Challenges of the Electronic Medical Record

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A Brief History of eMR in NSW Hospitals

 Early 2000's - EDIS - computerised patient tracking system , paper based records, not connected to rest of the hospital

- 2006/7 initial NSW Treasury funding for eMR
- 2008 Cerner Firstnet roll out to NSW EDs began
- 2010 Business case approved to extend eMR throughout NSW hospitals

Aims of the eMR

- Integrated system of patent records, pathology, radiology
- Immediate access to past records
- Access to patient records across sites
- Better quality, safety, efficiency of patient care
- Management data

2011 – negative reviews of Firstnet

- Independent review by Deloittes
 - Reported 98% users dissatisfied
 - Slow
 - Unreliable
 - Decreased clinical productivity
 - Non-intuitive
 - Irrelevant steps performing basic functions

"As with all major IT projects, there have been implementation issues," the spokesman said.

NSW Health to act on FirstNet issues

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NSW Health has identified issues with configuration, training and support of its FirstNet clinical information system (CIS) following a government-commissioned independent review.

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FirstNet Remediation Program Update

New program to improve FirstNet

The FirstNet Remediation Program has been established to improve the operation and effectiveness of FirstNet in hospital emergency departments.

The FirstNet Remediation Program with ED clinicians input will develop and implement hospital specific plans to improve:

- Immediate usability
- Access, performance and work processes
- Functionality
- Training and support.

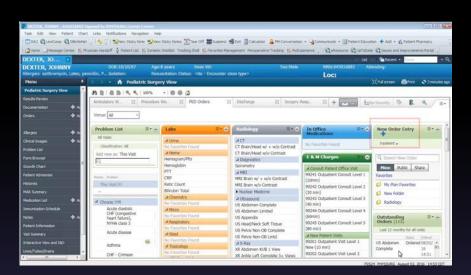
for staff

- 2013 eMR2
- 2014, 2015 further major upgrades
- Introduction of eMR to all NSW hospitals
- Implementation across hospital system:
 - Inpatient PowerChart
 - operating theatres SurgiNet
 - ambulatory care/ OP care

Where are we now in ED?

Firstnet

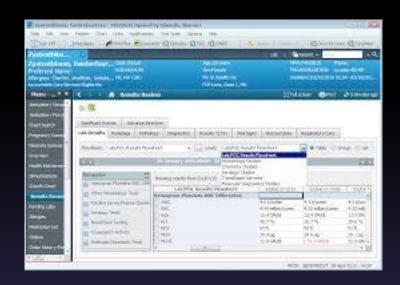
- Much better
- More reliable
- Universal acceptance
- All documentation
- Pathology, radiology ordering and results
- eMeds
- Electronic observation charts
- Access to previous and other health records
- Most paper gone

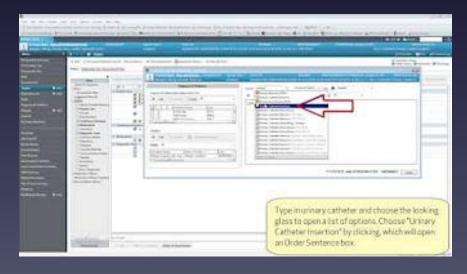


Multiple other facets to eMR

PowerChart inpatients

SurgiNet – operating theatres





Imaging RIS-PACS

The Medical Imaging Program aims radiology information system that is access to images across the state

eRIC - ICU



NSW HealtheNet

HealtheNet: Better healthcare

In NSW, a patient's health information is often spread across a vast number of different locations and incompatible computer systems.

HealtheNet is an eHealth NSW program that connects these disjointed systems. It provides NSW Health clinicians with secure and immediate access to a patient's recent medical history from across all NSW Local Health Districts and a patient's My Health Record.

This means that irrespective of which NSW Health service a patient attends, their treating doctors, nurses and allied health providers will have the information they need to deliver the best care.

Watch a short introductory video below.



