning and design of Clinical Information Systems and Electronic Medical Records that will reduce the risk of Burnout in clinicians.

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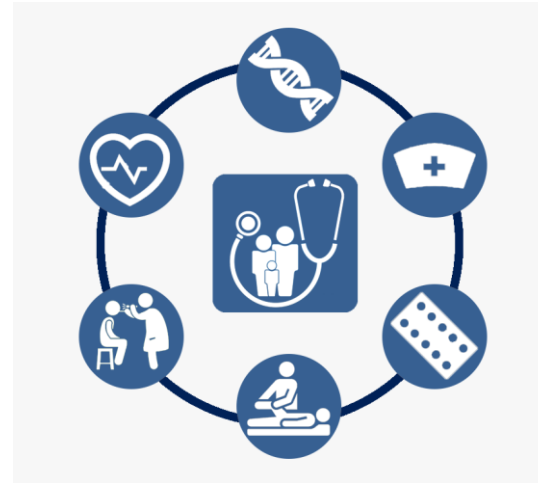
# A few definitions before we begin

- **EMR-** Electronic Medical Record (single practice's version of a patient's chart)
- **EHR-** Electronic Health Record (designed to be shared with other providers)
- **CIS-** Clinical Information System (Integrated information management system with a that is designed to integrate, collect, store and manage data from numerous sources to support healthcare)
- **BOS-** Burnout Syndrome
- **HIT-** Health Information Technology
- **HIM-** Health Information Management
- **CPOE-** Computerized Provider Order Entry
- **SUS-** System Usability Score
- **TIS-** Time in System
- **PGHD-** Patient-Generated Health Data



**NOTE:** there is a **difference between EMR and EHR**. We used EMR for this presentation to not exclude EMRs from the review. In general, we are referring to both EMRs and EHRs for the purposes of Burnout. We did not exclude primary care environments but focused more on hospital-based systems.

# Factors we will not address today but recognize are exceptionally impactful in Burnout



Health System issues



Workload Control

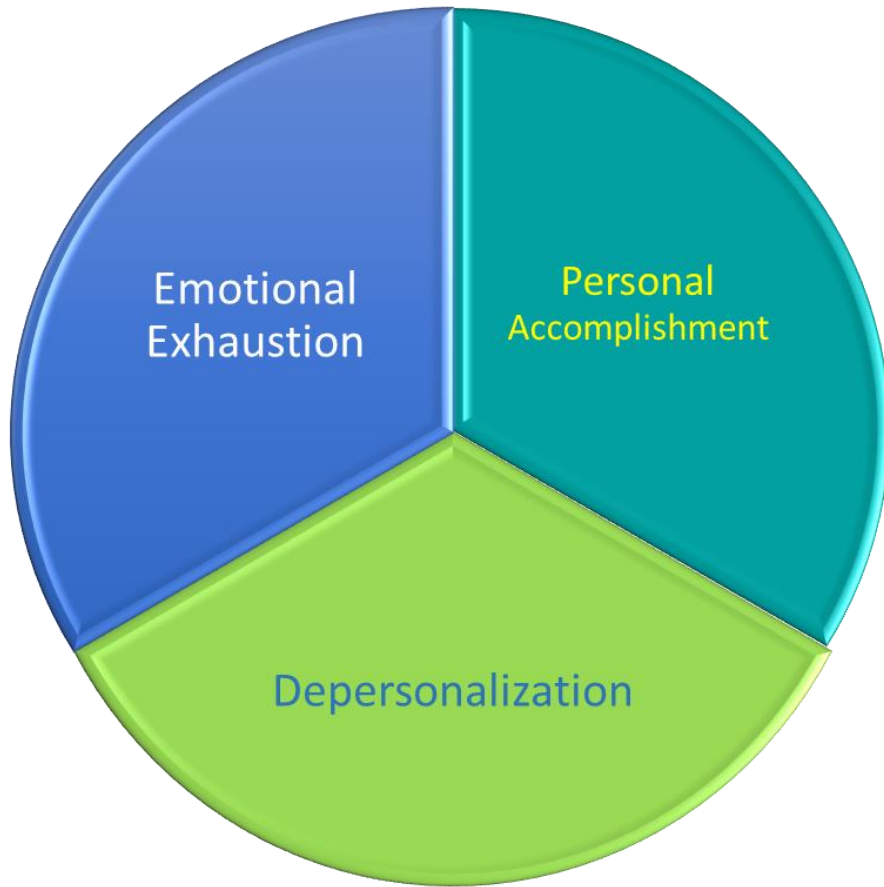
HHR & Vacancy challenges





# **Burnout Syndrome (BOS) and Impact**

# What is Burnout Syndrome (BOS)?



**Emotional exhaustion** is the feeling of being depleted, indifferent and over-extended.

**Depersonalization** involves a reduced attachment towards a one's work or a patient to whom one is providing care.

Lack of **professional or personal accomplishment** is described as a lack of feeling of achievement in one's work.

# Burnout Syndrome Risk Factors

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Workload

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Lack of control (in defined role and direction)

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Lack of reward

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Sense of community in the workplace

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Fairness

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Values and job-person incongruity

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Less experienced practitioners have been found to be more at risk for BOS than older, more experienced staff

# Maslach Burnout Inventory (MBI)

A 22-question validated survey measuring for factors associated with BOS that are then divided into three domains, emotional exhaustion being the most recognized and overriding of the three.

## Measured on a Likert scale:

Never (0)

A few times a year or less (1)

Once a month or less (2)

A few times a month (3)

Once a week (4)

A few times a week (5)

Every day (6)



I feel emotionally drained from my work.



I worry that this job is hardening me emotionally.



I feel frustrated by my job.



I can easily understand how my recipients feel about things.



I feel burned out from my work.



I feel I'm positively influencing other people's lives through my work.

**Other tools:** Mini Z Questionnaire / Copenhagen Burnout Inventory / Oldenburg Burnout Inventory

# Symptoms and personal impacts associated with BOS

## Psychological

- Hopelessness
- Lack of empathy
- Feeling overwhelmed
- Anxiety
- Anger
- Suicidal ideation
- PTSD

## Physical

- Exhaustion/Fatigue
- Insomnia
- Muscle tension
- Headaches
- GI problems
- Chronic illness
- Alcoholism





# Impacts to the Health System



Quality and safety of patient care

Financial implications of lost productivity

Turnover

Sick time

Higher mortality rates

Increased medication errors

Higher rates of infection

Increased adverse events

Decreased patient satisfaction in care



# Understanding Burnout in Nova Scotia Health context


Can J Anesth/J Can Anesth (2020) 67:1541–1548

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REPORTS OF ORIGINAL INVESTIGATIONS

## **Understanding burnout and moral distress to build resilience: a qualitative study of an interprofessional intensive care unit team** **Comprendre l'épuisement professionnel et la détresse morale afin de développer la résilience : une étude qualitative d'une équipe interprofessionnelle à l'unité de soins intensifs**

