

Electronic Medical Records: Discussion on Next Steps for Public Health Units

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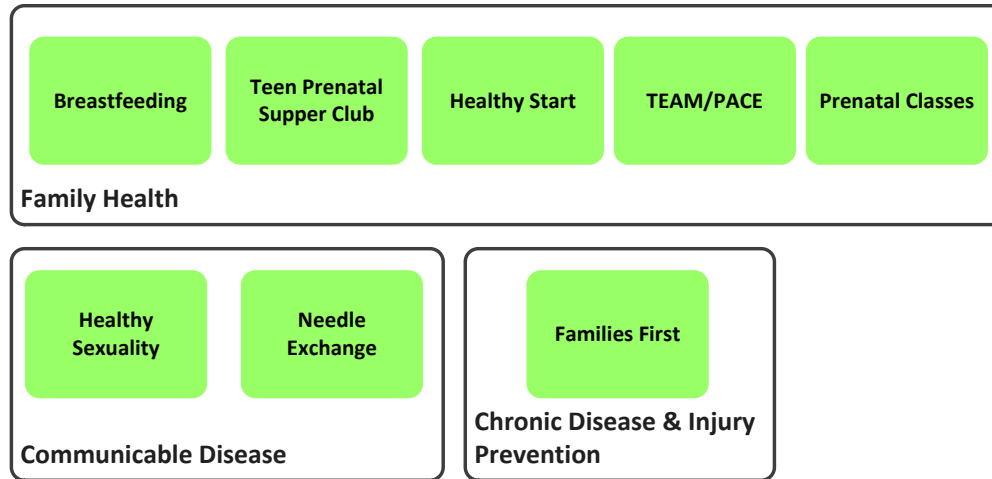
Peel's Feasibility Investigation

- Purpose:
 - To identify business requirements of Peel's clinical services and individual client service programs
 - Determine if an EMR is the appropriate solution to meet the business, clinical process and documentation needs of the program areas

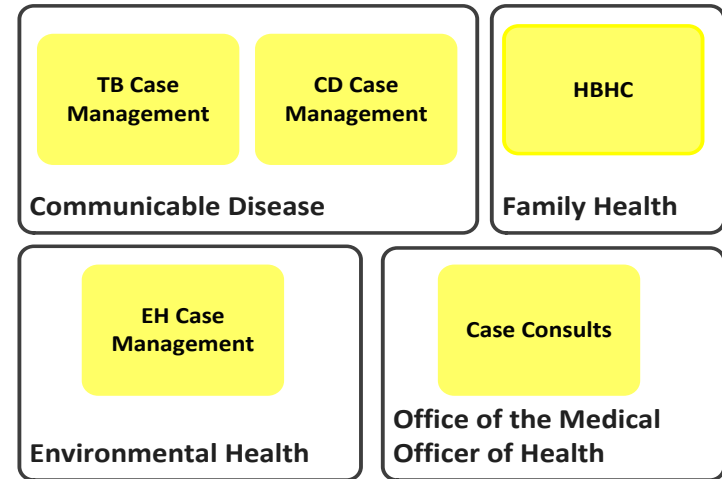


Which programs could an EMR support?

