



MDERA

Medical Doctors' Electronic Records Association of Southern Alberta

FAQ's: About MDERA

What is MDERA and who belongs to it?

MDERA is the parent association for the "Medical Doctors Electronic Record Association of Southern Alberta". MDERA's members are all physician members of the UofC Faculty of Medicine and the CHR Department of Medicine who were interviewed in 2005 regarding incorporating Electronic Medical Records into their offices and clinics.

What is EMIS?

EMIS (Egton Medical Information Systems) is the software chosen by the DoM Vendor Selection Committee in March 2006, and deemed to be the product of choice by the CHR and UofC. This is the software that will be downloaded onto your computer for use.

What do I have access to with EMIS?

Using EMIS you will have access to all your patient charts, files and records including:

- historical consultation letters
- electronic lab results
- faxed referrals and attachments

You will have access to EMIS outside of the UofC and CHR environments using an Alberta Health and Wellness FOB.

You will also have the benefits of the Data Sharing Agreement with CHR recently finalized and signed with MDERA.

How do I become a member of MDERA?

The invitation to join MDERA is extended to, Dept of Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, Primary Care Networks, and private practice physicians across Southern Alberta.

The first step to becoming a member of MDERA requires that you submit the following POSP (Physicians Office Systems Program) Forms by way of MDERA

- POSP Application Form
- the AMA / POSP Letter of Agreement,
- a Phase 3 Funding Enrolment Form.

Completed forms are faxed to the MDERA office at 1-866-362-2790 and from there forwarded on to POSP. This will include you in MDERA membership.

Where do my funding dollars go?

Funds from POSP are redirected by the physician members into MDERA as a third party. MDERA then pays for your EMIS licensing, a technical assessment of your current set-up and evaluation of your

needs, any new computer equipment you may require to comply with the technological architecture design, training for the physicians and their clinical and administrative staff, on-site support, and individually customized template development with a specialist in this area. Funds also pay for the faxing and scanning transfer of data from your paper charts directly into your EMIS user account in a secure environment.

How do I gain access to EMIS?

To gain access to EMIS you will contact the MDERA Office at 1-403-220-7893 and advise of your member status. A set of forms for User Access, Confidentiality Agreement, UCMG Profile Setup and UCMG Historical Consultation Letters (both Transcription) and e-Lab application, and FOB application forms will be sent to you for completion to be returned once again to the MDERA office by FAX at 1-866-362-2790. When your User Access forms have been approved and submitted to the Access Office and CHR Help Desk, you will be emailed your EMIS and CITRIX userid's and passwords.

When can I expect to receive my training?

Training sessions are set up by the MDERA Trainers. At present the goal is to have all of MDERA members by Division in agreement to go on line at the same time. Several individual members including the members from the Rheumatology Division have been trained and are actively using EMIS in their clinics. A schedule for your Division will be established and you will be advised when training is to start.

Who do I contact for further information?

Please contact Maura Duncan, Office Manager, MDERA by phone at 220-7893, or by fax 1-866-362-2790, or email mjduncan@mdera.ca.

You can also read more about MDERA, POSP and EMIS on our website www.mdera.ca We are also linked to the Dept of Medicine website.

