

### **What is the HIT Adoption toolkit?**

The HIT adoption toolkit is a compilation of planning, implementation and evaluation resources to help specialty and subspecialty physician practices implement health information technology applications in their facilities.

Developed by the Minnesota Medical Association and the Minnesota Medical Association Foundation, the toolkit includes resources that are useful for users with different levels of knowledge and at various stages of health IT implementation.

Members of the Minnesota Medical Association Quality Committee, and other Minnesota physicians, and stakeholders in the health IT arena have reviewed and contributed to the this toolkit to ensure the resources are accurate, relevant, and effective in supporting health IT in specialty and subspecialty physician practices.

Much of the toolkit is dedicated to walking physicians and their staff through the questions they should consider at various stages of implementing applications such as disease registries, electronic health records, computerized physician order entry systems and other applications.

### **Who should use the HIT toolkit?**

The HIT Adoption Toolkit serves the needs of specialty and subspecialty physician practices. The toolkit is organized to support the needs of stakeholders charged with implementing health information systems. The ultimate goal of HIT is to improve population health and the quality and efficiency of patient care.

### **What is the best way for our practice to use the toolkit?**

There is no one “right” way” to use the toolkit. However, it is intended as a resource to assist specialty and subspecialty physician practices with tools and resources as these practices move toward the adoption of HIT and participate in electronic health information exchange.

### **What is included in the HIT toolkit?**

The HIT toolkit is organized into 8 topic-specific modules

1. Introduction to HIT
2. Assess
3. Plan
4. Select
5. Implement
6. Effective Use
7. Readiness
8. Interoperate

While these modules cover the continuum of a typical health IT implementation project from learning the basics to evaluation and optimizing a system, different components of each module may be valuable to physicians and their staff at various stages of implementation.

Each module contains a variety of resources and links that are tailored specifically to meet the needs of specialty and subspecialty physician practices as they move through the adopt, utilize and exchange phases of health IT implementation.

**Where can our practice go for more help?**

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