Strong case for EMR Alignment



Moderate case for EMR Alignment

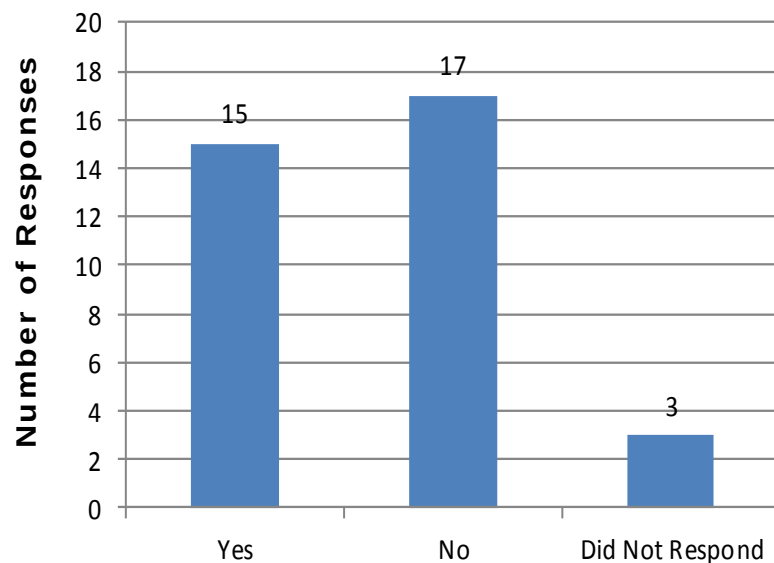


Weak case for EMR Alignment

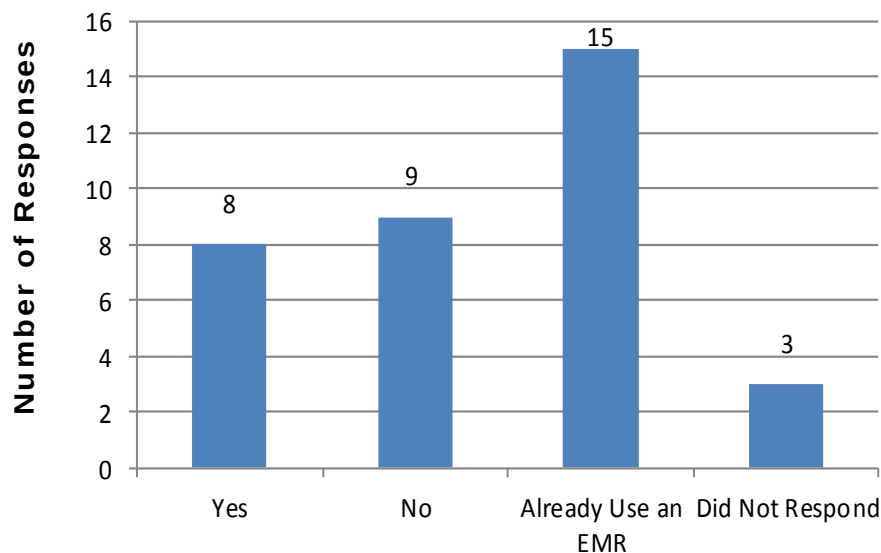


Have Ontario health units implemented EMRs?

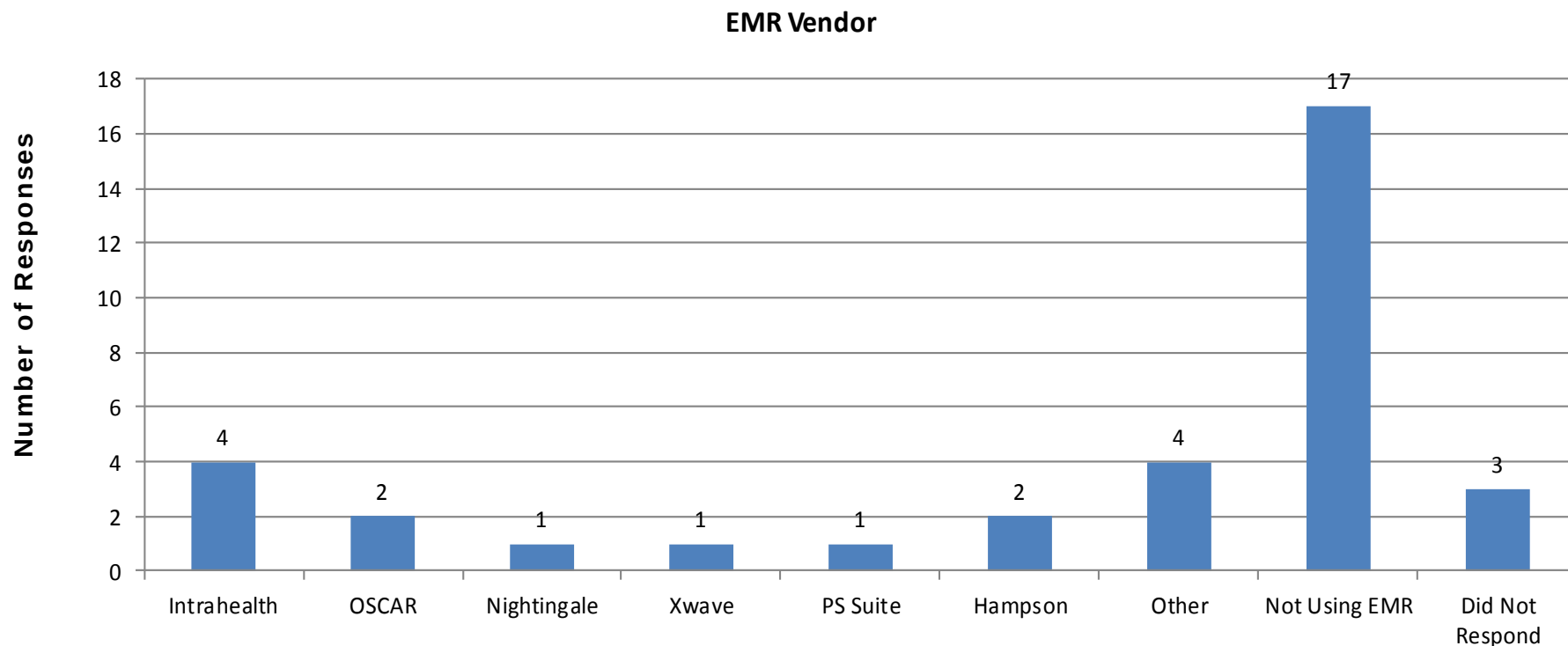
Current Use of an EMR



Future Plans to Implement an EMR



Which EMRs are in use?



*Other includes Excelicare, Penelope, MaxGold and Clinic Database. Note that some of these solutions, as well as Hampson, are single service software solutions primarily used within sexual health clinics and are not considered a robust EMR



PHU Working Group review of role and value of EMR for public health

- Assumption: Likely limited interest in standardizing EMR systems given investment to date
- Identified areas of opportunity:
 - Share experiences
 - Standardize data elements



Is there another approach? A look at the Association of Ontario Health Centres

- Impetus
- Governance
- Implementation
- Value



Discussion

- Is there a case to be made for standardization across health units?
- What would need to happen in order to move in that direction?