ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS CONTRIBUTE TO MEDICAL MALPRACTICE SUITS

The Michigan State Medical Society Medigram reports that EHRs contributed to increased risk of medical malpractice lawsuits. The top 5 risks are:

- 1. Copy/paste outdated information
- 2. Auto-population of patient history fields
- 3. Templates with drop-down menus
- 4. Failure to access and review available patient information
- 5. The computer becomes a barrier between the doctor and the patient

To read more, including suggested solutions use this link:

https://www.msms.org/About-MSMS/News-Media/electronic-health-records-continue-to-lead-to-medical-malpractice-suits

PASSWORD SECURITY

Data security and data breaches are always in the news. We continuously monitor the security of patients' Personal Health Information (PHI). It can be challenging to remember and maintain passwords. We hope you understand why PPR has a multiple step login process, or when we need to change your practice passwords. Also, please take a look at the list below which is the 15 most common passwords. Make sure you don't use these for any of your computer activity.

1.123456, 2.password, 3.123456789, 4.12345678, 5.12345, 6. 111111, 7. 1234567, 8. sunshine, 9. qwerty, 10. Iloveyou, 11. Princess, 12. admin, 13. welcome, 14. 666666, 15. Abc123.

UPDATED CODES FOR 2020

New CPT and ICD-10 code sets are released October 1, 2019 for the upcoming year. PPR's staff will review all of your CPT (procedure codes) for any changes or updates, and we'll notify you before the end of the year of any changes you need to make. We recommend that each of our clients purchase both the CPT and ICD-10 code sets. Let us know if you would like ordering information. Be aware, that currently claims are starting to be denied for "unspecified" diagnosis coding. Each carrier has their own internal and often unpublished rules for paying claims. You will receive notice when we receive a denial for diagnosis reporting and why. In the meantime, please be as specific as possible about the reason for treatment of your patient.