

**National Tobacco Cessation Collaborative**  
**Tobacco Cessation Priorities for the Nation**  
**Partner Activities**

**3. Promote the inclusion and use of tobacco control and cessation content in electronic health records (EHRs)**

*American Academy of Family Physicians*

- Developed a guideline for integrating tobacco cessation treatment into electronic health records.
- Worked with the American Academy of Pediatrics to develop a joint resolution that was submitted to the AMA House of Delegates, advocating for tobacco use prompts in EHRs
- Submitted an abstract and am developing a presentation for the 2009 AAFP Scientific Assembly: “Smokin’ EHRs: Integrating Tobacco Cessation Into Electronic Health Records.” Presenters are Drs. Sarah Mullins and Jason Mitchell.

*American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists*

- Expanding tobacco use questions on prenatal care and women’s health care forms

*Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality*

- Article addressing Electronic Health Record Intervention to Improve Tobacco Treatment in Primary Care (***NOTE: INTERNAL USE ONLY: Information not yet ready for public release***)

*Department of Veteran Affairs*

- The VA health care system has had electronic medical records in place since 1999. Since, 2004, there has been a national performance measure requiring that providers ask about tobacco use, provide counseling, and offer assistance at least once a year. This is implemented through a clinical reminder in the EHR.

*National Cancer Institute Tobacco Control Research Branch*

- NCI Cancer Centers

*University of Wisconsin –Center for Tobacco Research and Intervention*

- The UW-CTRI Education and Outreach program staff have worked with several Wisconsin clinics and systems to develop EMR/EHR templates for treating tobacco dependence.
- The core mission of the UW-CTRI Education and Outreach program is to engage clinicians, insurers and health systems to implement the recommendations in the PHS Clinical Practice Guideline. As part of these efforts, staff use academic detailing strategies to educate clinicians and practice teams about how to intervene with patients.
- The UW-CTRI Education and Outreach programs have developed a variety of materials and toolkits for clinicians and health systems. These are available to download on the UW-CTRI website, [http://www.ctri.wisc.edu/HC.Providers/healthcare\\_materials.htm](http://www.ctri.wisc.edu/HC.Providers/healthcare_materials.htm)
- We have developed a partnership with Epic Systems Corporation, a leading developer of electronic medical record systems, to engage in research that would involve enhancing the tobacco dependence treatment information contained in the electronic medical record. This research proposal is currently under review.