Veterans Administrations (VA's)
Computerized Patient Record
System (CPRS) and Its Impact
on the Health Information
Management (HIM) Department

Objectives

- Introduction
 - Variance
 - Three Different Sites
- Electronic Health Record (EHR) Advantages/Disadvantages
- HIMs Department
 - Scanning
 - Records Analysis
 - File Room
 - Release of Information
 - Coding
 - Transcription
 - Additional HIMs Involvement

A Quick Comparison

	Seattle/Tacoma, WA	Albuquerque, NM	Bedford, MA
Hospital Beds	504/283	310	65
Domiciliary	60	40	40
Residential	30	50	52
Nursing Home	131	36	345
	Staffing	Staffing	Staffing
ROI	2	5	1.5
Scanning	2	5	0
Analyst	3	2	1
File room	*	5	2
Transfer Clerk	*	1	0
Coding	8	13	5

^{*}Shared duties and cross-trained

Definitions

- EHR Electronic Health Record
- HIMS Health Information Management
- VISTA Veteran's Integrated System Technical Architecture
- CPRS Computerized Patient Record System

Advantages of EHR

- Legibility
- Multiple Access
- Document Linkage Capability
- 24 x 7 Availability
- Search Capabilities
- Portability
- Real-Time System Monitoring
- Less Physical Space Needed
- Amendments

Disadvantages of EHR

- Technical Issues
- Templated Documents
- Copy and Paste Functionality
- Ongoing Training Issues for Both Clinicians and Support Staff
- Software Packages "Talking" to Each Other
- Just Can't Do it All
- Information Security

Document Scanning

Development

- Manage, Monitor, Report
 - Establishing a Committee
 - Policy and Procedures
 - Quality Analysis
 - Reporting
- Albuquerque
- Puget Sound
- Bedford

- File Clerks to Scanners
- Continuity of Care
 - Availability/Retrievability
- Facility to Facility Access
- Legibility
- Scanning Pertinent Information
- Tracking What Comes to Scanning
- Redundancy

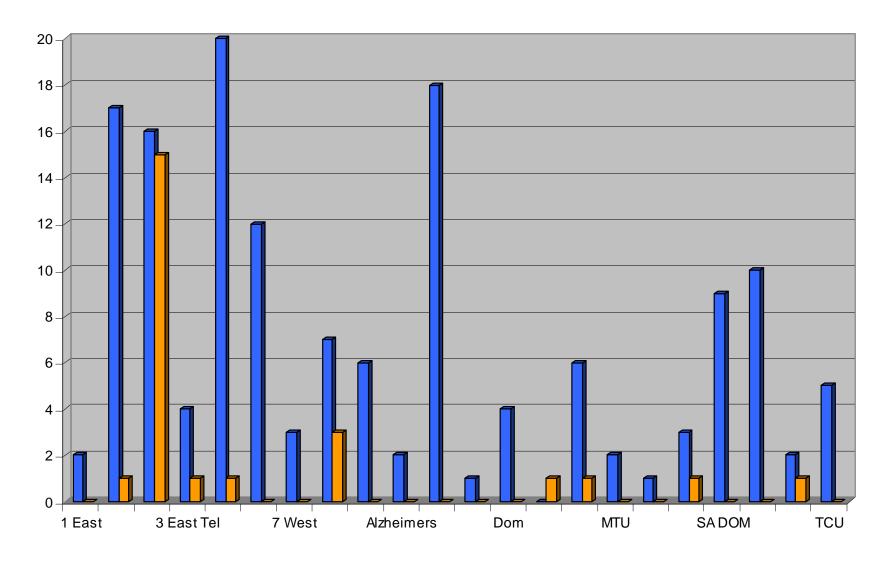
Quality Analysis-Record Review

What is Missing From the Documentation?

- Puget Sound Record Review
- What data we are looking at
 - Access database
 - Data Entry
 - Admit/Discharge
 - 100% review of every inpatient record
 - Focused Review
- Reporting

Monday, January 12, 2004 11:14 Print Record											
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This is the DUZ number of the individual who analyzed the record											

Nursing Admit Note by Ward



Delinquent Records

Discharge Summaries and Operative Reports >30 days

Numbers are up!!! JCAHO is just around the corner. Please review the lists and take action accordingly.

