

Cardiology EHR Long Term Use Case Study

Dr. Hassan Kafri is an interventional cardiologist in Chula Vista, CA who provides specialized care for the heart and cardiovascular system. Though Dr. Kafri had experience in paper-based documentation, he looked for an electronic health record (EHR) software to provide his practice with effective documentation storage, cloud-based patient records, and cardiology-specific tools.

Dr. Kafri eventually [adopted Prognosis' specialized Cardiology EHR](#) in 2008, and has worked with Prognosis since. The tools of Prognosis EHR helped him provide his patients with exceptional care.

Transitioning to Electronic Documentation

“For me it was very intuitive and natural, to start using EHR. [Adopting electronic documentation] was an issue of accessing documentation and storage, and it seemed to be a very simple solution.”



Paper-based documentation, while once the norm, is error prone and leads to substantial costs with shipping, storage, and manual record keeping. [Dr. Kafri](#) was interested in a way to implement a paperless solution without impediments to his practice. With Prognosis, he found a simple, easy-to-use solution.

Prognosis EHR reduced costs associated with paper-based documentation: packaging and shipping costs, paper and toner use, and almost eliminating the potential for human error. It also improved workflow of his practice. Front-end staff did not have to deal with tedious financial paper work, and spent less time checking co-pay amounts, patient eligibility, and missing charges.

Facilitating Patient Care through a Cloud-based EHR

One of the benefits Dr. Kafri noted was the ability to access patient records from outside the hospital. This feature allows him to review patient records and communicate or share information with patients at any time.

Dr. Kafri uses Prognosis through the [Prognosis iPhone app](#) to access records: “[The app] is really helpful when you’re at a restaurant, or at home...and [patients] call you for some advice. You can look at previous echo results, previous interactions, and your [patient] plan.”

The ability to view records anywhere is invaluable in situations demanding immediate access to patient data. Dr. Kafri benefited from the

“The EHR, mainly, was for documentation, reducing or eliminating errors, and facilitating multiple office locations and chart access.”

“We get calls a lot. Sometime [the patients] end up in the emergency room, there are always different problems, and [the doctors] call us, and they say, ‘what did your echocardiograms show? [The patient] said she had one in your office a few months ago,’ and if you’re not in the office in front of your computer, then [the echocardiogram] will be very easy to access.”

Specialized Cardiology Tools to Effectively Manage Patients

Dr. Kafri specializes in treating the heart and cardiovascular system, so naturally he would want an EHR that can cater to his needs. He utilizes Prognosis’ cardiology-specific diagnostic tools such as the Cardiopulmonary Stress Test, Carotid Doppler Duplex Scan, and Echo Doppler to help him treat his patients.

Because Prognosis offers customizable templates depending on the practice, it enables providers to accurately manage patient data specific to their needs.



Meaningful Use with Dr. Kafri

As a fully Meaningful Use ready solution, Prognosis understands the benefits of MU program. The program encourages healthcare providers to show “meaningful use” of a certified EMR system. The overall goal of the MU program is to promote the widespread adoption of EMR systems, ultimately creating an interoperable infrastructure that improves the quality, safety and efficiency of patient care.

While Dr. Kafri’s main objective is not the financial benefits of MU, he acknowledges the powerful tools associated with EMR adoption as he commented, “...the classical benefits, having to document clearly, it eliminates the legibility of your writing. It’s safer, [and] you also facilitate the information-communication with the billing department because they can read claims easily. You benefit from many aspects...”

Prognosis EHR was fully ready to handle the challenges of Dr. Kafri's practice, whether or not the focus was Meaningful Use.

Continued Support with Prognosis

Dr. Kafri has been a client of Prognosis for over 8 years. With Prognosis EHR, he's seen a seamless transition from paper-based documentation to electronic health records. Dr. Kafri uses the many features of Prognosis, such as the customized templates and Prognosis iPhone app, which enable him to minimize costs and provide exceptional care to his patients.

Cloud-based EHR is the future of medical record keeping, and Prognosis works with its clients to stay at the forefront of efficient and innovative EHR technology.

[Click here to watch](#) Dr. Hassan Kafri's testimonial on Prognosis Cardiology EHR.

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