

*A message from Lisa Reed, Dawn Nee and Tricia Brisbois*

## Community Program Update – August 10, 2021

The following is our monthly update of progress including some information on Hardware Vendors and a Data Archiving solution that have been reviewed and approved by the EpicEdge Physician Steering Committee.

### EpicEdge Community Preferred IT Vendors

As mentioned in our [July update](#), our EpicEdge Community team has been going through a process to identify, review and recommend preferred IT vendors for the Community practices who don't have an existing relationship with an IT vendor or who are looking for options of available vendors. It's important for practices to engage a vendor to purchase necessary equipment and support their practice over time. The list of vendors was evaluated against the following criteria:

- Epic experience
- Customer support
- Dedication to make the Epic implementation at the practice successful
- Experience with Private Practices
- Willingness to work collaboratively with Wellforce as well as other IT vendors

The recommended vendors were presented to and approved by our EpicEdge Community Leadership Council and Physician Steering Committee.

[Click here to view the preferred IT vendors.](#)

### Data Conversion and Archiving

To migrate to Epic, a practice is recommended to complete both conversion and archiving of their legacy EHR data. Similarly to the Hardware Vendor process described above, our EpicEdge Community team has been going through a process to evaluate data conversion and archiving vendors. The vendors have been evaluated by assessing their capabilities, ease of use, experience with multiple EHRs and private practices, and cost.

After a thorough review of multiple vendors, the Wellforce EpicEdge Community team recommended to the Leadership Council and Physician Steering Committee to offer the WIISE system, which is a Wellforce developed archiving platform, to Wave 1 practices. WIISE is the same data archiving solution being used for our hospitals and employed physicians. In addition, because each practice has a unique set-up and different EMR vendors, we are also developing a worksheet to complete with each practice which outlines the options available and helps each practice determine the best solution for them.

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