



Healthcare Quality Reporting Program

2013 HIT SURVEY – Advanced Practice Registered Nurses and Physician Assistants SUMMARY REPORT

Structural Measures Report, 2013

In early 2013, the Rhode Island Department of Health (HEALTH) piloted a revised version of the HIT Survey, originally developed for physicians, with Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) and Physician Assistants (PAs). In 2013, HEALTH will only report the aggregate (summary) information below for APRNs and PAs; beginning in 2014, HEALTH will publish individual information about all licensed independent practitioners' HIT use, adding APRN and PA information to the physician-level report already being published annually.

In 2013, the HIT Survey was administered to 1,456 APRNs and PAs licensed in Rhode Island, in active practice and located in Rhode Island, Connecticut or Massachusetts. The response rate was 46.2% (n=673).

Table 1 presents EMR and e-prescribing results for these 673 respondents and all 1,456 APRNs and PAs (including 783 non-respondents). For more information, visit the public reporting program's Web site at: <http://www.health.ri.gov/physicians/about/quality/>.

Table 1: 2013 HIT Survey –APRN and PA Summary Results¹

Measure ¹	Survey Respondents (N=673)		All APRNs and PAs (N=1,456)	
	Population	Score	Population	Score
1. Have EMRs, n (%) ²	673	513 (76.2%)	1,456	513 (35.2%)
2. Have 'qualified' EMRs, n (%) ³	673	227 (33.7%)	1,456	227 (15.6%)
3. Basic EMR functionality use, mean ⁴	513	77.1	--	--
4. Advanced EMR functionality use, mean ⁵	513	54.1	--	--
5. Are e-prescribing, n (%) ⁶	599	386 (64.4%)	1,382	386 (27.9%)

¹ See the Measure Specifications for definitions of these measures.

² **EMR:** Integrated electronic clinical information systems that tracks patient health data, and may include such functions as visit notes, prescriptions, lab orders, etc.

³ **Qualified EMRs:** EMRs with specific clinical documentation, reporting, results management, decision support, and e-prescribing functions AND Office of the National Coordinator for HIT certification. Excluding certification, 260 APRN and PA qualify (38.6% of respondents; 17.9% of all APRN and PA).

⁴ **Basic EMR functionality:** Clinical documentation and results management. Scores range from 0-100 based on use.

⁵ **Advanced EMR functionality:** Decision support, external communication, order management, and reporting. Scores range from 0-100 based on use.

⁶ Excludes APRNs and PAs who responded that e-prescribing was not applicable to their clinical practice.