

Re: Electronic Medical Record

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I agree technology will advance. However, if they expect it to advance by dropping compensation for MTs because they have advanced backwards in terms of production, they may have a problem. Either they will have to come up with systems that really do not require anyone to type into them, they will have to make it possible to type the information with at least the same level of efficiency as is possible today, they will have to pay more for what typing is still required, or they will have to export all the work to places where compensation is less. Paying more may well leave them with a net saving, as there are other efficiencies these systems make possible even if they slow down transcription production. After all, if you no longer need a file clerk pulling charts, you just gained a whole salary. Put part of that savings towards paying for increased transcription time, and you are still ahead of the game.

It is actually quite possible to design in efficient export/import of transcription, as the few systems that have bothered to do that demonstrate. Whether that is the final route taken to make EMRs truly usable is another question, of course.

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> >by enabling simple export/import to allow MTs to work with the word
> >processors and tools they use now. The latter is probably the preferable
> >solution, but it exists in only a very few EMRs at this point.

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> That would be cool. I personally don't believe that will happen because I
> believe technology will advance, even if people don't.

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