Click on the following links for the Incomplete Record, Unsigned Notes/Addenda, and Unsigned Orders lists:

<file://g:\WORKGRPS\CVAR Reports\Incomplete Records\Incomplete Records 12-803.xls>,

<file://g:\WORKGRPS\CVAR Reports\Incomplete Notes & Orders\Unsigned TIU
Documents 12-8-03.xls> and

<file://g:\WORKGRPS\CVAR Reports\Incomplete Notes & Orders\Unsigned Orders 12-8-03.xls>

NOTE: a + next to the patient's name in CPRS means the document is an addendum. When viewing such documents in CPRS, select the document and type EX to expand the entry and see the underlying addendum.

A folder in the workgroups directory has been established to hold these weekly reports. All members of this mail group have access to the workgroup folder and subdirectories. This has been done to improve information security by restricting direct access to the patient names and Social Security Numbers (SSNs).

If additional staff need to access the documents in future, please E-mail me with their full name and whether they are to receive the E-mail reminder in addition to having access to the directory.

Trend for Delinquent Records (Discharge Summaries and Operative Reports only):

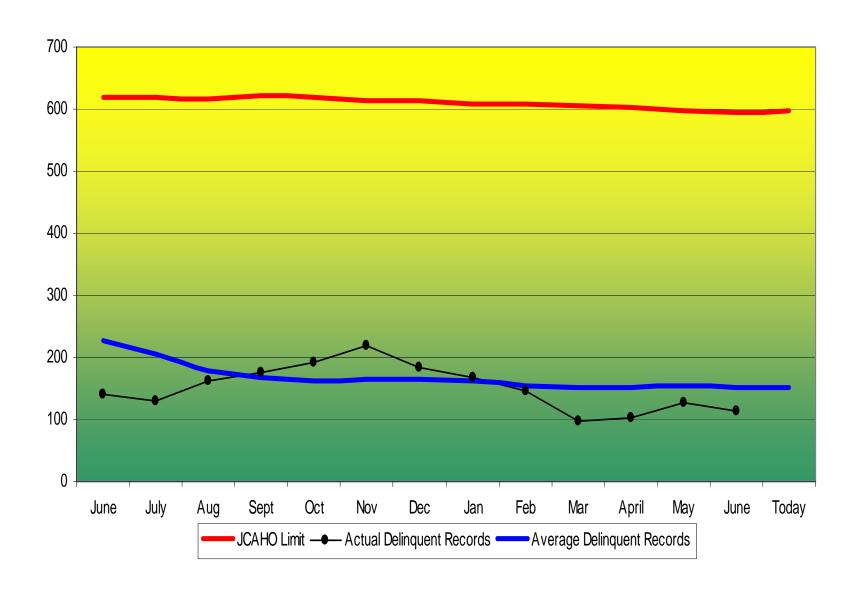
Delinquent Records By Service and Action Required

DISCHARGE SUMMARIES					
SVC/Specialty	Undictated	Unsigned	Uncosigned	Total	
Medicine	83	3	3	89	
Mental Health	10	9	9	28	
Extended Care SURGERY	9	0	3	12	
Cardio Thoracic	1	0	0	1	
Dental	0	1	0	1	

Trend for Unsigned TIU Documents (progress notes and addenda) by Service Line:

Service	This Week	Last W	leek	2 weeks 3 weeks
CSS	0	5	3	4
Diagnostics	5	7	30	12
Extended Care	75	76	98	108
Health Plan Mgt	373	377	340	463
ISS	5	8	6	6
P&SMC 1474	1454	1287	1333	
Mental Health	339	322	1047	910

Delinquency Report



- Data Quality
- More Technical Job Functions
- Quantitative vs. Qualitative
- Reporting and Trending Data

File Room

What Do We Do Now?