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# Burnout & Moral Distress

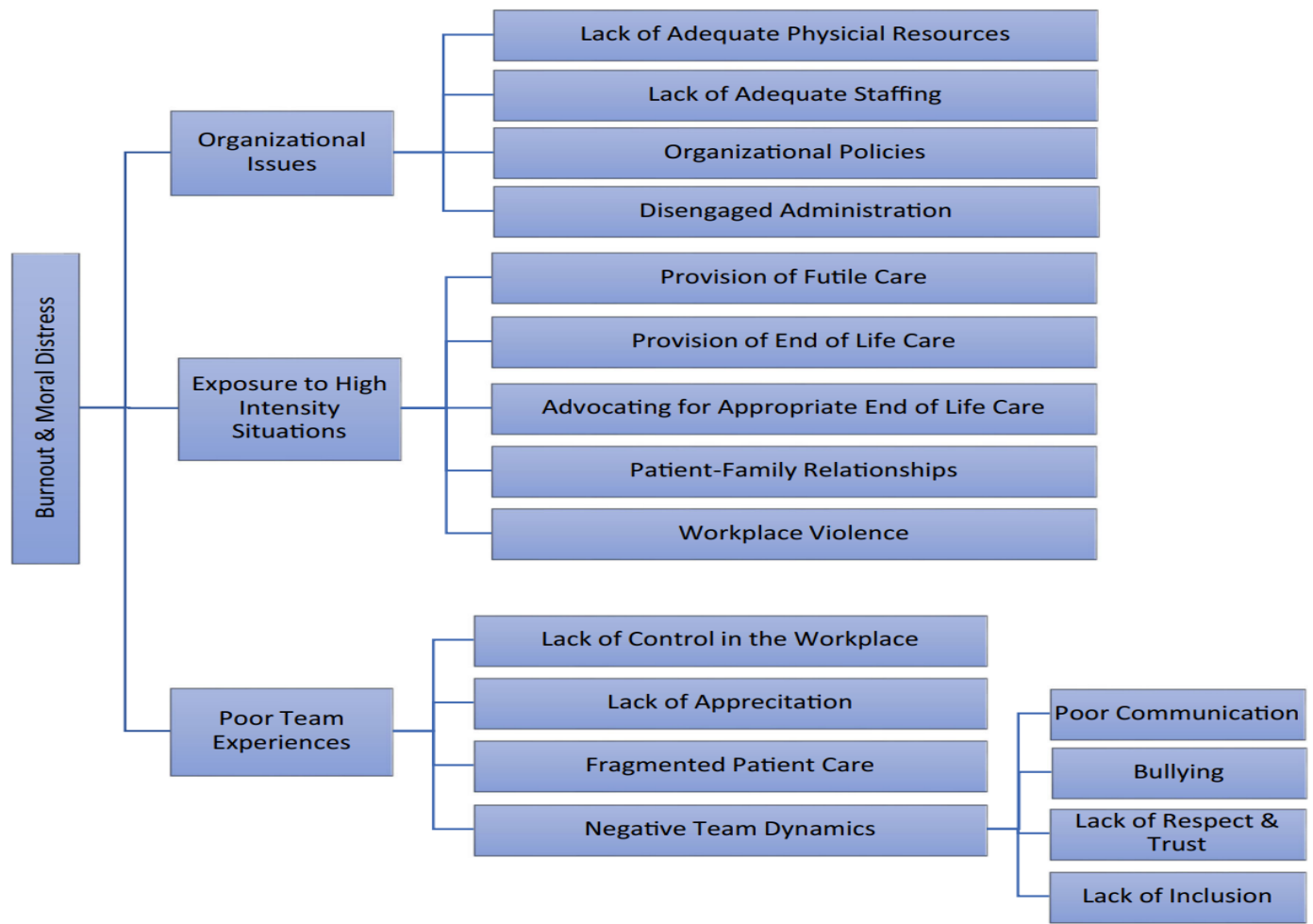


Figure Themes causing burnout and moral distress

Hancock et al, 2020

# Other professionals in the health system

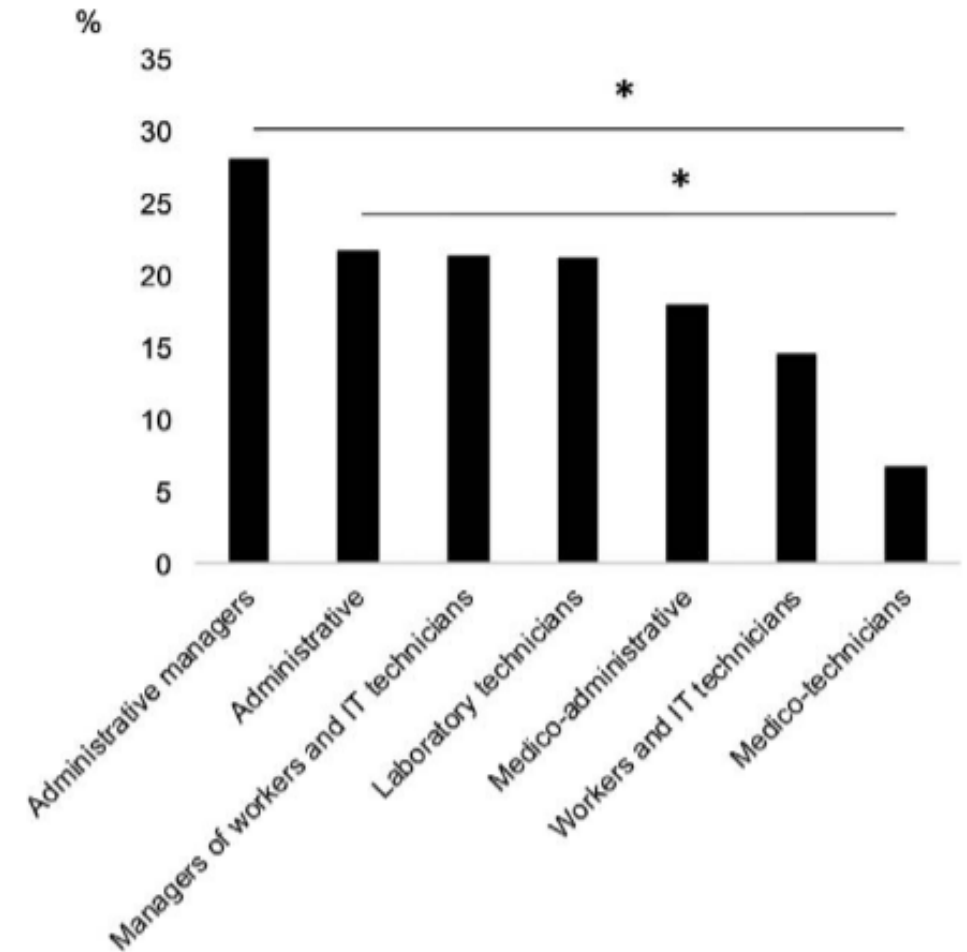
## Burnout Among Hospital Non-Healthcare Staff

*Influence of Job Demand-Control-Support, and Effort-Reward Imbalance*

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Prevalence of severe burnout



# Team Burnout

**TABLE 2.** Cross Tabulation of Position Held in Emergency Department by Burnout Category Scores

	Physician	Medical Technician**	Nurse	Information Technician	Total	Pearson Chi-Square*
Emotional exhaustion score						
Low	1 (2.63)	5 (5.95)	12 (13.48)	2 (5.12)	20 (8.00)	0.035
Moderate	10 (26.31)	8 (9.52)	18 (20.22)	5 (12.82)	41 (16.40)	
High	27 (71.05)	71 (84.52)	59 (66.29)	32 (82.05)	189 (75.60)	
Depersonalization score						
Low	0 (0.00)	0 (0.00)	0 (0.00)	0 (0.00)	0 (0.00)	0.170
Moderate	8 (21.05)	10 (11.90)	18 (20.22)	3 (7.69)	39 (15.6)	
High	30 (78.94)	74 (88.09)	71 (79.77)	36 (92.30)	211 (84.40)	
Personal accomplishment score						
Low	11 (28.94)	56 (66.66)	58 (65.16)	17 (43.58)	142 (56.80)	0.000
Moderate	27 (71.05)	22 (26.19)	29 (32.58)	20 (51.28)	98 (39.2)	
High	0 (0.00)	6 (7.14)	2 (2.24)	2 (5.12)	10 (4.00)	
Total (%) for each group and category	38 (100)	84 (100)	89 (100)	39 (100)	250 (100)	

\*  $P < 0.05$ .

