



What is the Cures Act?

- ◆ Cures Act is a federal law with a wide scope to advance medical innovations.
- ◆ It is also called the Open Notes Act.
- ◆ On June 6th, we will begin sending notes in their entirety across to the patient portal.
- ◆ Our patient portal is Follow My Health.
- ◆ Almost all of our notes will go to the portal with a few exceptions.
- ◆ These exceptions include psychotherapy, STD testing, some behavioral health, social work, and addiction treatment.
- ◆ We will not be sending tasks, communications notes, medical student notes, and alert/FYI info in the banner.

Tips from the EHR Team

- ♣ June 6, 2022—Open Notes Go-Live!
- ♣ Notes will cross to the portal when finalized, so resident notes won't go until signed by the attending.
- ♣ Old notes (prior to 6/6/22) won't go to the portal unless they are edited and signed/finalized again.
- ♣ Avoid abbreviations, try to create more patient-friendly notes.
- ♣ Familiarize yourself with a patient portal. You should sign up for the patient portal too regardless of where your healthcare providers practice.
- ♣ Don't be information-blocking! The EHR will have a confidential section that won't go to the portal. Use it judiciously.
- ♣ **Complete and finalize notes on time!** Late notes are information-blocking.
- ♣ The feds have made it really easy to report information-blocking behavior on the internet.
- ♣ Work with your manager and team to prepare for patient concerns about these changes.
- ♣ Review information from Dr. Holmes and the EHR Team.
- ♣ Contact the EHR team with any questions.