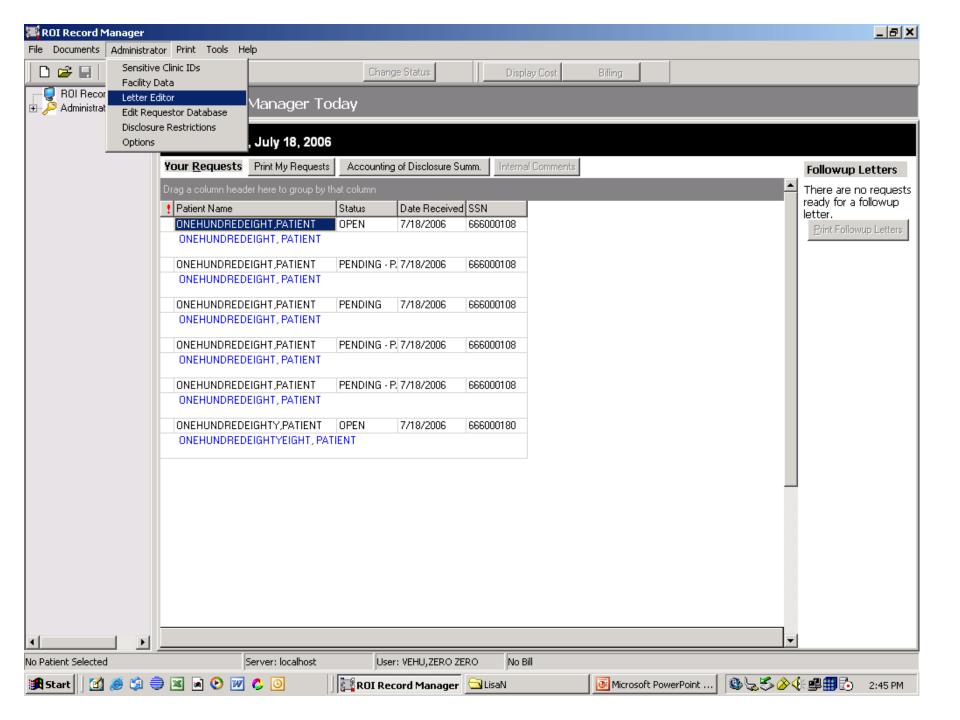
- Albuquerque
 - 1 year 40,000 records retired to FRC
 - 13 in. Loose Filing Clinical/Administrative per week
- Puget Sound
 - Occasional Loose Documents
- Bedford
 - Retirement Record Project

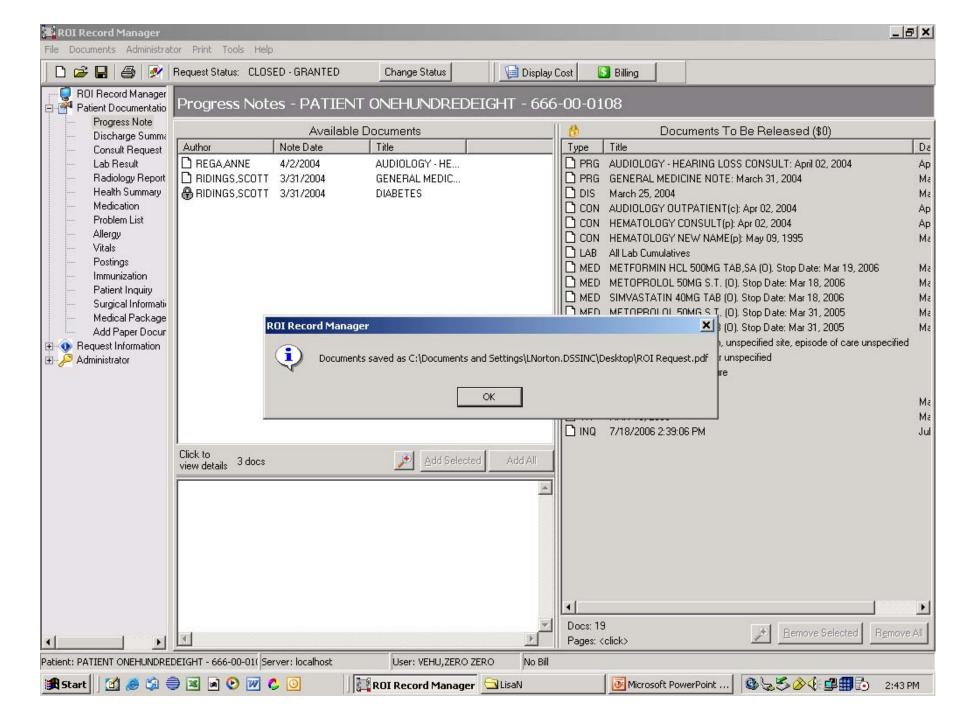
- 3,692.1 Cubic Feet
- Concerned Staff
- Change in Duties
- Pull Lists
- Transfer Clerk
- Transferring Records
- RPU