\*\*Technician= Lab, DI, paramedic

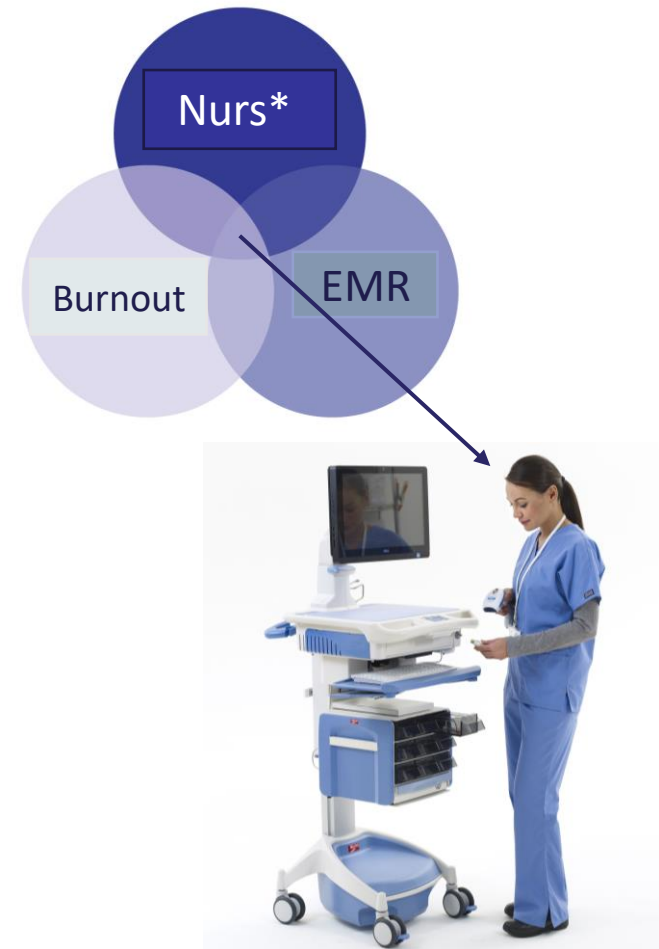


# **Burnout Syndrome & Electronic Medical Record (EMR) Use**

# What do we know about BOS and EMR use?

## Review of the Evidence:

- 44 articles were reviewed by the Burnout Working Group
- EMBASE, Pubmed, CINAHL, Google Scholar
- Search Terms: EHR, EMR, Burnout, Burnout Syndrome, Mitigation, nurs\*, HIT, HIM, Allied Health, [Electronic Medical Record], [Electronic Health Record], CIS
- Clinical Information System (CIS) does not garner many results for this topic
- Did not exclude literature published since Covid, or those that address Covid, but focus of the study needed to be BOS based on EMR use.
- Limited to Peer-reviewed; avoided grey literature





# Physicians, BOS & EMR use

Inadequate time and quality of training

EMR Usability

Lack of user-centered design

Documentation for billing purposes (note bloat)- US experience

Increased clerical time vs face-to-face patient time

High volume of inbox notifications

Alert fatigue

Amount of time spent in the EMR



# Keep in mind.....

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Review



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Review

## **The burden of the digital environment: a systematic review on organization-directed workplace interventions to mitigate physician burnout**

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U.S. vs Canadian Context



*“EHR optimization will not be sufficient as the documentation burden for regulatory purposes (eg, billing and reimbursement) is the primary driver of US dissatisfaction with EHRs.....US regulatory changes could potentially lessen the documentation burden by nearly 4-fold”*



# Nursing, BOS & EMR use



- Nursing is the largest healthcare professional group and user of a hospital-based EMR
- Nursing to physician ratio is 4:1, studies on burnout are 1:4
- Amount of time spent in an EMR impacts physician's well-being, this is less the case for nurses.
- Nurses prioritize the quality of their interaction with an EMR over the quantity.
- Difficult-to-use technology can discourage nurses from utilizing it as intended, leading to workarounds that contribute to increased burnout and decreased work satisfaction due to inaccurate documentation and limited information sharing.
- Nurses' positive attitude and readiness to embrace and enjoy new technology in their nursing work can lead to increased work satisfaction and well-being, as they perceive it as a supportive resource that enhances their tasks.

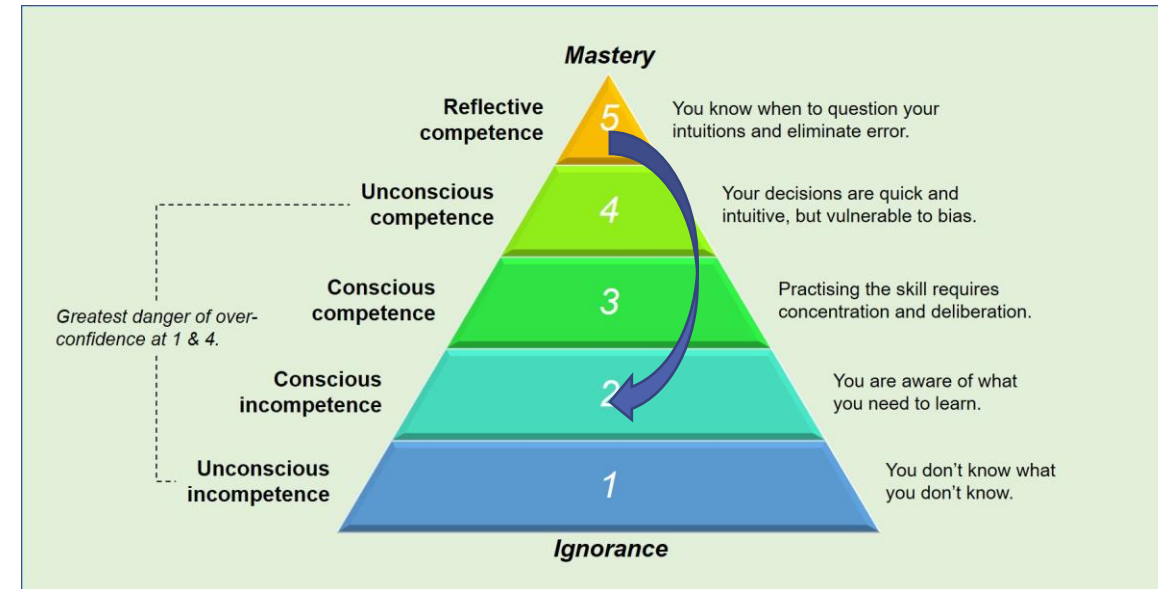
# Physicians & Nurses, BOS & EMR use

- System usability and BOS in both professions
- Insufficient documentation = higher burnout
- EMR use after hours & at home = high association with BOS
- Adequate training = low reported levels of BOS
- Alert and message load (volume)
- **Perception matters** - 88% were burned out vs 56% , higher BOS with those who disagreed that EMRs keep patients safe, improve efficiency, EMR communications were effective or were dissatisfied with non-clinical clerical tasks.



# The Digital Divide

- Gen Z and Baby Boomers have different communication preferences, cognitive styles and information sources.
- Younger generations are 'digital natives' and have a leg up on more experienced practitioners in this domain
- Experienced clinicians tend to mentor newer members of their team about clinical care and medicine.
- This juxtaposition can cause stress to experienced clinicians
- Baby boomers were more likely to have developed policy surrounding use of technology without having had the opportunity to use it, (i.e., HIPPA, PHIA, PIIDPA, FOIPOP)



Conscious Competence Learning Model

Bell, J. Resultswise.com

# Generational Differences

**Table 1** Generational characteristics

Characteristics	Traditionalists	Baby Boomers	Generation X	Millennials	Generation Z
Birth years	1928-1945	1946-1964	1965-1980	1981-1996	1997-present
% of U.S. population <sup>a</sup>	7%	21%	20%	22%	30%
% of U.S. workforce <sup>a,b</sup>	< 1%	25%	33%	35%	6%
Defining experience	Great Depression World War II GI Bill	Cold War Vietnam War Apollo Moon Landing	First PC introduced Fall of Berlin Wall World Wide Web	Dot-Com Bubble Social Media 9/11	Climate Change Covid-19
Defining product	Jukebox	Color TV	Sony Walkman	Apple iPod Google Search Facebook	Snapchat TikTok
Experience with technology	No digital	Early IT adopters	Digital immigrants	Digital natives	Digital natives/technologists




## Recommendations to prepare for the Generational shift

- Incorporate technologies that make clinical workflows and patient experiences more efficient and convenient
- Adapt clinical workflows to the cognitive processes of younger generations
- Less hierarchical culture in medicine
- Technology-based training throughout the year

# Telemedicine, Virtual care and Patient-generated health data (PGHD)

- Telemedicine has increased by 8336% in April of 2020 compared to the year prior
- Telemedicine and virtual care can allow for asynchronous patient visits
- Collaborative care models are enabled without need for proximity (tele-ICU)
- Impacts (positive or negative) of virtual care and telemedicine on BOS requires more time and research
- Patient-generated health data can include Smart watches, Smart phone apps, wearable devices, mobile health
- PGHD can lead to:
  - Technostress (includes techno-invasion, where patients have higher expectations about connecting in “off hours” with queries)
  - Workflow issues (interoperability, constant updates)
  - Time pressure (extraction of data can be time consuming)





# Strategies & Recommendations



# Strategies that have been successful in avoidance or mitigation of EMR-related Burnout

After-hours clinical support

SWAT  
Teams/Optimization  
Sprints/Efficiency  
Improvement programs

Quality training

Robust clinician involvement in design

Scribes (high turnover and costly)

Improve standardization and appearance of alerts, i.e, color

Decrease steps needed for messaging and inbox functions

Ongoing EHR training for physicians-effective and efficient

Application interoperability

Use HIT to mitigate rather than hinder workflow.

