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## Selecting the Best Electronic EHR/EMR System

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We have received many questions about electronic health record (EHR), also known as electronic medical record (EMR), systems from our members. If you have not yet chosen one of these systems for your practice, the task can be intimidating and time consuming.

There are many factors to consider. With the multitude of vendors currently available, procuring the best system requires specific knowledge about functionality, features, and security.

So, how do you select one that's best for you? There are **two** publications that we suggest that may assist you in determining which system is best for your practice:

The first is a general tool created by the American Medical Association (AMA) called, *[15 Questions to Ask Before Signing an Electronic Medical Record or Electronic Health Record Agreement](#)*. This educational resource will help you evaluate what specific features and functions are important for your practice as well as many other educational resources.

The second is a publication from our own Risk Management & Patient Safety Department called *The Physician's Guide to Electronic Health*. This publication describes the key issues in implementing an EHR system from the perspective of a practicing physician. To receive a copy of this very informative report, call **800-252-7706** and ask for Alicia Alexander.

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