Current eMR status

- Broad and highly complex medical record
- Held on multiple systems / variable integration
- Some paper remnants
- Increasing amounts of patient information available
- "Source of Truth"



Doctors

- Vital information "hidden" in many areas
- Often no pointers
- Time constraints to access all available information
- Is it factual?
- Documentation time constraints use of shortcuts
- eMeds

Medical Reviewers

- Are all relevant documents there?
- Preformatted notes/ templates
- "cut and paste"
- Loss of flow modified notes, non contemporaneous notes
- Loss of diagnostic thought process

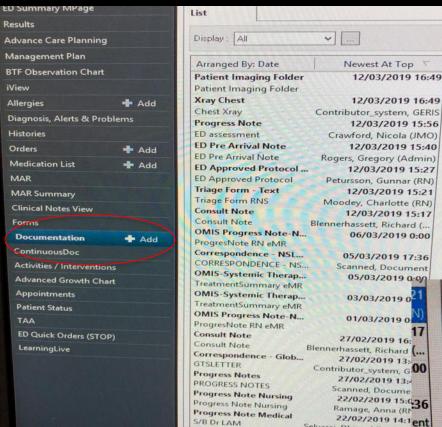
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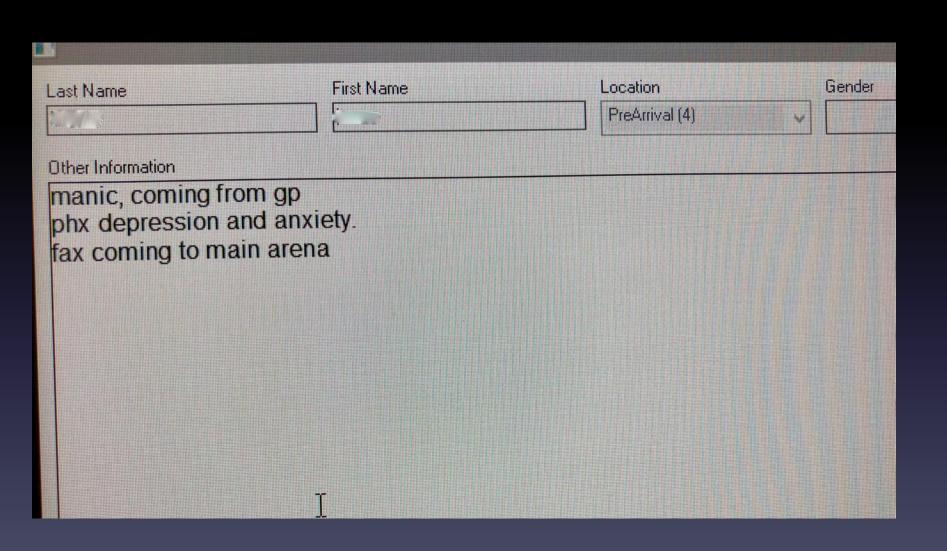
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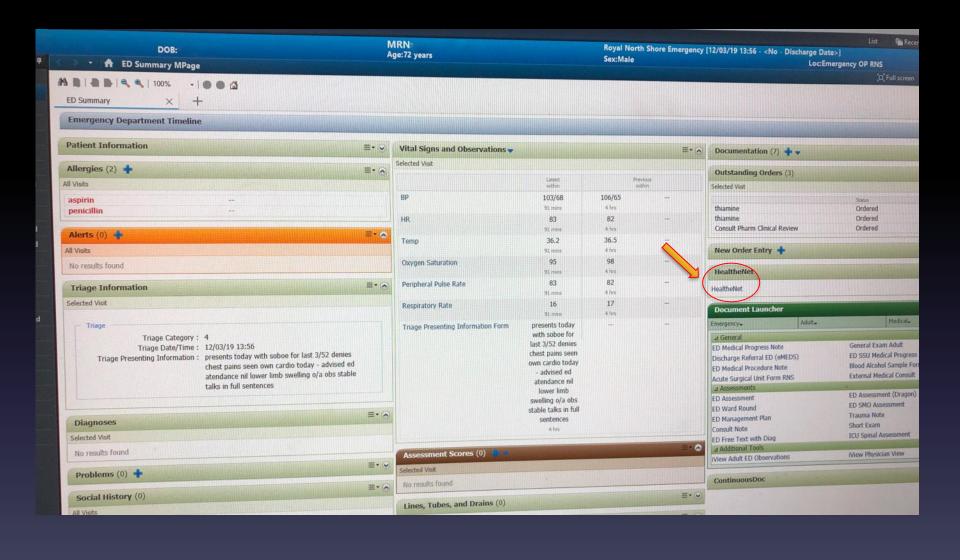
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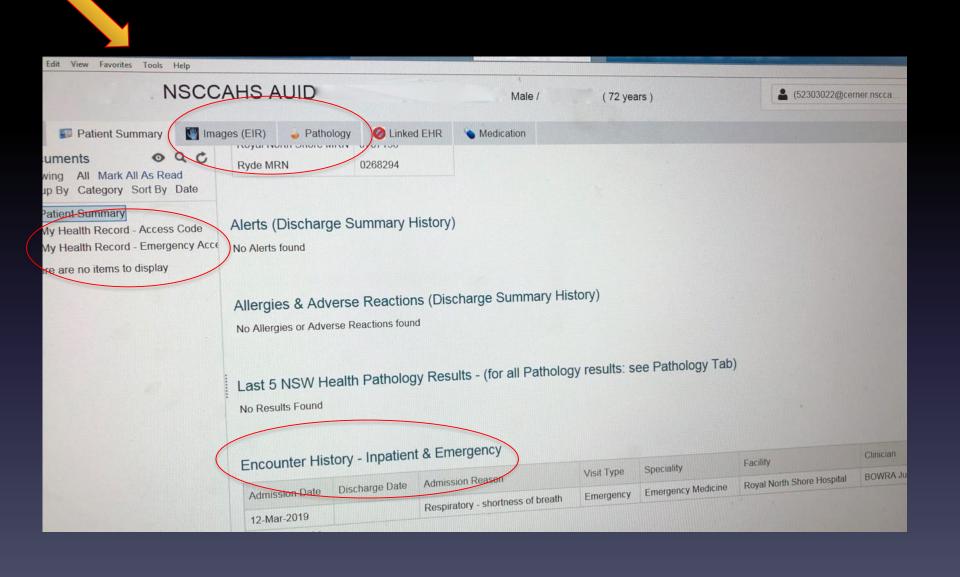