# The Electronic Elephant in the Room: Physicians and the Electronic Health Record -Kroth P., Morioka-Douglas N. et al. 2018

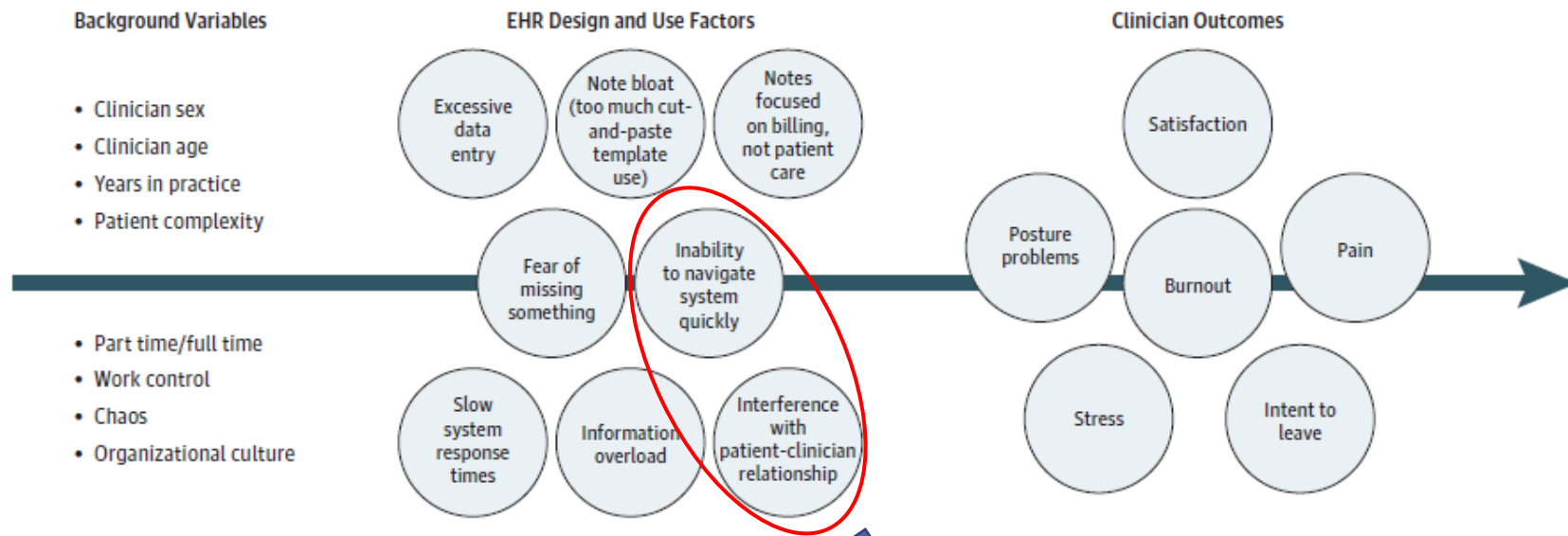
**Table 3.** Focus group themes

Things that work (successes)	Things that don't work (stress predictors)	Personal Consequences (outcomes)	How to make it better (organizational fixes)	How to cope with HICT (personal/resilience)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient trends, medical images, and pictures</li> <li>• Messaging (colleagues, patient status, and patient connections)</li> <li>• References, research</li> <li>• Access to all info from anywhere</li> <li>• Allergy alerts; drug interactions</li> <li>• Filters</li> <li>• Legibility</li> <li>• Training/mentoring</li> <li>• Quality of care (ambivalent)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Click boxes, too many clicks</li> <li>• Short visits, no time to reflect</li> <li>• Doctor-patient interactions</li> <li>• EMR built for billing rather than patient care (thought process lost)</li> <li>• Note bloat (cut and paste)</li> <li>• EMR at home, home not restful, hard to disconnect</li> <li>• IT staff not knowledgeable of clinical issues</li> <li>• Lose lunch, staying late</li> <li>• Too many screening questions</li> <li>• Interoperability (between hospitals)</li> <li>• Hard to find things in chart, fear of missing something</li> <li>• No clear spot for required activities (eg foot exams)</li> <li>• Computer slowdowns</li> <li>• Scanned info lost</li> <li>• No printers in rooms</li> <li>• Stress—"when can I do my notes"?</li> <li>• Population management compromises care of individual patient</li> <li>• Productivity down due to EHR</li> <li>• Need for workarounds/speed</li> <li>• Problem list maintenance</li> <li>• Lack of standardized data curation</li> <li>• Redundancy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pain: wrist, neck, back, eye, shoulders, and headaches</li> <li>• Posture</li> <li>• Sleep troubles</li> <li>• Anxiety (regulations, missing things, when to write notes)</li> <li>• Providers dropping out of primary care</li> <li>• Primary care less attractive to students</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Go talk with someone, less pinging</li> <li>• Highlighting key findings</li> <li>• Artificial intelligence</li> <li>• Auto-billing</li> <li>• Badge or fingerprint login (tap and go)</li> <li>• Touchscreen functionality</li> <li>• Care team work to top of license, staff support with In-basket, MAs write orders (watch out for consequences for support staff)</li> <li>• Recurring IT training, including "elbow to elbow"</li> <li>• "Desktop" time slots to catch up on EMR</li> <li>• Decrease # of clicks</li> <li>• Chat room with specialists</li> <li>• Scribes/documentation support (help with data input)</li> <li>• Customizable EMRs</li> <li>• Increase contact time with patients (eg printers in rooms)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Swimming, spinning, exercise—self care</li> <li>• Set limits, be intentional about work, protect home time, sharpen work/life boundaries</li> <li>• Have routines, walk at lunch</li> <li>• More concise notes/empowerment around note writing</li> <li>• When I'm there I'm there, when I'm not, I'm out</li> <li>• Don't respond quickly</li> <li>• Think positively</li> <li>• Remember what you cannot control</li> <li>• Take the training and retraining</li> <li>• Customizing your EHR</li> <li>• Talk with residents and colleagues to learn the "tricks" of technology</li> <li>• Reduce clinical hours or work part-time</li> </ul>



# EMR Design and Use Factors

Figure. Conceptual Framework of Association of Work Conditions and Electronic Health Record (EHR) Design and Use Factors With Clinician Outcomes

