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WHY does AAO want you to know about IHE GEE and EC Summary? *General Eye Evaluation & Eye Care Summary*

The Path to Convenient Information Exchange between Practices

The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), State and Federal Governments, and even other international governments, have established certification programs for Electronic Health Records (EHR) systems related to the exchange of patient information.

These government programs (such as the certification process by the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC)) only define general health related data, such as problem lists, medications, allergies and more. Any certified EHR can perform these tasks. Check their certification. **But how do these standards apply to eye care?**

Eye Care professionals understandably are concerned about the usefulness of this data. It does NOT include eye care information. The AAO sponsored IHE Eye Care Committee is dedicated to making the health care data relevant to eye care. IHE Eye Care created specifications for eye care, capturing IOP, refractive measurement, vision, visual acuity and more.

IHE Eye Care has developed the General Eye Evaluation (GEE) and Eye Care Summary (EC Summary).

IHE GEE captures both the “general” and “eye care” data from a patient’s eye examination. This allows EHR to EHR exchange of a patient’s visit record.

IHE EC Summary captures the patient’s eye care summary record. Allowing EMR to EMR transfer or referral of care to another provider.

Non-ophthalmic Certified EHRs are required to receive and display GEE and EC Summary. Ophthalmic-specific Certified EHRs should be able to import the GEE and EC Summary data directly into the patient record.

IHE Eye Care GEE and EC Summary – Ask your vendor!

These are the challenges the AAO sponsored IHE Eye Care committee tackles every day to make your ophthalmic practice work more smoothly.

Did your vendors participate in the **Connectathon**?

Are your instruments or software **IHE Eye Care tested**?

Your success is our best result.

Look for more helpful information in future AAO IHE Eye Care newsletters.