Online Services + Eye Care Practices

How Eyecare Providers are Using the Internet to Add Efficiency and Solve their Day-to-Day Process Dilemmas

In today's modern eye care practice, the Internet is more than just a destination for checking email and surfing the web. ECPs are logging on to access online services for processes their practice relies on in order to function - processes that, before the rise of the Internet and the availability of industry-specific solutions, were managed through a tedious system of paper copies, snail mail, faxes, and phone calls. It's not enough to say the Internet makes things easier, we already know that. But what is it exactly that practices are managing online, and how they are doing it, and what they are getting out of it? We have the answers; check it out:



They DON'T use online services, but do they know what they are missing?



HOW Do They Do It?

Portals vs. Supplier Sites

Ordering portals give you access to hundreds of suppliers of several types of products in one location. You also get online order status and error-checking features that make ordering more efficient. Basically, it's one-stop shopping!

Clearinghouse vs. Payer Sites

A clearinghouse allows you to access thousands of payers in one location. That means you only have to learn one interface, not several like you would bouncing around to various payer sites.

They are on to something!

25% Don't think online services

will increase efficiency or lead

to better patient care

We Beg to

Differ!

WHY Do ECPs Use Online Services?

Online ordering is equipped with error-checking features and faster processing

50% Go to a Clearinghouse

42% Go to

Payer Sites

Orders placed online Make it back to the Practice <mark>2-3 DAYS</mark> Sooner that with

Patients

that!



Sources

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