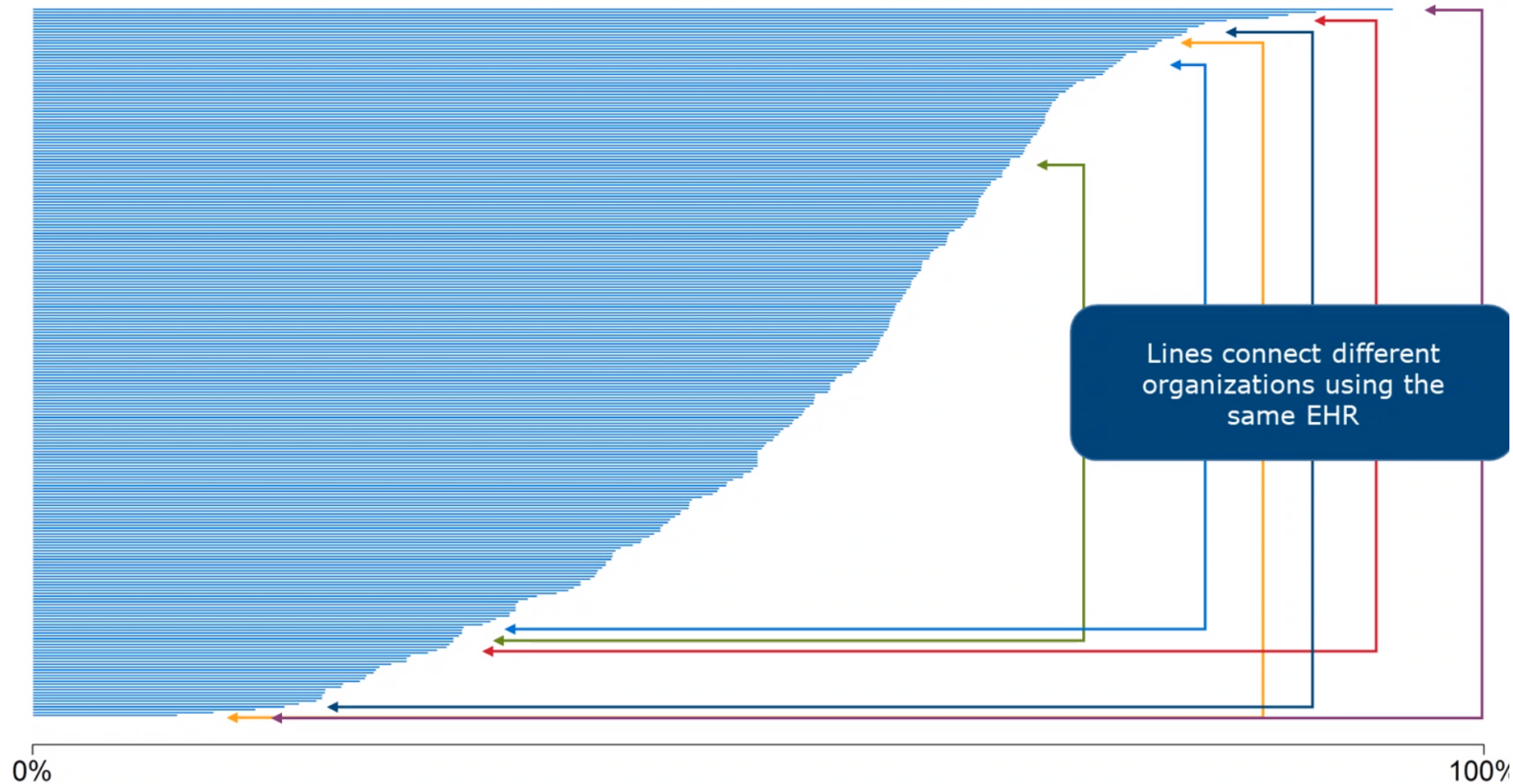


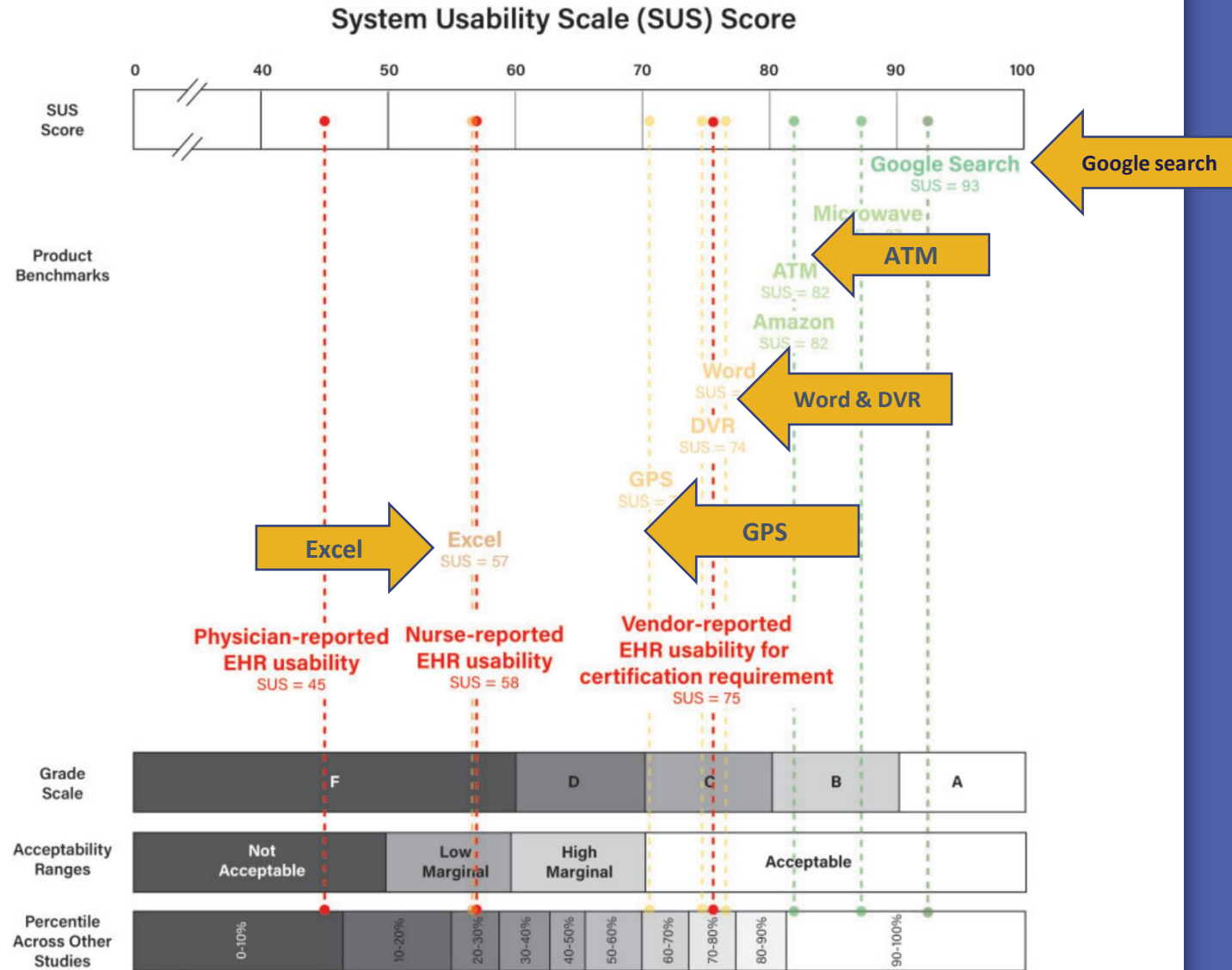
These 2 factors account for 52% of the variability in use and design related to clinician stress and burnout

# Design and Implementation Matters

## Percent of Providers Who Agree Their EHR Enables Quality Care

n = 48,181 providers from 241 organizations: each bar is an EHR deployment with >20 responses





**Figure 1.** System usability scale (SUS) scores for the electronic health record (EHR) as reported by nurses in this analysis and compared across studies in health-care and everyday products from other industries mapped onto a grading scale, acceptability ranges, and percentile of scores across previous studies. Figure adapted from: Kortum PT, Bangor A,<sup>55</sup> with permission from Taylor & Francis; License Number 5015970550082.

