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Electronic medical records are improving patient care

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We asked area physicians and health executives how technology has improved their patient care over the past few years. Here are their responses.

"There is no question that technology has helped to speed the acquisition of clinical information such as radiological images and laboratory results. It has also improved the ability of health care professionals to communicate and relay ongoing patient evaluations and treatment plans. Advances in equipment, such as innovative robot-assisted therapy equipment and computer-based programs, help us provide evidence-based care to improve patient outcomes."

Dr. Trevor H. Paris, Medical director, Vice president of Brooks Rehabilitation Medical Group

"Thanks to technology, our organization has made incredible strides in the past few years in how we care for our patients. Our Epic electronic medical records system has streamlined how we manage and share patient information. Our physicians and caregivers now have patient records at their fingertips, and that helps us tremendously in their treatment."

Russ Armistead, CEO of University of Florida Health Jacksonville

"JOI is going through the process of implementing a new practice management and electronic medical records system in the next few months and we know the transition will be challenging in the short term but very rewarding in the long term."

John J. Ricchini, Executive director of Jacksonville Orthopaedic Institute

"Technology has definitely improved our ability to care for patients. For example, the implementation of the electronic medical record. Legibility of the physicians' orders and progress notes are improved, the timing of orders and tests are accurately documented and executed, all of which improves patient safety and satisfaction."

Jim O'Loughlin, President, CEO of Memorial Hospital

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