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Take it to the polls

As most of our readers know, the Iatric Systems Website is a source of valuable information. We include the Meditech-L archive (where you can search for specific keywords), the Iatric Systems NPR Tips page, and a listing of our various training sessions. Of course, you can always find information on the wide variety of software solutions we offer.

In addition, you can find our interactive poll on the Iatric Systems Homepage (www.iatricsys.com). This month, we ask about planning for the HIPAA Security Rule. Although our polling method is not exactly scientific, we find that it provides an interesting look at current issues facing Meditech Hospitals. We update our homepage with a new question often. When a new poll is posted, the old poll is archived to our polls page, which allows you to revisit past questions. Please be sure to visit our homepage regularly so you can participate in the latest poll. The more votes placed, the greater the accuracy. Thank you!

The Iatric Systems' polls page can be found here:

<http://www.iatric.com/iatpolls.asp>

A Practical Approach - "MPI MergeMate"

Our Practical Approach segment last month discussed how practical SmartList is for creating electronic lists that allow users to launch into Meditech routines. This month we will introduce a database utility product. **MergeMate** is a practical way for users to clean-up duplicate records in the Medical Records database.

MergeMate is a great solution for hospitals that are merging databases. Maybe you have multiple

sites on the same MRI. Maybe you've consolidated medical records. Maybe you've acquired another facility and inherited their database. Or, maybe the staff unknowingly creates duplicate records. MergeMate will work for you.

MergeMate creates efficiency in the Meditech system by keeping your medical records index lean. Removing duplicates (merging them) makes it easier to search for patients, therefore increasing the productivity of the staff, while also improving patient wait times (improved quality of service). Our customers find that MergeMate has the flexibility to use multiple search fields to quickly dig-in and identify duplicates. Once the duplicates are identified, you then have the option to merge the identified record. Or, simply use our Auto Merge feature.

For more details on MergeMate, go here: <http://www.iatric.com/MPIMergeMate.htm>

Or, send us an email at marketing@iatricsys.com

HIPAA Security Rule - Countdown to compliance

Your facility has just dealt with the Privacy Rule and you've completed the Transaction Rule. Phew. Now what? One thing for sure, with government regulations, your work is never done. As a reminder, April 2005 will come quickly. There are less than eighteen months before we must comply with the final requirements of the Security Rule.

Iatric Systems' Security Audit Manager (SAM) provides a great way to monitor user access, allowing you to be the watchdog for protected health information. The SAM reports are available through standard reporting tools. "A covered entity must, in accordance with § 164.306:" "(b) Standard: Audit Controls. Implement Hardware, software, and/or procedural mechanisms that record or examine activity in information systems that contain or use electronic protected health information." For information on SAM, please click here:

<http://www.iatricsys.com/iatnewsuv.asp?id=59>

Other useful Security Rule links:

The following is a link to the Federal Register issued February 2003, which provides details on the Final Security Rule.

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/pdf/03-3877.pdf>

For a condensed matrix illustrating the various sections, please click here:

http://erm.hhs.gov/hipaa/erm_rule.rule_text?user_id=&rule_id=95

New Features Added to Patient Discharge Instructions (PDI)

Release 2.2 of Iatric Systems' PDI (Patient Discharge Instructions) is here. For those of you using PDI, you've already heard about the great improvements. Many of the features have been added by your request.

On the front-end, users are presented with a list of categories for their patients. They can perform functions on more than one patient at a time. These include printing, finalizing,

unfinalizing (we made this word up) and auditing.

PDI can also pull query responses from Nursing directly into the PDI module. For instance diet, activity, allergies, last vital sign results, and home medications can easily be pulled from documented nursing interventions.

PDI now offers the ability to upload instructions from Micromedex into the PDI canned text dictionary. Now our customers have the ability to load pre-defined instruction sets from an industry leader in medical content. This requires that the site has purchased this option with Micromedex.

A Standard Orders dictionary has been added that will allow for the creation of common medication orders, which can easily be added to the patient's discharge instructions. This has made it much easier to add medications for inpatients and outpatients. All special instructions will be filled in automatically so that users don't need to type this each time. What a great time saver!

To schedule a live demo of r2.2 of PDI, please send us an email at INFO@iatricsys.com

NPR Tip(s): Some "Regional" tricks you may not know

Changing Regions after a change to the Sorts

If you change the sorts and need to deal with regions in the picture marked with an asterisk, just edit the region to match the adjacent region to deal with the change (rather than using cut and paste for Magic R/W).

If you change the sorts of a report, after having put fields in the regions, the Report Writer marks the "old" regions with an asterisk and requires that the fields be moved or deleted before you file. In Magic, one way to deal with this is to use the block copy (F1/F2) to "cut and paste" from the old region to the new region. (No cut and paste in the C/S Report Writer). The problem with the cut and paste is that it sometimes messes up the entire picture. Instead, it is easier to edit the regions in the following way:

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HK*
HK*      name_____ unit.num_  account.number_  room_and_bed
HK* <=start editing here, change from HK* to HK5, move up the HK* regions and change each
to HK5
HK5
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You can "hop" from the picture to the regions

When you are in the picture, you can hop into the regions without using <ESC> 3 (magic) or <ESC> plus drop down menu (C/S).

In C/S, just use <CONTROL> plus <LEFT ARROW>. In Magic use <SHIFT> plus <LEFT ARROW>. To get back to the picture, use <CONTROL> plus <RIGHT ARROW> (C/S) or <SHIFT> plus <RIGHT ARROW> (magic).

You can put MV LC, and ECB/ECE attributes in footnotes rather than in the LINE Attributes

This tip applies identically to C/S and Magic R/W

To apply a LC to a particular line, using a footnote:

LC <space>n<space>condition

Example LC 9 @.user="IATRIC" to suppress line 9 unless the user is IATRIC

To use a line check range via a footnote:

LC x:y<space>condition

Example LC 9:11 @.user="IATRIC" to suppress line 9 thru 11 unless the user is IATRIC

To set up MV's with footnotes:

MV n D

Example: MV 12 D to set up an MV array on line 12 where the MV array first subscript is "D"

To use ECB and ECE attributes in footnotes:

ECB n Line of Code ending in comma

Example: ECB 4 %Z.graphics(0,42,3,24,"-1"), to draw a box around a portion of line 4

You'll also find other NPR tips here: <http://www.iatricsys.com/iattipsul.asp>

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