# SWAT teams

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Case Report



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## Case Report

### **EHR “SWAT” teams: a physician engagement initiative to improve Electronic Health Record (EHR) experiences and mitigate possible causes of EHR-related burnout**

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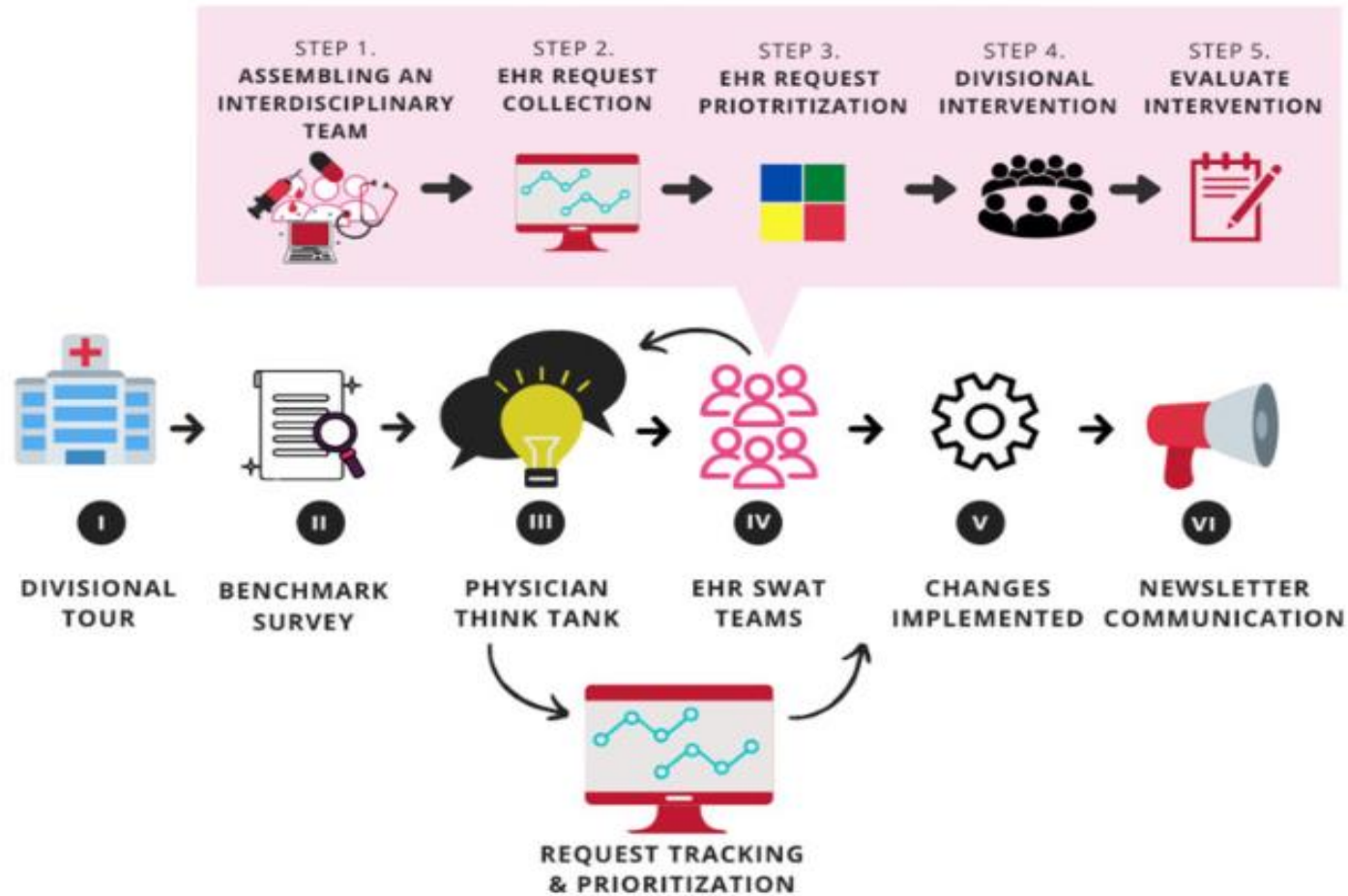
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# SWAT teams



**Figure 1.** Overarching physician engagement strategy and how the SWAT team initiative is incorporated.

# SWAT teams



**Table 2.** Lessons learned

	Theme	Key benefit
1	Leadership buy-in	Allowed us key in-kind resources that were needed to accomplish prioritization, approval, and implementation of change requests
2	Physician engagement	Allowed us to leverage monthly divisional meetings, providing physicians with protected time for this initiative
3	Project management	Allowed the team to efficiently carry out project management activities related to this initiative, including planning (e.g., scheduling divisional meetings), execution (e.g., collecting and tracking EHR change requests), and monitoring the initiative (e.g., carrying out evaluation), and tracking
4	Agile methodology	Allowed us to produce incremental updates and changes to the EHR, while striving for maximum physician end-user satisfaction with the EHR
5	Defined accountability	Allowed us to leverage a monthly newsletter to inform physician end-users about updates to the EHR and educational messages



# Optimization Sprints



ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Optimization Sprints: Improving Clinician Satisfaction and Teamwork by Rapidly Reducing Electronic Health Record Burden



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### Abstract

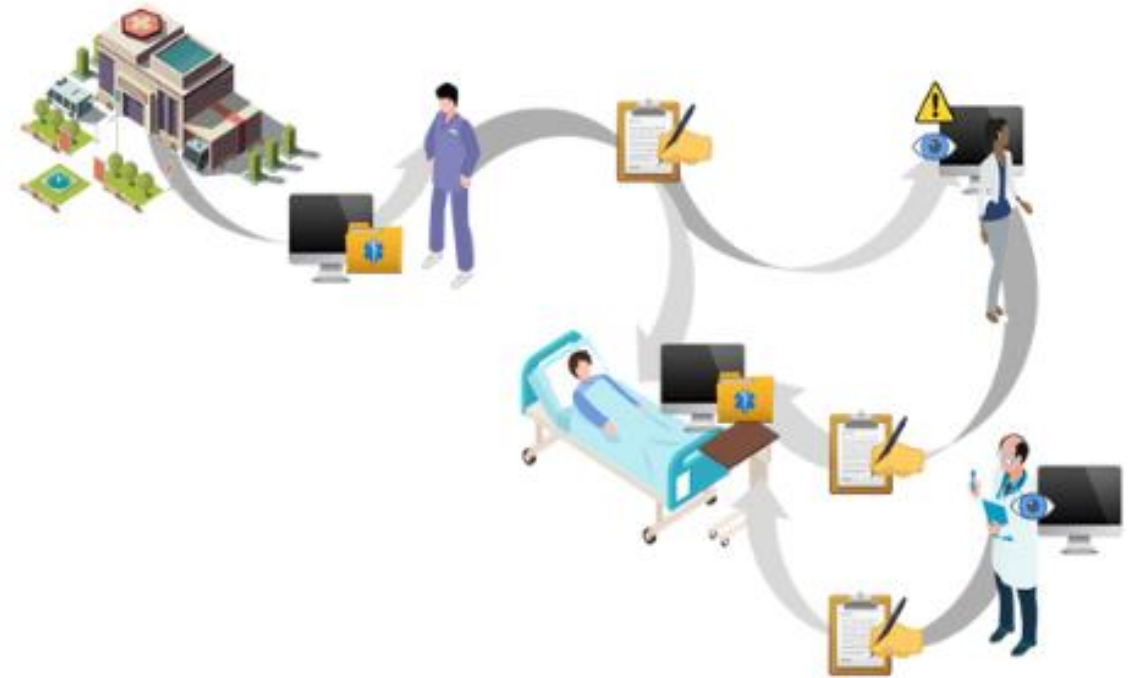
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**Objective:** To evaluate a novel clinic-focused Sprint process (an intensive team-based intervention) to optimize electronic health record (EHR) efficiency.

**Methods:** An 11-member team including 1 project manager, 1 physician informaticist, 1 nurse informaticist, 4 EHR analysts, and 4 trainers worked in conjunction with clinic leaders to conduct on-site EHR and workflow optimization for 2 weeks. The Sprint intervention included clinician and staff EHR training, building specialty-specific EHR tools, and redesigning teamwork. We used Agile project management principles to prioritize and track optimization requests. We surveyed clinicians about

# Optimization Sprints consisted of 3 components:

1. Training clinicians to use existing EHR features more efficiently,
2. Redesigning the multidisciplinary workflow within the clinic
3. Building new specialty specific EHR tools.





