

# Ontario Rheumatology EMR FACT Sheet



## New User?

**Are you thinking of using an EMR?** Having an EMR allows you to connect to other health information systems such as OntarioMD's Hospital Report Manager to receive hospital reports electronically. The OntarioMD EMR Adoption Program assists physicians in their transition from paper-based records to EMRs. The EMR Adoption Program has been extended until March 31, 2015 and focuses on specialists. OntarioMD ([www.ontariomd.ca](http://www.ontariomd.ca)) manages the program funded by eHealth Ontario, to assist physicians with funding and change management support to adopt and implement a Funding Eligible EMR.

### Eligibility:

- Community-based specialists and the remaining family physicians who have not yet adopted an EMR
- Specialists who practice solely within a hospital and treat only hospital patients are not eligible to apply
- *Please see the [New EMR Adopter Funding Program Terms & Conditions](#) for reference. Please note that these Terms & Conditions will be changing. Updated Terms & Conditions governing the Program Extension to March 31, 2015 will soon be available.*



## Existing User?

### Are you currently using an EMR?

- EMR funding includes both one-time payments and monthly subsidies to help physicians with associated costs incurred over a 3-year period. Please see the [New EMR Adopter Funding Program Terms & Conditions](#) for complete details .
- [The new EMR Adopter Performance Recognition Declaration \(PRD\)](#) form is submitted when a physician has established an EMR for the lesser of two thirds or six hundred of his or her rostered or active patients. The EMR User survey (completed online) accompanies the PRD. This is a one time payment
- [The EMR Product Upgrade Program \(EU\)](#) provides eligible physicians with a monthly funding subsidy to offset the cost of upgrading their EMR offering to Ontario's latest EMR Specification. The EU program is available from April 1, 2012-March 31, 2014 and replaces the Early Adopter EMR Upgrade Program (EA). After March 31, 2014, the EU Program will be replaced by the EMR Enhanced Use Program, which runs to March 31, 2015.

### Eligibility:

- Physicians practicing in Ontario who are currently enrolled in an EMR Adoption Program (PCIT, NA, EA), whose monthly subsidy has expired **and** who are using a Funding Eligible EMR offering compliant with Ontario's latest EMR Specification (Effective April 1, 2012 this is EMR Specification 4.1). Terms & Conditions for the new EMR Enhanced Use Program will soon be available on [www.ontariomd.ca](http://www.ontariomd.ca).



## Have a Question?

### Do you have a question?

The following links provide information about the EMR Adoption Program and related topics:

[EMR Funding](#) : Overview, guidelines, forms, and program information pertaining to the EMR Funding Program.

[EMR Offerings](#) : An overview of EMR vendors with Funding Eligible EMR offerings.

[EMR Specification](#) : Current Ontario EMR Specification requirements and supporting information.

[Transition Support Program](#) : Resources and services for physicians who are contemplating or implementing an EMR

[Peer Leader Program](#) : A program to help users optimize their existing EMRs

For information about Rheumatology specific tools and the ORA EMR project, please contact:

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**EMR Product:  
PS SUITE EMR**

TELUS Health has acquired the electronic medical records (EMR) business operated by MD Practice Software LP, a member of the MD Physician Services Group and a subsidiary of the Canadian Medical Association.

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PS Suite EMR v5.2 has successfully achieved the Ontario EMR Specification 4.1 and is a Funding Eligible EMR offering within Ontario.

**EMR Product:  
Accuro EMR**

Accuro is a suite of medical software modules that provides computer-based medical records for Specialist, Primary Care, and Allied Health Professionals, as well as administrative modules for billing and patient scheduling

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QHR's Accuro@ EMR CMS4 has successfully achieved the Ontario EMR Specification 4.1 and is a Funding Eligible EMR offering within Ontario.

**EMR Product:  
OSCAR EMR**

OSCAR (Open Source Clinical Application and Resource) from McMaster University is a web-based EMR (electronic medical record) system developed for academic primary care clinics yet suitable in specialty and non-teaching practices

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OSCAR EMR v12 has successfully achieved the Ontario EMR Specification 4.1 and is a Funding Eligible EMR offering within Ontario.