

# Allscripts Referral Network

## Simple, Electronic and Integrated Patient Referrals

Referrals are the lifeblood of healthcare. The problem is that most are still done on paper. In fact automating the referral process is one of the last hurdles to eliminating paper, even for practices using an EHR.

Not only do paper processes add resource strain to an otherwise electronic practice, but the Meaningful Use requirements are driving practices to "...electronically exchange key clinical information among providers and patient authorized entities." Clearly it's time for a change.

Allscripts Referral Network quickly, easily and electronically refers patients and transfers critical patient data. Referral requests and patient data flow seamlessly between practices regardless of which Allscripts EHR they use. Plus, because the Allscripts Referral Network is integrated into Allscripts EHRs, providers simply use their existing workflows.

## How It Works

Three simple steps eliminate one of the last paper-based processes:

- 1. A referral is sent:** An Allscripts practice goes to the referral ordering workspace in their EHR to find a consulting provider. Using the same referral workflow they've always used, they see a new option to use the Allscripts Referral Network for electronic referrals. They simply select and attach all pertinent patient and referral information and send it directly to the consulting provider.
- 2. The patient is seen:** The consulting practice immediately receives the referral request and with a click can see all of the patient information that the referring physician included. Once the consulting provider finishes the consult evaluation, they use the Allscripts Referral Network integrated with their EHR to electronically send pertinent medical and referral information back to the referring physician.
- 3. The patient's record is updated in the EHR:** The referring practice immediately receives notification that the consult report is back. They can open the report and see all of the relevant patient and referral information. After review and acceptance, it's all added to the patient's electronic record.

With roughly 1 in 3 providers across the country using an Allscripts solution, the Allscripts Referral Network has the power to radically change, simplify and improve the referral process for providers nationwide.

Talk to your Allscripts Client Executive today to start taking advantage of the Allscripts Referral Network.

## Industry Needs:

- Automate the referral process
- Meet Meaningful Use requirements
- Access a network of referring physicians

## Key Benefits:

- Enhances care coordination
- Improves quality of communication
- Integrates and streamlines referral process
- Reduces administrative time and tasks
- Eliminates paper
- Decreases costs
- Readiness to meet electronic data sharing requirements
- Decreases wait times for consulting appointments