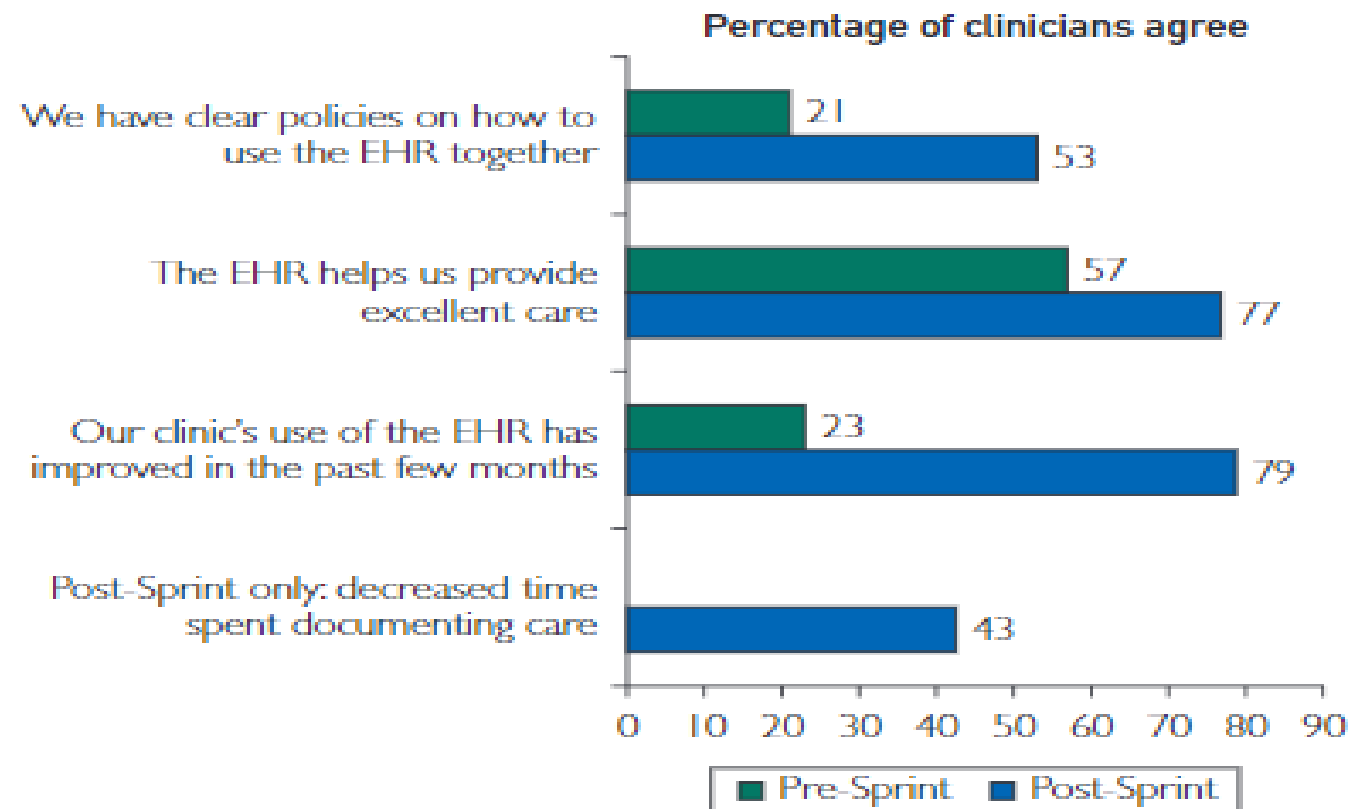
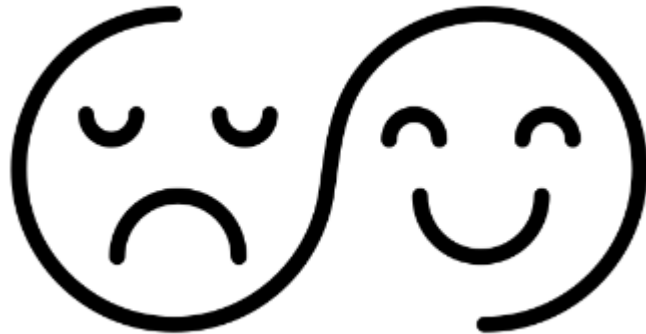
**TABLE 2. Clinician Assessment of Helpfulness of Sprint Activities<sup>a</sup>**

Activity	Description/content	Percentage of respondents who responded positively (No. of respondents) <sup>b</sup>
I-to-I training	Clinician met individually with a trainer or PI to learn specific skills or address personal frustrations with the her	93% (68)
Speech recognition tool	Clinician learned how to use speech recognition with the EHR to improve word accuracy and create navigation shortcuts	87% (54)
New or redesigned tools	Specialty-specific EHR tools built during Sprint in response to clinic requests	80% (66)
Notes: smart phrases	Creation of personalized note templates to autotype frequently used phrases and allow efficient selection from drop-down lists	80% (64)
Observation/shadow	Trainer or PI observed a clinician use the EHR in an examination room or work area and offered feedback	79% (58)
Chart review efficiency	Tools for finding patient information in the EHR, including "chart search" and "custom filters"	77% (62)
Notes: problem list	Problem-based charting, problem list sorting and maintenance, and autocorrect dictionary	73% (67)
In-basket: clinic messaging	Managing patient calls, prescription renewals, and communication with referring physicians and receiving faxes and other paper forms	66% (59)
Ordering efficiency	Maximizing efficiency in placing single orders, multiple orders, future orders, and favorite orders	65% (58)
Out-of-office workflows	Best practices for notifying patients and for EHR in-basket (messaging) coverage when the clinician is not available	62% (48)
In-basket: test results	Managing test results from internal and external sources and notifying patients	60% (60)
Medication management	Efficiency tips for prescribing, setting preferences, managing refills, adjusting doses of existing medications, and reconciling medications	56% (59)
Check-in, check-out workflows	Coordinating care with clinic staff at patient check-in (verifying referring physician and preferred pharmacy) and check-out (follow-up, referrals, and testing)	48% (48)

<sup>a</sup>EHR = electronic health record; PI = physician informaticist.

<sup>b</sup>The percentage of clinicians who responded "agree" or "strongly agree" to the statement that the listed activity was helpful. A total of 186 clinicians were surveyed, and 84 responded to the survey. Not all clinicians participated in each activity. Total respondents to each question are shown within parentheses.

# Clinician Perception of EHR pre and post Sprint



**FIGURE 2.** Clinician perceptions of EHR processes in the clinic. Response rates: pre-Sprint: 52% (107 of 205); post-Sprint: 47% (97 of 205). EHR = electronic health record.

# Optimization to Improve Quality of Life

## Implementation to Optimization: A Tailored, Data-Driven Approach to Improve Provider Efficiency and Confidence in Use of the Electronic Medical Record

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### **205 Medical Oncologists**

- Provider Shadowing
- Provider Survey
- EMR Utilization profile
- Training sessions (targeted)
- Assessing training Impact

### **Post intervention Survey:**

(89%) were positive

(11%) were neutral; the neutral comments generally discussed the EMR itself rather than the effectiveness of training.

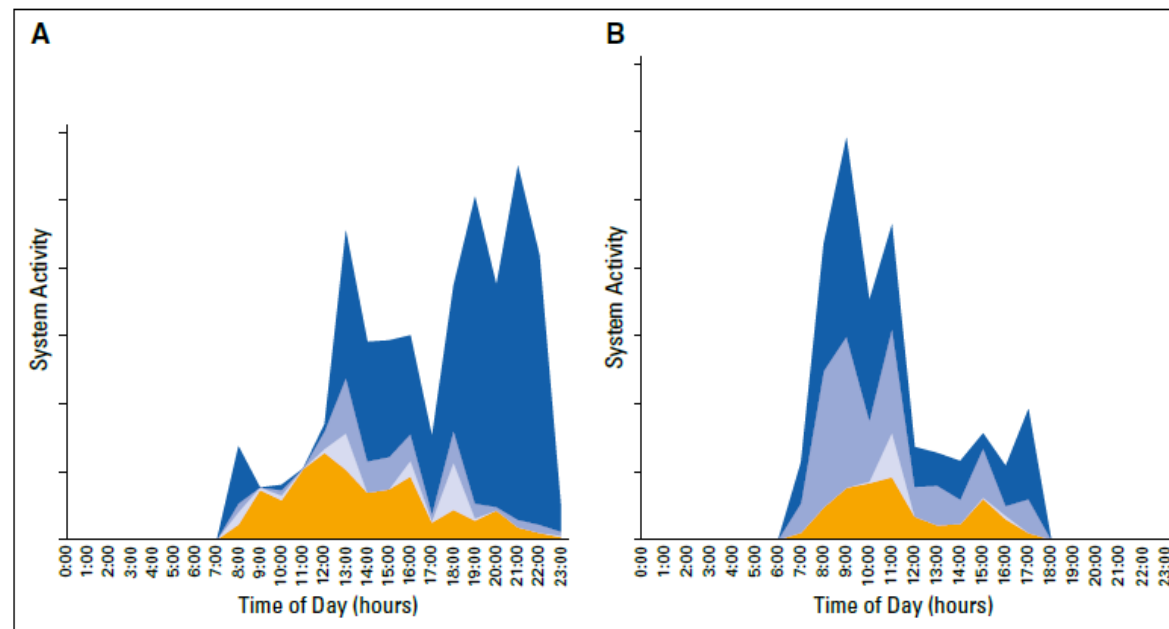
**No** negative comments about the training or trainers were received.

