Cloud Computing – EMR & Data Storage

What is Cloud Computing?

The cloud model of computing and data storage (also commonly referred to as a "hosted" or "ASP" model) refers to systems that allow end users to access systems via a network connection (usually the internet) that are not managed or maintained onsite. The client-hosted model, in contrast, refers to applications that are hosted and maintained on servers owned and managed by each unique client. While there are certainly some advantages to a client-hosted design for practices that have the resources to support this model, cloud solutions are becoming increasingly popular because of the ease of working with these products. Many EMR systems as well as other physician practice software applications are now offering cloud solutions to clients.

How Can the Cloud Model Help my Practice?

Physician practices can take advantages of cloud computing in a number of ways. Practices that have not yet selected an EMR system should consider cloud hosted solutions if they are concerned about having appropriate IT resources internally. Other practices may wish to consider using cloud solutions to backup their data (financial, patient, etc.) to insure that important information isn't lost and to improve accessibility of this information from various locations. In using the cloud, however, physicians must be attentive to information security rules relevant to the storage and access of patient information. If you're considering a cloud solution but are unsure about how to implement the system or ensure that it is complaint with legal requirements, **We Can Help**. Give us a call today and we can start working on determining what your options are and how to meet your goals.

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