New Policy: Use of Epic Care Everywhere for Research

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Re: New Policy: Use of Epic Care Everywhere for Research

Safe conduct of clinical trials frequently involves treatment and monitoring of participants using standard clinical practices (e.g., delivery of supportive care that is not experimental, or monitoring for toxicity using standard clinical testing). When this clinical follow-up occurs in part at other institutions, as may occur because of patient residence or unanticipated emergencies, it is important that the study team have timely access to information in order to safeguard the participant as provided for in the study protocol.

Epic’s health information exchange (HIE) capability, branded Care Everywhere, supports sharing of clinical information across participating institutions, particularly if both sites have deployed Epic’s EHR. Epic’s “Rules of the Road” governance for Care Everywhere specifies that it be used for treatment purposes and may not be used solely for research purposes. Allowed uses include treatment, which includes coordination of care for patients participating in clinical research.

A new policy, Use of Epic Care Everywhere for Research, has been developed to provide guidance to the research community for how Care Everywhere and associated data is permitted to be used for research purposes. Before using Care Everywhere research staff must be familiar with this policy.

Research users automatically have access to Care Everywhere; it is not necessary to submit an IS request.

See the IS Training Care Everywhere webpage for recommended E-Learning, which addresses querying and reviewing outside patient records. You’ll find many helpful tipsheets on this page as well.

If you have questions about this policy, please contact Matthew Hodgson at hodgsonm@email.chop.edu or 267-426-8723.