



Electronic Documentation of Patients' Record to Reduce Files Handling by Clerical Staff at Out-patient Physiotherapy Department of Pok Oi Hospital

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Background



 Clerical staff had to sort out around 300 patients' files on physiotherapy appointment each day

 They need to file back the records after the handwritten documentation by

physiotherapists





Background



 The process was time-consuming and might induce repetitive stress injuries to clerical staff

 Electronic Documentation (ED) was implemented to reduce the daily number of files handling by clerical staff







Files Handling by Clerical Staff











Objectives



 To evaluate the effectiveness of electronic documentation on handling patient's records by clerical staff

To report the compliance of electronic documentation by physiotherapists





Method



Electronic Documentation through CMS was implemented on 1 Sept 2017



Only files of daily new cases are sorted out



Compare the daily number of files being handled by clerical staff

Audit the compliance and accuracy of electronic documentation







Audit for Electronic Documentation(ED)

- To ensure all ED are input correctly into CMS
 & sign off
- Audit after implementation of ED for one month
- All attended cases of a randomly selected date were recruited
- Each physiotherapist would audit the electronic documentation input of their peers





Challenges for ED

- Staffs not familiar with electronic documentation
- No standard template / format for electronic documentation



• ? Increased time for documentation







Solutions

- Regular discussion and review among staffs
- Set up standard template for documentation
- Understand the benefits of electronic documentation
 - *Improve communication among staff
 - *Enhance patient privacy : only covered new patient files are currently placed on responsible physiotherapist desk
 - *Decrease repetitive stress and workload of clerical staff







Result for ED

	Before ED	After ED
No. of files handled by clerical staff	300 (new and old cases)	40 (new cases)
Time for files handling	180 minutes	25 minutes

Decreased the stress and loading to clerical staff



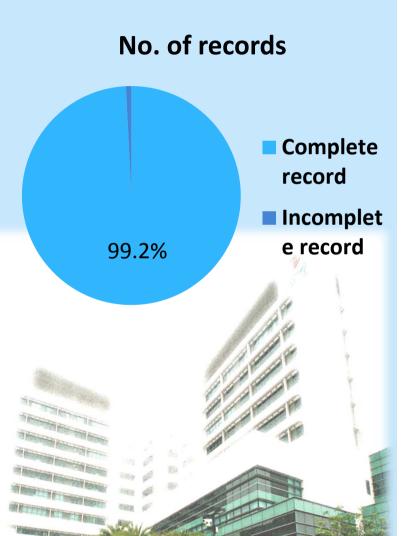






Result for ED Audit

Date of Audit	3 October 2017
No. of files being audited for ED	250
No. of files with incomplete ED	248
% of successful ED	99.2%









Result for ED Audit

- High compliance rate of ED input (99.2%)
- Two cases were found to have incomplete documentation









Discussion

• "Appointment slip" as a reminder for ED









Discussion

CMS

Appointment slip

• Retrieve patient's record

Yes

Check sign off

Complete ED









Improvement

- Regular documentation audit
- ED for patients of group exercise class and hydrotherapy class









Conclusion

Improvement project of ED resulting in happy and committed staff







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