Release of Information

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- Software Program
- FOIA Report





What Else We Do

- Social Security Disability Web-Based Database
- In Person Authentication
- Forms Management
- Burning Medical Records to a compact disk (CD)
- Subpoenas/Legals

- Decreased Turnaround Time (TAT)
 - 1506 Requests per Month, TAT is 3.01
- 24 X 7 Retrievability
- Workload Management
- Reporting and Monitoring
- Decrease in Workspace Storage
- On the Spot Record Processing
- Sensitive Data Review

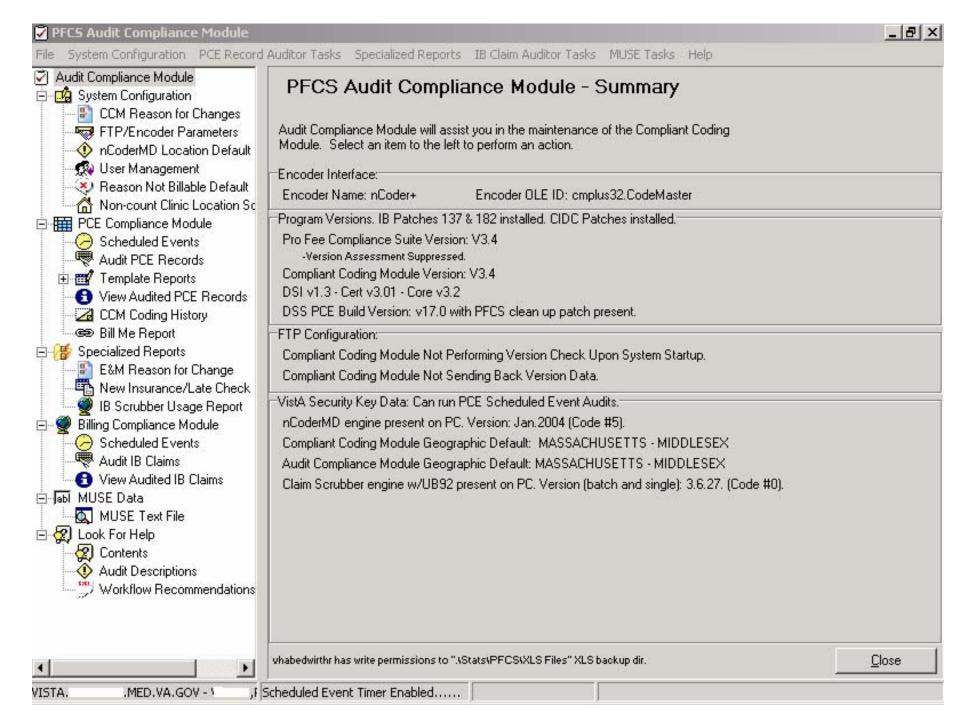
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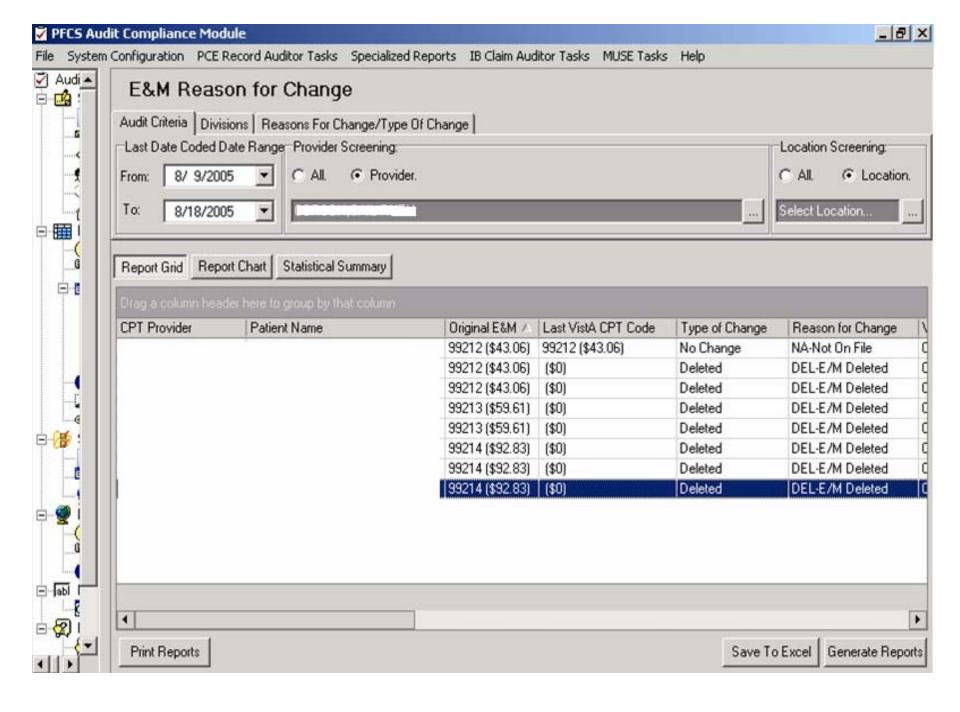
- Record Storage Systems
- Voice Signatures
- Records for Torts/Legal
- On the Spot Record Demand
- Education
 - Provider's and Support Staff

