

EHR checklist for behavioral health facilities

Choosing the right electronic health record (EHR) for your behavioral health facility can be overwhelming. The solution you choose directly affects your day-to-day operations, impacting the quality of care you can provide.

When looking for a new EHR, you want technology that will ease the burden of documentation, reduce medical errors, and promote quality outcomes of care. We've put together a few lists of questions to ask yourself about the EHR you are considering. It's important that it checks all these boxes and will minimize process disruptions — allowing your team to work smarter, not harder.



Patient safety

EHRs can help you improve patient safety, but does the EHR...

Provide real-time alerts and prompts to reduce manual steps?

Allow multiple users to be in the same record at the same time?

Administer the right medication dose based on sliding scales for Clinical Institute Withdrawal Assessment for Alcohol scores and pain levels?

Automatically trigger interventions to prevent adverse events, including missed medication or the over-administering of medication?

Have a built-in accountability record that allows staff to complete patient rounding on mobile devices, including iPads and tablets for Q15 and Q5 safety checks?

Have bar coded medication administration that ensures the right dose for the right medication at the right time?

Analyzing data

Having data at your fingertips is a key component of an EHR, but it's only as powerful as the features that help you analyze it. Ask yourself, do the EHR and its vendor....

<input type="checkbox"/>	Include built-in dashboards that help track patient outcomes?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Have real-time data analysis that provides actionable course correction to help you get ahead of potential risk events?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Update the content and workflow every year to accommodate regulatory changes?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Understand the populations and communities you serve to initiate the most critical health equity programs?

Improved workflows

Efficient workflows allow clinicians to use their time to better serve patients and provide better overall staff satisfaction. Does the EHR...

<input type="checkbox"/>	Have tools to produce documentation, like group notes, for multiple individuals during group activities simultaneously?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Have functionality to create individualized treatment plans with data pulled directly from the EHR to include diagnosis, orders, and assessment data?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Provide a true interdisciplinary patient summary view by unit, including clinical and medication information to help physicians and care providers access a quick overview of conditions and recent events?

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