

## **New Electronic Health Record = Improved Care**

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We are excited to announce on December 13, 2016, we transitioned to a new Electronic Health Record (EHR) called “Cerner” to enable your healthcare team to enhance communication by sharing important information about your health in live time. For patients referred to ANMC or seen by ANMC specialists at field clinics, the shared electronic health record enhances the quality of care our people receive and improves care team communication and efficiency. Our Providers will now have complete documentation from an ANMC inpatient or clinic visit immediately available when a patient returns home.

In the coming weeks, we will be installing computers in the exam rooms at our clinics. This will allow your care team to receive and track patient data from your visit, outline major illnesses, surgeries, allergies and medication, track or enter a prescription or order a lab, quickly retrieve lab or x-ray results, and more. Most importantly, it keeps everyone on your care team focused on what matters most- your good health.

With the incorporation of the EHR in the exam rooms, you will notice a few changes in how your healthcare team handles your exams. You will see that instead of taking written notes during your exam, your healthcare provider will type straight into the EHR. This will mean that, at least for a while, your exam will take a little longer but please bear with us - the EHR is a powerful tool that helps us deliver the highest quality of care that you deserve and should expect.

Using the EHR in the exam room will give your Primary Care Provider (PCP) and other members on your care team immediate access to your health records during and after your visit and whenever you go in our Health System. Whether you're at a clinic, or even in Anchorage for care, your Provider will have all the information from your visit – one of the best ways to ensure you get the right care and treatment.

So please be patient with your healthcare team and forgive them for having to spend a little extra time looking at a computer. Getting your information into the new EHR system is going to mean improved care for you and your family.

## **In-Clinic Medications Available To All Community Members**

Within our village located community clinics, in-clinic medications are available to all community members for emergent and urgent needs. We keep a limited supply of medications to treat emergent needs regardless of beneficiary status.