

The Conclusion by the Rand Corporation: **“After carefully reviewing the available material, we selected 30 organizations, (SETMA) your organization included, as Exemplary Practices for CDS Implementation.”** (Emphasis added) For details see the explanation of the program and the letter to SETMA below. It is a project of the Office of National Coordinator (ONC).

Today, I had a conference call with a group asking for my participation in the rewriting of a HIMSS 2005 publication on Clinical Decision Support. Turns out, it is the same people.

These are remarkable days for SETMA.

Dr. Holly



Advancing Clinical Decision Support

A RAND HEALTH PROJECT

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Clinical Decision Support

Clinical decision support (CDS) provides clinicians, staff, patients or other individuals with knowledge and person-specific information, intelligently filtered or presented at appropriate times, to enhance health and health care. CDS encompasses computerized alerts and reminders to care providers and patients, clinical guidelines, condition-focused order sets, patient data reports and summaries, documentation templates, diagnostic support, and other tools that enhance decision making in clinical workflow.

- [From the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology](#)

"Advancing Clinical Decision Support" is an intensive, multi-part project funded by the U.S. Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) to address the major barriers to achieving widespread use of clinical decision support. The project is being led by the RAND Corporation and Partners Health Care / Harvard Medical School. A particular focus of the project is on aligning CDS and future standards for "meaningful use" of electronic health record (EHR) systems. To accomplish this, the project is pursuing 4 interrelated tasks:

- Task 1: Distill best practices for CDS design and CDS implementation, preparing resources on best practices for broad dissemination through a variety of online channels.
- Task 2: Distill best practices and standards for sharing CDS knowledge and produce an open online platform for sharing CDS knowledge artifacts (such as alerts, order sets, etc.) among EHR vendors and/or provider organizations.
- Task 3: Develop a "clinically important" drug-drug interaction (DDI) list, as well as a legal brief about the liability implications of using the clinically important DDI list.
- Task 4: Develop a process that engages specialty bodies in weighing performance gaps vs. CDS opportunities to select targets for meaningful use of CDS by specialists.

An Expert Advisory Committee (EAC) is providing the project with high-level advice on our plans, any course adjustments necessary, and on interpretation and dissemination of results

My e-mail, February 3, 2011

Dear Dr. Holly,

My name is Dylan Sherry and I am working on a project called 'Advancing Clinical Decision Support (CDS)' through the RAND Corporation funded by the ONC. The lead for this task of the project is Dr. Eric Pan of Westat and the co-principal investigators are Dr. Blackford Middleton of Partners Healthcare and Dr. Douglas Bell of RAND. The major deliverable of this task entailed canvassing Health IT awards (Most Wired, Davies, etc), peer reviewed journals, other resources to discover hospitals, health networks, or practices that were exemplary in some aspect of their implementation of clinical decision support.

After carefully reviewing the available material, we selected 30 organizations, your organization included, as Exemplary Practices for CDS Implementation. We subsequently created two-page write ups summarizing the information about these institutions that we gleaned from the award case studies, peer-reviewed papers (if available), or other online resources. It is our hope that these write-ups will be useful to other organizations who decided to implement CDS.

We would ask that you review the two-page summary for accuracy. It would be particularly helpful for organizations who are implementing in the future to be able to contact a representative from your practice with any questions they might have. As a result, we also request that the contact information be updated (if necessary) and that the "Organizational Contact" field be reviewed (edited, removed, or added).

Should there be any corrections or updates to the two-page summary, we would greatly appreciate it, if you could return the edited version by February 18th, 2011, so that the ONC may disseminate the most up-to-date and accurate information about your institution's CDS Implementation.

If you need additional information or have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me or Dr. Eric Pan (EricPan@westat.com <<mailto:EricPan@westat.com>>).

For further information on the project see:

<http://www.rand.org/health/projects/clinical-decision-support/>
<<https://phsexchweb.partners.org/exchweb/bin/redir.asp?URL=http://www.rand.org/health/projects/clinical-decision-support/>>

Thank you for your time,

Dylan Sherry