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Question number (Q#)	Variable Name	Description	SAS Format	Values for variable range and labels
Barcode	PROVIDER	Physician unique identifier	Numeric	1-16,633='Valid range for live data collection'
Q3	NUMLOC	Overall, at how many office locations (excluding hospital emergency) do you see outpatient or office-based patients in a normal week?	Numeric	0-10='Valid range' -9='Blank'
Q5	SETTING	At which of the outpatient or office-based settings (1-11) in Question 4, do you see the most patients? Write the number located next to the box you checked. (For the rest of the survey, we will refer to this as the "reporting location.")	Numeric	1='Private solo or group practice' 2='Freestanding clinic or Urgent Care Center' 3='Community Health Center (e.g., Federally Qualified Health Center [FQHC], federally funded clinics or "look-alike" clinics)' 4='Mental health center' 5='Government clinic that is not federally funded (e.g., state, county, city, maternal and child health, etc.)' 6='Family planning clinic (including Planned Parenthood)' 7='Integrated Delivery System, Health maintenance organization, health system or other prepaid practice (e.g., Kaiser Permanente)' 8='Faculty practice plan (an organized group of physicians that treats patients referred to an academic medical center)' 9='Indian Health Service' 10='Rural Health Clinic (Federally Qualified)' 11='Hospital outpatient departments' -7='Not applicable' -9='Blank'
Q7	PSIZECAT	How many physicians, including you, work at <u>this practice</u> (including physicians at the reporting location, and physicians at any other locations of the practice)?	Numeric	1='1 physician' 2='2-3 physicians' 3='4-10 physicians' 4='11-50 physicians' 5='51-100 physicians' 6='More than 100 physicians' -9='Blank'
Q8	IPAPHO	Is this medical organization affiliated with an Independent Practice Association (IPA) or Physician Hospital Organization (PHO)?	Numeric	1='Yes' 2='No' -8='Don't know' -9='Blank'

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Q9	MCAIDINS	Do you treat patients insured by Medicaid?	Numeric	1='Yes' 2='No' -8="Don't know" -9='Blank'
Q9a	MCAIDINS2	Do you accept Medicaid insurance for new patients?	Numeric	1='Yes' 2='No' -7='Not applicable' -8="Don't know" -9='Blank'
Q10	MCAREINS	Do you treat patients insured by Medicare?	Numeric	1='Yes' 2='No' -8="Don't know" -9='Blank'
Q10a	MCAREINS2	Do you accept Medicare insurance for new patients?	Numeric	1='Yes' 2='No' -7='Not applicable' -8="Don't know" -9='Blank'
Q11	OWNS1	Who owns the reporting location? CHECK ONE.	Numeric	1='Physician or physician group' 2='Insurance company, health plan, or Health Maintenance Organization' 3='Community Health Center' 4='Medical/Academic health center' 5='Other hospital' 6='Other health care corporation' 7='Other' -9='Blank'
Q12	EMEDREC	Does the reporting location <u>use</u> an EHR system? Do not include billing record systems.	Numeric	1='Yes' 2='No' -8="Don't know" -9='Blank'

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Q13	HHSMU	Is your EHR system certified to meet U.S. Department of Health and Human Services requirements? Certified EHRs are necessary to meet the objectives of Meaningful Use/Promoting Interoperability Program. If unsure, see if your system meets the requirements here: https://chpl.healthit.gov/#/search	Numeric	1='Yes' 2='No' -7='Not Applicable' -8='Don't know' -9='Blank'
Q14	EHRNAME	What is the name of your primary EHR system? CHECK ONLY ONE BOX. If Other is checked, please specify the name.	Numeric	1='Allscripts' 2='athenahealth' 3='Cerner' 4='eClinicalWorks' 5='Epic' 6='Meditech' 7='Modernizing Medicine' 8='NextGen' 9='Practice Fusion' 10='Greenway' 11='Other' 12='Unknown' -7='Not Applicable' -9='Blank'
Q15	EHRSAT	Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your EHR system?	Numeric	1='Very satisfied' 2='Somewhat satisfied' 3='Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied' 4='Somewhat dissatisfied' 5='Very dissatisfied' 6='Not applicable' -7='Not applicable, no EHR' -9='Blank'
Q16	SDHSN	Does your reporting location routinely collect data on individual patients' health-related social needs (often referred to as social determinants of health) such as transportation access, housing instability, or food insecurity?	Numeric	1='Yes, routinely' 2='Yes, but not routinely' 3='No' -7='Not applicable' -8='Don't know' -9='Blank'

