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Advantages and Disadvantages of Registries

Electronic health records (EHRs) frequently do not have the functions needed for population management. Creating and using registries can help ensure that evidence-based care is delivered to all patients and can be an adjunct to EHRs or paper records.

Registry Advantages	Registry Disadvantages
• Flowsheet is a powerful tool to monitor clinical data and track trends	• Disease-specific, not longitudinal
• Provides a dashboard of who needs what	• Does not include information necessary for billing
• Provides total population data reporting with no chart abstraction	• Requires hardware, software, and maintenance
• Generates revenue (it shows when services are needed)	• Requires data entry and data maintenance
• Provides outreach information at fingertips	• Parallel documentation system (i.e., some information has to be entered in two systems)
• Improves team-based care	• Can't stand alone, must have an additional documentation system.
• Smaller software package than EHRs	

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