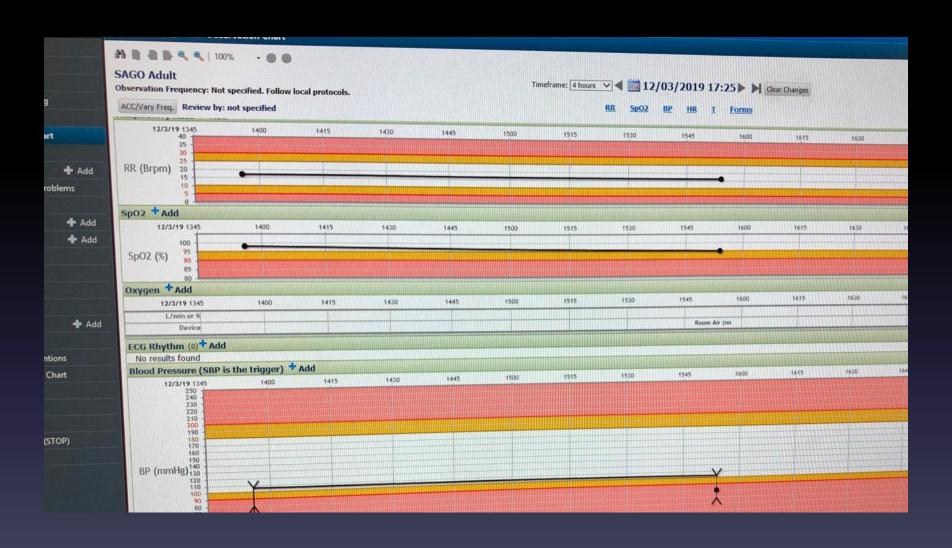
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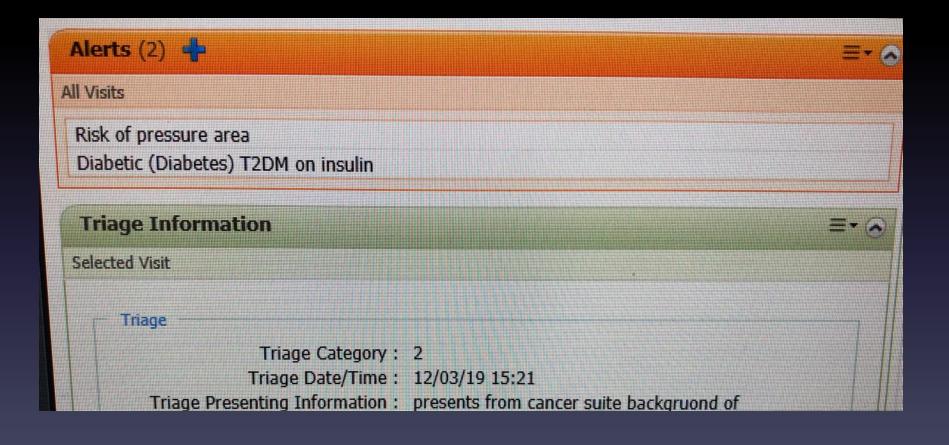
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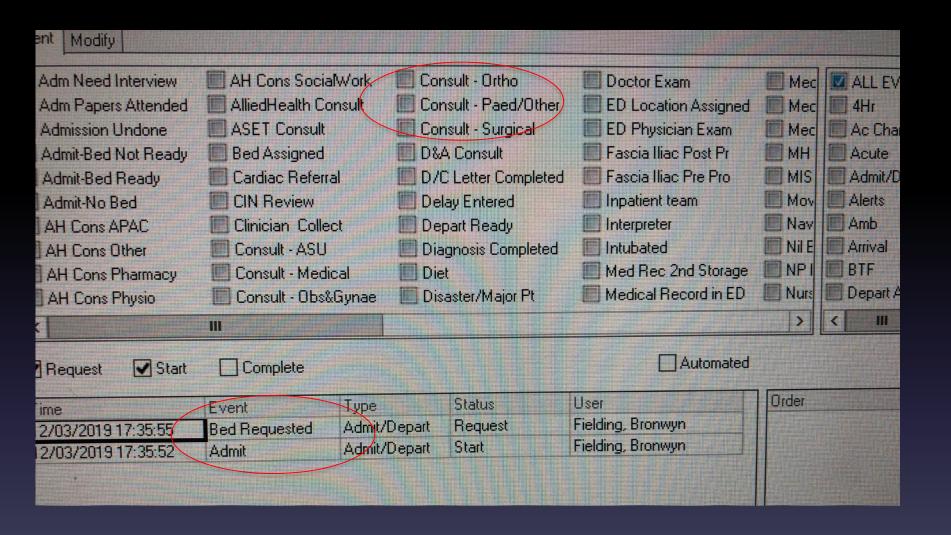




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Review of Recent ED Medicolegal Cases

- Little evidence of improved documentation with eMR
 - Preformatted notes with irrelevant history/ exam
 - Reviews by senior staff poorly documented
 - Cut and paste into discharge summaries
 - Preformatted discharge instructions
 - Advice sought but details not written down
 - Often no differential diagnosis
 - Poor synthesis of thought processes eg consideration of other diagnoses

Where to for eMR?

- System complexity will continue to increase
- Integration of systems will improve
- Volume of patient information available will rise

Implications

- Clear benefits for patients and clinicians
- Potential privacy issues
- Vital to have correct information in record
- Information overload

Legal system

- Accessing all the available relevant material
- How is the record accessed?
- What is the patient's "health record"?
- Interpreting ever larger volumes of information
- What is reasonable to have accessed during an episode of care?

