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Information Technology Supplement™
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Background

The 2014 *AHA Annual Survey Information Technology Supplement™* Survey database marks the seventh year Health Forum has partnered with the Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) on a survey to measure the adoption and implementation of United States Department of Health and Human Service's Meaningful Use initiative

The IT Supplement Survey was sent to the chief executive officer of each hospital regardless of their membership status with the American Hospital Association. The individual with the most familiarity with the hospital's health information technology was asked to complete the survey based on the current environment at the time of response. A response rate of 60% was achieved for non-federal, acute-care hospitals. The 2014 Survey was in the field from November 2014 to February 2015.

Main categories of the IT Supplement Survey are:

- ☐ Inventory of the hospital's computerized system capabilities
- ☐ Meaningful Use Functionalities
- ☐ Health Information Exchange Functionalities
- ☐ EHR System and IT Vendors

These categories have been relatively consistent over time. However, individual questions have been added or deleted across time depending on their relevance to the specific year of observation. Data from prior year surveys are separately available.

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Technical Notes

The 2014 *AHA Annual Survey Information Technology Supplement* database contains the following files:

Introduction (PDF format)	Brief introduction and background of the Survey.
File layout (PDF format)	The organization of the data file with field names and descriptions.
	There are two (2) field label formats. Use the one best suited to your environment.
	- Survey Question Number – Indicates the corresponding question number on the Survey.
	- Database field name – A short label consistent over time.
	Note: The file layout includes an 'Expanded field name' which is used on the online application, *AHA DataViewer™*.
Survey questionnaire (PDF format)	A copy of the 2014 AHA Annual Survey Information Technology Supplement questionnaire in PDF format.
Data file	2014 data file in Microsoft Excel format for responding hospitals. N=3,307.

New Questions

The following questions are entirely new for the 2014 AHA Annual Survey IT Supplement. For the complete question and response options refer to the 2014 questionnaire.

Question Number	Question
5	When a patient transitions to another care setting or organization outside your hospital system, how does your hospital routinely send and/or receive a summary of care record?
6	When a patient transitions to or from another care setting or organization, does your hospital routinely electronically send and/or receive (NOT eFax) a summary of care record in a structured format (e.g. CCDA) with the following providers?
7	Does your EHR integrate any type of clinical information received electronically (not eFax) from providers or sources outside your hospital system/organization without the need for manual entry?
8	If yes [to #7], does your EHR integrate the information contained in summary of care records received electronically (not eFax) without the need for manual entry?
9a	Do providers at your hospital routinely have necessary clinical information available electronically from outside providers or sources when treating a patient that was seen by another health care provider/setting?
9b	Do providers at your hospital query electronically for patients' health information (e.g. medications, outside encounters) from sources outside of your organization or hospital system?
12	Which of the following issues [list of 10] has your hospital experienced when trying to electronically (not eFax) send, receive or find (query) patient health information to/from other care settings or organizations?
16b	Do you use the same primary inpatient EHR/EMR system vendor [noted in #16a] for your primary outpatient EMR/EHR system?
17	Which vendor(s) [from a list of 23] does your hospital directly use to electronically exchange patient health information?