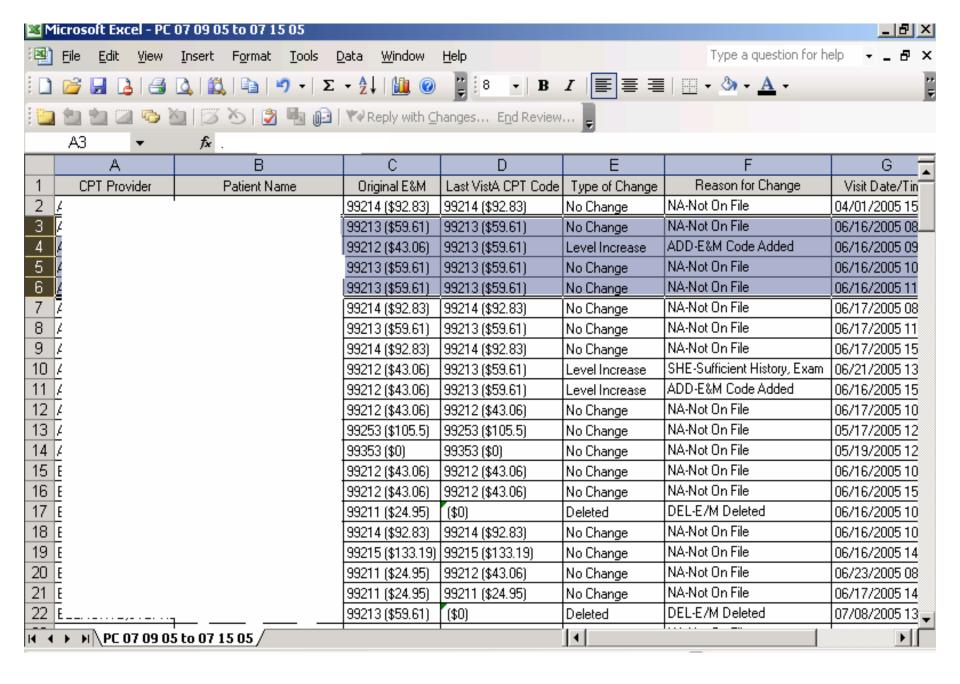
Coding

Coding/Billing/Compliance

- From Paper to Computer
- QuadraMed
 - Communication Tool
 - Workload Mgt
 - Reporting and Monitoring







- Ease of Use
 - Paper vs. EHR
- Paper Index Cards

Remote Coding – Why?

