Bring UpToDate® into your clinical workflow via the EHR

Embedding a link to UpToDate within your EHR gives clinicians access to more than 10,500 topics in 25 specialties. Whether the goal is treatment recommendations, getting information on a lab result or providing patient education, accessing UpToDate from the EHR brings the answers clinicians need into the workflow at the point of care.

Important benefits include:
- Easy access to UpToDate within the clinical workflow
- Free, fast, and easy access to CME credit
- Increased utilization of both UpToDate and the EHR
- Improved clinician satisfaction with the EHR

QUICK IMPLEMENTATION
UpToDate’s API supports all access options offered by the leading EHRs, making implementation fast and easy.

ACCESS SPECIFICS
Embedded Link
UpToDate supports linking to all leading EHRs. Some sites have the ability to set up links to UpToDate from the patient problem list to get targeted search results that are relevant to their specific patient. Other sites place UpToDate as a search box on the Tool Bar and/or the Navigation Bar. Set-up of all types of EHR links to UpToDate is extremely quick and can easily be tailored to your needs.

UpToDate HL7 Infobutton
Accessing the UpToDate HL7 Infobutton enables clinicians to get answers to their clinical questions from within a patient’s record. Users can search UpToDate content for information that is contextually relevant to their specific patient’s disease, condition, medication, lab results and age.

IMPACT ON QUALITY OF CARE
“Bringing real-time access to UpToDate clinical knowledge within the EHR has reduced potential errors in clinical practice and improved the quality of care in our inpatient and emergency settings.”

Dr. Hee Hwang
Chief Information Officer
Associate Professor, Department of Pediatrics
Seoul National University Bundang Hospital

More than 80 research studies confirm the widespread usage of UpToDate, and the association of UpToDate with improved patient care and hospital performance, including reduced length of stay, adverse complications, and mortality. In fact, it’s been shown that increased use of UpToDate is associated with greater improvements in the quality and cost of patient care.

Many UpToDate customers have already taken advantage of embedding UpToDate into their EHR.
AMA PRA Category 1 CME Credit™
With the UpToDate CME link, clinicians may earn free AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ or AANP contact hours when conducting UpToDate searches in the EHR.

Patient Information
The UpToDate Patient Search Box can be added to your patients portal, giving them access to UpToDate Beyond the Basics patient education topics. All patient topics are evidence-based and are created by the same physicians who author and review corresponding professional content so you know your patients are receiving quality information that is consistent with your clinicians’ practices.

EHR BEST PRACTICES
Hear what our customers recommend for optimizing access to UpToDate:

Location, location, location...
Where you locate UpToDate in your EHR is critical to clinician adoption. It’s best to put UpToDate everywhere in the clinical workflow. To promote maximum utilization, ensure that the UpToDate icon is always visible.

The fewer the clicks, the better
Seconds matter for a busy clinician with mounting demands on his or her time. One-click access to UpToDate instead of clicking through multiple drop-down menus and tabs results in a dramatic difference in utilization rates.

Show, don’t tell
Our customers tell us the number one best practice is “show, don’t tell.” Show your clinicians screen shots so that they can see UpToDate in action. Ask your IT trainers to conduct one-on-one demos with clinicians, and to include UpToDate access training in EHR orientation and on-going training initiatives.

Spread the word
The most successful organizations use a physician champion to spearhead awareness. Spread the word by using email, physician lounge trainings, and medical meetings. Show your physicians screen shots so they can see how easy it is to access UpToDate at the point of care. Create continued interest by promoting early successes, such as numbers of CME credits earned and utilization statistics.

Open access to all disciplines
When you embed UpToDate into your EHR you provide access to all disciplines including nurses and other clinical staff at no additional cost. Reap the benefits of standardized care across disciplines.

Involve your patients
Encourage clinicians to share UpToDate patient information directly at the point of care.

EHR COMPATIBILITY
• Allscripts
• Athenahealth
• Cerner
• Epic
• eClinicalWorks
• GE Healthcare
• InterSystems
• MEDITECH
• MV Systems
• NextGen
• Nova Systems
• Siemens
• MV Systems
• Philips Tasy

Users said that having access to UpToDate in their EHR...

Is important to patient care
Increases satisfaction with the EHR
Encourages utilization of the EHR

93%
91%
47%

Source: July 2015 Clinicians Survey, N=2526