

BESTPRACTICES ADVISORIES

Are Your BPAs Effective? Is There A Danger Of Alert Fatigue?

BestPractice Advisories can be an excellent avenue for alerting your clinical staff of potentially dangerous actions. However, the number of alerts your end users are seeing may be significantly higher than intended with a steady stream of new alert requests and a difficult-to-navigate method of determining who should see the alerts and at what points in their workflows. Not only does a high number of alerts cause most Epic users to pay less attention to them, but the frustration at seeing a high number of alerts – especially at the “wrong” point in their workflows – can increase a clinician’s likelihood of burning out.



BPA Review and Analysis

If your organization has not yet set up the BPA Cube for monitoring BPAs, we can help get that tool live. Once live, we will analyze your current mix of BPAs across all users and determine likely candidates for closer review and potential redesign. We will work with the appropriate operational stakeholders and technical resources to review those BPAs to ensure that they are displaying for the right audience with the intended frequency in the most appropriate workflows.



Review of BPA Creation

We will also review your organization’s alert request and approval, build, and testing, processes for opportunities to improve efficiency and verify that there are strict guidelines in place to ensure that any alerts requested in the future provide the right information at the right time to the right people. We will also ensure that your Epic Support Team is well-versed in the BPA Cube to enable them to monitor that tool moving forward to reduce the risk of unknown potential alert fatigue.



The Project

Depending on whether or not your BPA Cube is set up, a BestPractice Advisories Assessment typically takes between 4-6 weeks. At the end of the assessment, we will provide you with an overall report on the state of your BPAs, recommended alterations to some of the more negatively impactful records, and suggestions for changes to the processes noted above to ensure that your end users only see the most appropriate BPAs at the most appropriate times.

Discover how we can work together to maximize your Epic investment.

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> THE ASSESSMENT PROCESS

KEY PROJECT BENEFITS

Clinicians See the Right BPAs at the Right Time

- Less risk of alert fatigue contributing to clinician burnout
- Staff recognition that BPAs are appropriate and relevant, reducing the risk of them being ignored

More Structured BPA Process

- Higher confidence in the appropriateness and effectiveness of future BPAs

CereCore provided us with the flexibility, experience and cost effectiveness needed to continue supporting our end-users with the same care they have received in the past. By partnering with CereCore we combined excellence, key proven practices and deep expertise for the benefit of SLHS.

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SCOPE FINALIZATION & DATA REQUEST

- + Finalize Assessment, Scope, Timeframe, and Deliverable
- + Provides Data Requests
- + Submits Interview Requests



DATA GATHERING

- + Conducts Interviews
- + Reviews Requested Data
- + Reviews System Setup When Appropriate



DATA ANALYSIS

- + Analyzes Findings
- + Prepares Deliverable



DELIVERABLE PRESENTATION

- + Presents Deliverable and Recommended Next Steps
- + Presents Proposal to Achieve Next Steps



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