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# A Look at Online Health Records

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## Healthcare in a Digital Age

I recently took my dog, Brandi, for her annual vet visit.

The following day I received a call from the doctor providing the all clear on her blood test results and to check for follow up questions.

As the call ended, it occurred to me that I don't receive a call from my doctor with my test results.

Does my dog get better service than me?!?

In this time of self-service, it can feel like we aren't getting the personal service or information that we need. The reality is that we are, but in a different way.

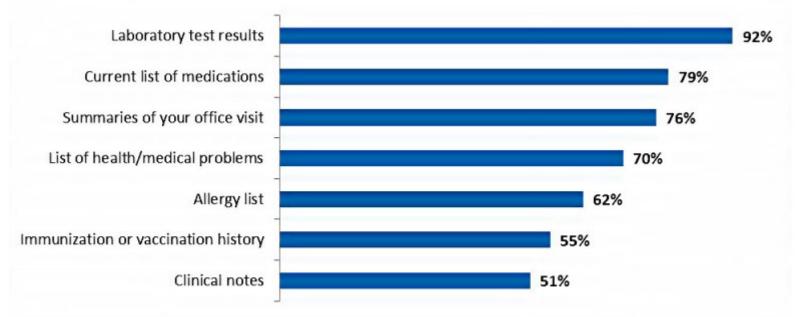
Welcome to the age of digital healthcare!



### Reported by The Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology

- As of 2017, 52% of individuals have been offered online access to their medical records<sup>1</sup>
- Of those that used the online access, at least 75% of individuals reported that it included lab results, medication list, and office visit summaries<sup>1</sup>

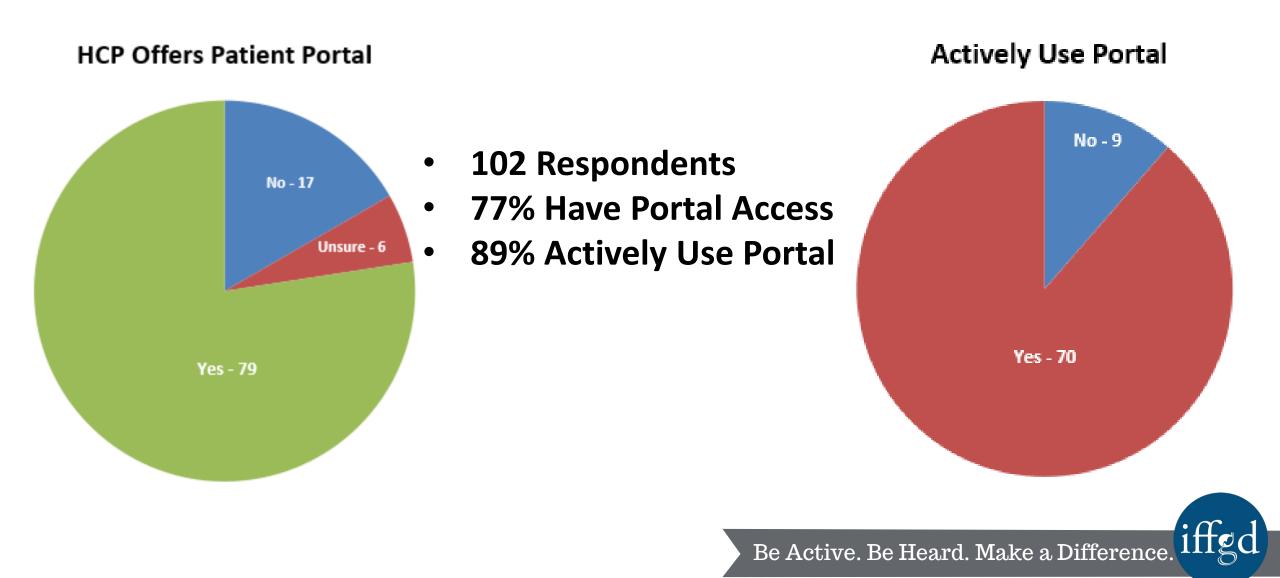
Figure 6: Types of information reported in individuals' medical record amongst those who were offered and accessed their record, 2017.



SOURCE: HINTS 5, Cycle 1, 2017

NOTE: Denominator represents individuals who were offered access to the online medical record and viewed their online medical records at least once within the last year.

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#### What users like:

- Easy & fast access to records i.e. lab results, office visit and procedure summaries
- Ability to review bills
- Direct messaging to healthcare provider (HCP)
- Ability to request prescription refills
- Record sharing with other HCP
- 24/7 access and ability to access in privacy of home



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#### What users don't like:

- HCP too focused on data entry during appointment
- Information can be incomplete or inaccurate
- System difficult to navigate
- Unable to attach files
- Offline\Downtime
- Different system don't talk to each other
- Feels impersonal

## It's Your Health, Own it!

### Access is important

- Verify personal information including date of birth, address, and insurance
- Verify medical information including medical history, health conditions and allergies
- Review medical bills
- Report Inaccuracies!

### Online records can help

- Access to office visit summary
- Medication list and refill request
- Immunization history
- Lab test results
- Share your health records
- Communicate with healthcare provider via secure message

# Need Help?

- Ask your healthcare provider if online access is available and where to find resources on using it
- Get <u>The Guide to Getting and Using Your Health</u> <u>Records</u> at

The Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology

www.healthit.gov/how-to-get-your-health-record



# Thank you!