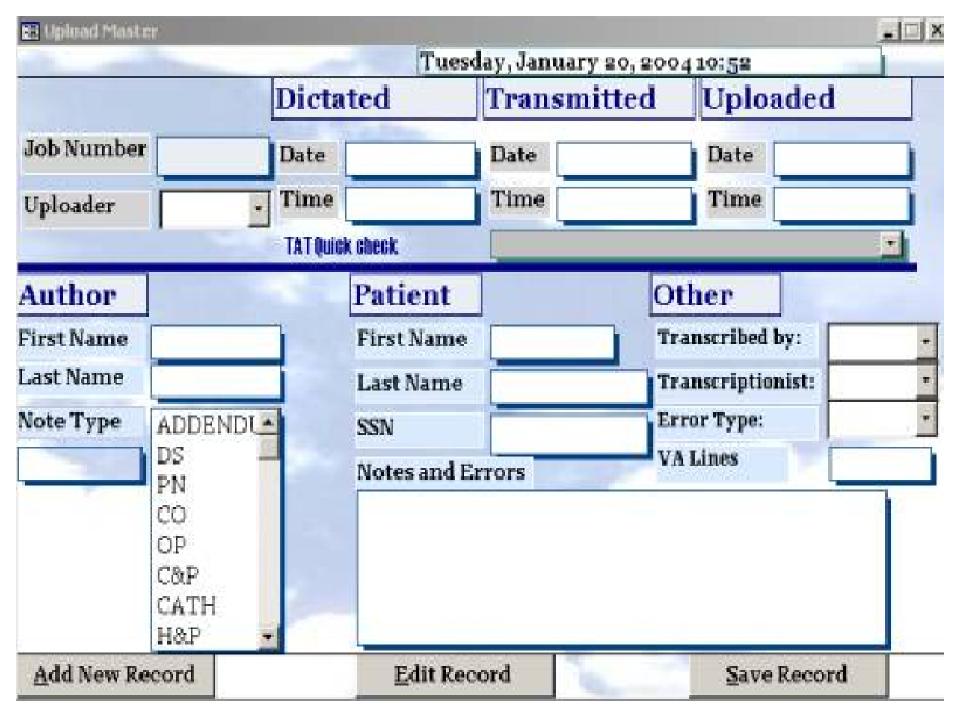
- Retention
- Saves Money
 - Workplace, commuting
- Increased Morale
 - Increased productivity
 - Less interruptions

- Communication
- Isolation
- Information Technology (IT) support
- Updates Carrying Around Your PC
- Don't Want to Come Back
- Information Security

Transcription

Another Way to Document

- Process
- Training
 - Talking fast
 - Accents
 - Editing documentation before signing



IMPACT

- Decrease in Lost Dictation
- Continuity of Care
 - Timeliness
 - Instant Availability/Retrievability
- No Incomplete Records Room

A Need for HIMS Input

- I Med Consent
- Standardized Note Titles
- Template/Forms Management
 - Document Corrections
 - •My Health<u>e</u>Vet

My Health**e**Vet

What is My Health eVet?

- Online Personal Health Record
- Uses Web-based technology for health resources to enhance patient/clinician collaboration.

What Can I find on My HealtheVet?

- Trusted Health Information
- Links to Federal and VA Benefits and Resources
- Personal Health Journal
 - Blood Pressure, Medications
- Online VA Prescription Refill
- Frequently Used Forms

IMPACT

- Technical Issues
- Sensitive Data Review
- Privacy and Security
- Return on Investment???
 - IPA

Health Information Management Challenges

- New Policies and Procedures
- New Method for Monitoring
- Reorganization of Staffing/Department
- Training HIMs, Clinical, and Support Staff
- Successfully selling "change" to HIMs, Clinical, and Support staff
- Building Collaboration With Clinical and IT Staff
 - "Talking" Their Language

Using Information as a Tool for Change

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