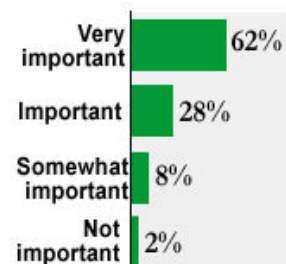


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How Important Is EHR Availability to Medical Students in Choosing a Future Practice?



Sixty-two percent of medical students said having an electronic health record system at the place they choose to practice is very important, according to a [survey](#) by Epocrates.

Twenty-eight percent of medical students surveyed said EHR availability was important in choosing a practice, while 8% said it was somewhat important. Two percent of respondents said EHR availability was not important in choosing a future practice.

Sixty-eight percent of medical students said they have had experience with an EHR system during their rotations.

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The survey also found that just 2% of medical students said they believe there will be universal EHR adoption within the next one to two years. Fourteen percent of respondents said universal EHR adoption will occur within the next three to four years, while 39% said five to seven years

and 30% said eight to 10 years.

Fourteen percent of medical students surveyed said they think it will take more than 10 years to achieve universal EHR adoption.

Results are based on a May 2008 survey of 925 medical students who use Epocrates software.

Source: Epocrates