MFHT Locum EMR Resource/Introduction

In November 2008, MFHT adopted an EMR, converting from a paper-based charting system to one mostly electronic (for now), with hopes to be entirely digital within a couple of years. EMRs are the way of the future, and it is important for all health care professionals to become comfortable with their use, however systems are variable in their interface and functionality, and ours is no different. The EMR at MFHT is OSCAR supported by our internal I.T. Coordinator Joe Newing and the software vendor, Providecom. What follows is a brief introduction to our EMR, with some basics about how to navigate through patients' "charts". For a more detailed orientation, you should speak with other group physicians of the practice.

First things first…..

System Requirements

We run a Unix-based server at our clinic that supports our EMR, with a robust security system that exceeds the provincial standards for health care information protection. We have both hardwire and wireless access, depending on needs.

Both PC and Mac systems will work, although the Mac keyboard lacks the "Insert" key that makes navigating the EMR a more efficient process. At the beginning of your clinical experience, our IT Coordinator (Joseph Newing) will meet with you to ensure that you can access our system.

Accessibility

Each user requires a Username and Password, both for access to the server and to access the EMR. On your first day, these will be provided for you by Joseph. He will also give you brief instructions on how to access the EMR.