

Dr. Tina Venetos Switches From Paper and Saves Up to Four Hours a Day with modmed EMA™ for Dermatology



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Key Benefits of modmed EMA:

- Dermatology-specific electronic health records (EHR) system
- Integration with modmed Pathology™ simplifies the pathology process
- Real-time documentation saves time
- Secure access to patient data from multiple office locations
- Flawless transition to ICD-10

Background

Dr. Tina Venetos, managing physician and dermatologist at Northshore Dermatology Center in Lake Bluff Ill., had been using paper and dictation as her methods of documentation for over 15 years. She decided to start researching EHR systems in hopes of decreasing the number of hours she spent at the end of the day completing her notes.

“I’m not very computer savvy, so the thought of going from paper to electronic was intimidating. The first time I came across modmed EMA was during a conference I was attending. What I loved instantly was the fact that it was cloud-based in contrast to other systems I had seen. My office has three locations so having the ability to access a patient’s chart from

any office was very appealing. I also liked that it is a native iPad application and is so user-friendly,” Dr. Venetos said.

“Once we decided to move forward with modmed EMA we attended online training sessions once a week. At the end of the training, we started to incorporate it into our practice by seeing a few patients per day, working our way to completely live in just a few weeks. We successfully went from an archaic paper organization to being fully paperless, which was a phenomenal accomplishment.”

Goodbye Hours of Noting

By documenting in real-time with modmed EMA, Dr. Venetos is able to see the same volume of patients as with paper while also saving time.

“I see about 40-50 patients per day and prior to modmed EMA, I would take my charts home and have to dictate at night. My scribe would then type up the notes and a few days later I would review and sign off,” she explained. “The beauty of modmed EMA is that when I examine a patient, the note is finished the minute I walk out of the room. The previous turn around time is eliminated and now I have access to

the patient chart immediately.”

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Data Access From Multiple Locations

modmed EMA’s cloud-based platform allows Dr. Venetos to access patient data from multiple office locations.

“I do have three office locations so being cloud-based provides the ease of portability. If my physician’s assistant is seeing a patient in another office and has a question, I can look up the patient information and provide an answer no matter which office I’m in. Also if I’m at home, I use PocketEMA™ and I’m able to access that information from my iPhone. I have the ability to view when the patient was last seen, what their diagnosis was and refill a prescription, all at my fingertips.”

Intelligent Coding

“I used to under-code for fear of being audited. modmed EMA does the coding for us based on the documentation that has been done in the chart. Our billing collections have increased and I no longer have to worry if I’m choosing the right code; it does that for me. The transition to ICD-10 has also been flawless and we didn’t skip a beat. I’m now comfortable knowing that I have the backing of the data provided by modmed EMA to justify the codes.”

modmed Pathology

Dr. Venetos has also started using Modernizing Medicine’s pathology module, modmed Pathology, which fully integrates with modmed EMA. “We became a beta tester for modmed Pathology, which is another great example of how modmed EMA is continuously evolving. With this component our pathologist can process a specimen in our in-house lab, generate the pathology report and automatically incorporate it into the patient’s chart. This has streamlined our pathology process and it’s made my life a lot easier.”