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## Health Information Technology (HIT) Toolkit for Family Physicians

### Vendor Selection Tools

EHR Selection Tools			
Organization	Description	Web site	Notes
<b>Vendor Selection Tools</b>			
Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS)			
	Vendor selection guide	<a href="http://www.himss.org/content/files/Selecting_EMR_Eval_Usability.pdf">http://www.himss.org/content/files/Selecting_EMR_Eval_Usability.pdf</a>	Free
	Stark law: Guidance on EHR donation and compliance with federal regulation.	<a href="http://www.himss.org/ASP/topics_stark.asp">http://www.himss.org/ASP/topics_stark.asp</a>	Free
	Sample EHR RFPs for	<a href="http://www.himss.org/ASP/topics_FocusDynamic.asp?faid=262">http://www.himss.org/ASP/topics_FocusDynamic.asp?faid=262</a>	\$

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<b>American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP)</b>	AAFP Center for Health Information Technology  Resources and product reviews	<a href="http://www.centerforhit.org/online/chit/home.html">http://www.centerforhit.org/online/chit/home.html</a>	Some tools for members only
Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)	HRSA EHR Selection Guidelines	<a href="http://www.hrsa.gov/healthit/ehrguidelines.html">http://www.hrsa.gov/healthit/ehrguidelines.html</a>	Free
<b>Texas Medical Association</b>	EHR Implementation Guide	<a href="http://www.texmed.org/Verondi/Templates/Seminar.aspx?pageid=18804">http://www.texmed.org/Verondi/Templates/Seminar.aspx?pageid=18804</a>	Free Publication with Login, \$25 for CME credits
<b>American Medical Association (AMA)</b>	15 Questions to ask before signing an EHR contract	<a href="http://www.ama-assn.org/ama1/pub/upload/mm/472/emragement.pdf">www.ama-assn.org/ama1/pub/upload/mm/472/emragement.pdf</a>	Free
	General HIT Resources & Activities	<a href="http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/physician-resources/solutions-managing-your-practice/health-information-technology/hit-resources-activities.shtml">http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/physician-resources/solutions-managing-your-practice/health-information-technology/hit-resources-activities.shtml</a>	Free
<b>American College of Physicians (ACP)</b>	Selection and implementation tools	<a href="http://www.acponline.org/running_practice/technology/ehr/roadmap/ehr.htm#sel">http://www.acponline.org/running_practice/technology/ehr/roadmap/ehr.htm#sel</a>	Free
<b>Metastar</b>	MetaStar is	<a href="http://www.metastar.com/web/Default.aspx?tabid=167">http://www.metastar.com/web/Default.aspx?tabid=167</a>	Free

	designated by CMS as the Medicare Quality Improvement Organization for Wisconsin. Provides downloadable tools.		
<b>Stratis Health</b>	Stratis Health is designated by CMS as the Medicare Quality Improvement Organization for Minnesota. Provides downloadable toolkit for physician offices.	<a href="http://www.stratishealth.org/expertise/healthit/clinics/clinictoolkit.html">http://www.stratishealth.org/expertise/healthit/clinics/clinictoolkit.html</a>	Free; View documents under subheading "Select"
<b>Vendor research</b>			
<b>AC Group, Inc.</b>	Vendor evaluation and ranking	<a href="http://www.acgroup.org/">http://www.acgroup.org/</a>	\$
<b>KLAS (Research Firm) Reports</b>	Vendor evaluation and ranking	<a href="http://www.klasresearch.com/Providers/HowProvidersUseResearch.aspx">http://www.klasresearch.com/Providers/HowProvidersUseResearch.aspx</a>	\$
<b>Certification Commission</b>	Certification Commission for	<a href="http://www.cchit.org/">http://www.cchit.org/</a>	Free

<b>for Health Information Technology (CCHIT)</b>	Health Information Technology		
<b>California HealthCare Foundation (CHCF)</b>	Buyers guide for small practices	<a href="http://www.chcf.org/~media/Files/PDF/F/PDF%20ForresterEMRBuyersGuideRevise.pdf">http://www.chcf.org/~media/Files/PDF/F/PDF%20ForresterEMRBuyersGuideRevise.pdf</a>	Free
<b>EMR Consultant™</b>	Vendor research tool	<a href="http://www.emrconsultant.com/">http://www.emrconsultant.com/</a>	Free
<b>EMR Match™</b>	Vendor research tool	<a href="http://www.emr-match.com/index.html">http://www.emr-match.com/index.html</a>	\$
<b>User Forums</b>			
<b>EMRUpdate</b>	Blog, forum, webcasts and tools	<a href="http://www.emrupdate.com/">http://www.emrupdate.com/</a>	Free
<b>EHR Watch</b>	Blog, forum, webcasts and tools	<a href="http://www.ehrwatch.com/">http://www.ehrwatch.com/</a>	Free
<b>Healthcare IT News</b>	Online health IT industry news	<a href="http://www.healthcareitnews.com">http://www.healthcareitnews.com</a>	Free
<b>The EHR Group</b>	Consulting group providing online resources	<a href="http://www.ehrgroup.com/">http://www.ehrgroup.com/</a>	Some free online information