



Virginia Cardiovascular Consultants have made the decision and investment to convert to an Electronic Medical Record Starting Today!

We thought we would share our thoughts on what this means to you as our Patient

What Does an EMR Mean to Me?

Compared to paper records, utilizing an Electronic Medical Record (EMR) system is a rapid and efficient method to preserve critical medical information. The art and science of medicine is practiced within a very information-driven environment and most of the information in a clinical setting is based on patient records and related information.

- Secure, legible and immediate access to all members of the staff
- Electronic records create efficiencies and safety for patients – creating better access to their medical records
- Important information such as medications, medical conditions and other aspects of your medical record can be shared quickly if necessary
- Medications prescribed are checked against other prescriptions you may be taking – but our doctors did not prescribe
- Reduction of medical errors and duplicate tests
- Within the EMR, the patient's medical data including demographic and insurance information as well as listings of diagnosis, medications, allergies, immunizations and other vital medical information are precisely and succinctly organized, using standardized terminology
- Results of laboratory tests and x-rays done in the office or at the hospital can be immediately added to the record. These results can be graphed and viewed in a number of meaningful forms.

Further, the Government (Medicare & Medicaid) has issued mandates for implementation of EMR's or physicians will be penalized monetarily in the end of 2013.

This is a new adventure for VCC and a huge undertaking. We may experience some delays on your initial visit as 'electronic', but are confident that subsequent visits will be back to normal. We also strongly believe that the long term benefits outweigh all of this new work and change. Please feel free to ask us any questions and we appreciate your trust and patience as we transition over to our new EMR!

Thanks in advance from the Physicians, NPs and staff of Virginia Cardiovascular Consultants, P.C.