**Nearly all cited efficiency gains**

# No overall TIS changes but after-hours time in system reduced

**Table 2. System Usage Time Before and After Training**

Activity	Time in System per Appointment (mins)		P
	Baseline	After Training	
Overall	26.69	25.88	.104
Clinical review	6.37	6.37	.627
Documentation	8.02	7.55	.019
Placing orders (excludes chemotherapy)	4.44	4.28	.042
Inbox management	2.01	2.11	.425
Other (includes chemotherapy)	5.85	5.56	.036



**Fig.** Example profiles that illustrate the average minutes per day per hour by activity for (A) a provider who spends a significant amount of time on documentation after hours and (B) a provider who spends a significant amount of time placing and reviewing orders relative to other activities. Dark blue, notes/letters; medium blue, order entry and review; light blue, inbox management; orange, clinical review.

# What is OPOR doing?

- Planning of a clinical support model with our team members at CSDS. This model will include Clinical Informaticians that can address clinical workflow and Technical/Digital Experts for more IT- related issues. Including after-hours support
- Robust training, training supports planned. Trainers will remain in place during 'sustainment' period, post implementation
- At-the-elbow support by clinicians for clinicians
- Interoperability and data standardization will not be an issue in the way it is in other jurisdictions as it is a provincial system. Much of the clinical standardization work has been completed thanks to clinical teams across the province.
- CSDS partners are doing robust planning for devices and their placement on unit after clinical input and injured jurisdictional scans
- Contractual obligations around uptime and speed of system (in seconds).
- "Lights on" functionality that allows vision into individual usage compared to others.
- Learning about burnout and lessons learned from other jurisdictions
- Twelve members of OPOR team went to Vancouver General to help in their Go-Live in the Fall 2022. Too many lessons learned to count. Invaluable education.





# What do NS clinicians need to do to the reduce risk of EMR-related Burnout?

- Participate in design decisions when asked. Fixing poor workflow is more difficult than planning with clinician needs from the outset
- Adhere to recommended training schedule
- Reach out for support before workarounds and poor practices become engrained.
- Understand that an initial period of discomfort and reduced productivity is normal.
- Understand that in your previous practice, there was no record or reminders of all the activities you do in the run of a day. Seeing it electronically can be overwhelming
- Your experience with another EMR or CIS may not translate (good or bad!) to the OPOR-CIS
- Digital tools can augment your practice to alleviate stress and pressure
- **Patient Care Comes First.** Documentation is a secondary activity. Your expertise and prioritization as a clinician will not change.
- Recognize your own needs around self-care and reduction of Burnout. The last number of years, and upcoming years in healthcare have been, and will be been unprecedented internationally.





# Nurses-Reducing the impact of burnout



**\*More targeted research about nurses and non-physician healthcare personnel and burnout and use of an EMR is required\***

- A meta-analysis identified three primary themes regarding nurses' well-being when using an EMR:
  1. Enhancement of digital literacy is necessary during nurse training.
  2. Enhanced integration of patient information displays, such as a patient dashboard, can facilitate decision-making.
  3. Organizational policies:
    - number of workstations,
    - amount of downtime,
    - protected time for documentation (particularly NPs)
    - Use of adult learning principles used in training nurses.

# Conclusions



More research is needed on non-physician healthcare professionals in Burnout space and Burnout related to the use of an EMR.



Clinician training on an EMR is vital to reduce burnout



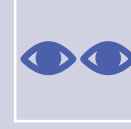
Post implementation optimization has been found to be key to user experience with an EMR



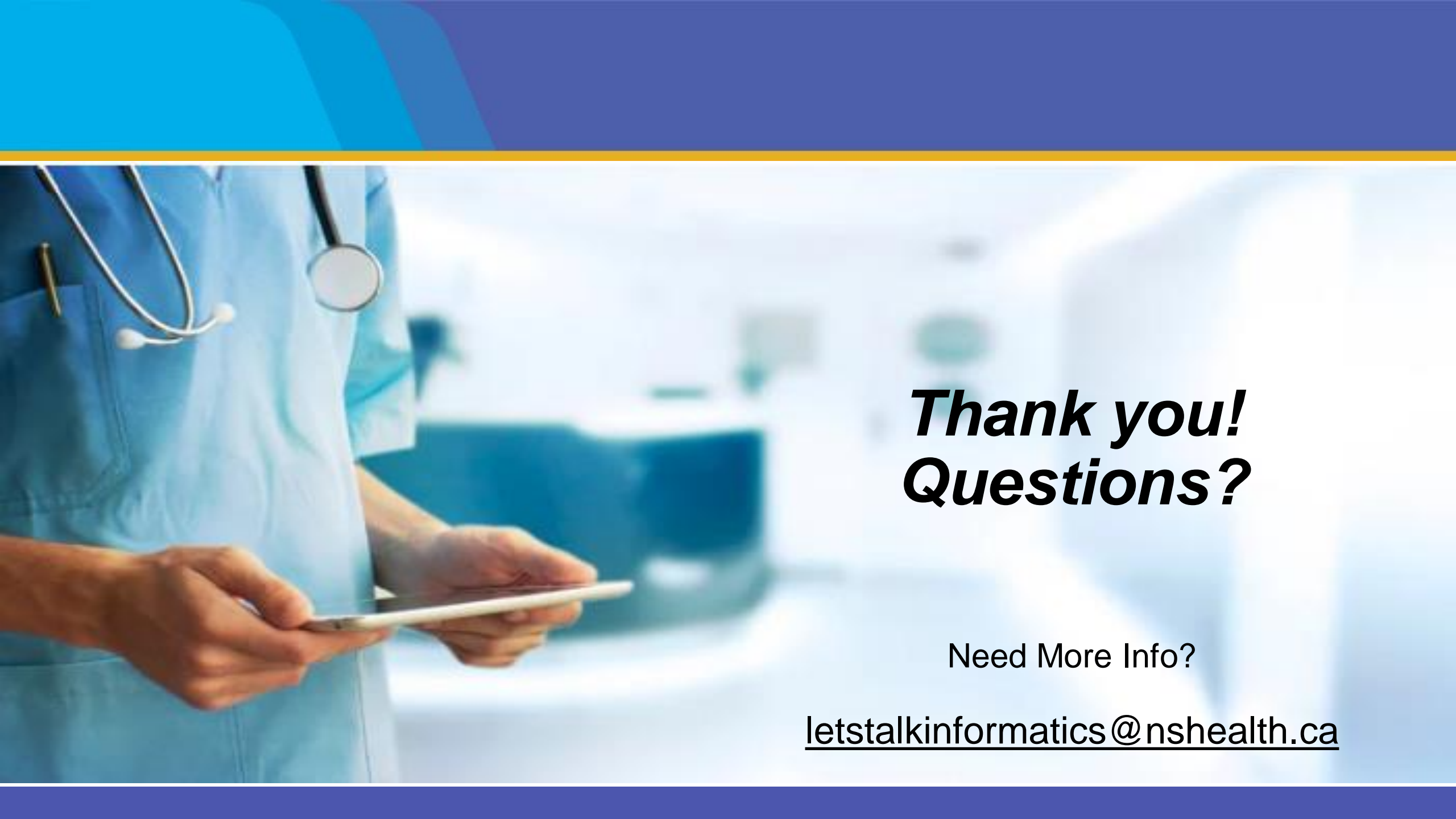
An EMR can lead to Burnout but can also be used as a solution to address workflow and mitigate burnout



Visibility of clinician usage, time studies and assistance of clinical decision support can help address workflow, and time/documentation burden



Usability is in the eye of the end-user.



***Thank you!  
Questions?***

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