ADAPTATION OF AN ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORD SYSTEM IN A FREE STANDING AMBULATORY SURGERY CENTER  
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Background:  
Health care agencies throughout the United States are converting to electronic medical records. “Within five years all of America’s medical records will be computerized according to President Obama.” This will cut waste, eliminate red tape, reduce the need to repeat expensive medical tests and prevent medical errors.

Objectives:  
Our goal was to convert to electronic medical record keeping within six months at the Kona Surgery Center.

Process Implementation:  
1. Physicians were trained within three months to use PROVATION as EMR (electronic medical record system) following their surgical and diagnostic procedures the Kona Surgery Center.
2. Nurses were trained within six months to use PROVATION as EMR (electronic medical record system) as pre-call, pre-procedure, procedure, post-procedure and follow-up call.
3. Nurse and Physician education was provided by a PROVATION employee over a two week process.
4. A Kona Surgery Center nurse was educated as a “super user” to provide further education after the PROVATION two week training.

Positive Outcomes:  
1. We are complying with the Federal requirements to implement EMR or Electronic Medical Records by 2014.
2. We process our patients efficiently through the PROVATION EMR pre-call and pre-procedure by the pre-op nurse, the procedure by the operating room nurse, and the post-op and follow-up call by the post-op nurse.
3. Physician offices are linked to the PROVATION EMR for post procedure health information.

Evaluation:  
While the development of the PROVATION EMR system at the Kona Surgery Center is still in its infancy; we are successfully connecting our physicians, surgeons, insurance companies and other medical institutions with our patients health records. We are proud to carry the torch here in Kona, Hawaii and be part of an EMR system within the PeriAnesthesia Arena.