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Q17(1)	SN_BUTTON	How often do you or designated staff document individual patients' health-related social needs using A screening tool in your EHR (e.g., that is entered from a paper form or by checking a box/button)?	Numeric	1='Often' 2='Sometimes' 3='Rarely' 4= 'Never' -7='Not applicable' -8="Don't know" -9='Blank'
Q17(2)	SN_NOTE	How often do you or designated staff document individual patients' health-related social needs using Free text note written in EHR?	Numeric	1='Often' 2='Sometimes' 3='Rarely' 4= 'Never' -7='Not applicable' -8="Don't know" -9='Blank'
Q17(3)	SN_DIAG	How often do you or designated staff document individual patients' health-related social needs using Diagnosis codes entered in EHR (i.e., ICD-10-DM Z codes)?	Numeric	1='Often' 2='Sometimes' 3='Rarely' 4= 'Never' -7='Not applicable' -8="Don't know" -9='Blank'
Q17(4)	SN_NONELEC	How often do you or designated staff document individual patients' health-related social needs using Non-electronic methods (including paper forms scanned into the EHR)?	Numeric	1='Often' 2='Sometimes' 3='Rarely' 4= 'Never' -7='Not applicable' -8="Don't know" -9='Blank'
Q18(1)	HSNSSO	How often do you or designated staff use individual patients' health-related social needs data at your reporting location for Referrals to services (e.g., social service organizations)?	Numeric	1='Often' 2='Sometimes' 3='Rarely' 4= 'Never' -7='Not applicable' -8="Don't know" -9='Blank'

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Q18(2)	HSNCMDM	How often do you or designated staff use individual patients' health-related social needs data at your reporting location for Clinical decision making?	Numeric	1='Often' 2='Sometimes' 3='Rarely' 4='Never' -7='Not applicable' -8='Don't know' -9='Blank'
Q19	TELEMEDICINE	Does your practice use telemedicine technology (e.g., audio, audio with video, web videoconference) for patient visits?	Numeric	1='Yes' 2='No' -8='Don't know' -9='Blank'
Q19a1	TELEMEDTOOL1	What type(s) of telemedicine tools did you use for patient visits? CHECK ALL THAT APPLY. Telephone audio	Numeric	0='Box is not marked' 1='Box is marked' -7='Not Applicable'
Q19a2	TELEMEDTOOL2	What type(s) of telemedicine tools did you use for patient visits? CHECK ALL THAT APPLY. Videoconference software with audio (e.g., Zoom, Webex, FaceTime)	Numeric	0='Box is not marked' 1='Box is marked' -7='Not Applicable'
Q19a3	TELEMEDTOOL3	What type(s) of telemedicine tools did you use for patient visits? CHECK ALL THAT APPLY. Telemedicine platform NOT integrated with EHR (e.g., Doxy.me)	Numeric	0='Box is not marked' 1='Box is marked' -7='Not Applicable'
Q19a4	TELEMEDTOOL4	What type(s) of telemedicine tools did you use for patient visits? CHECK ALL THAT APPLY. Telemedicine platform integrated with EHR (e.g., update clinical documentation during telemedicine visit)	Numeric	0='Box is not marked' 1='Box is marked' -7='Not Applicable'

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Q19a5	TELEMEDTOOLS	What type(s) of telemedicine tools did you use for patient visits? CHECK ALL THAT APPLY. Other tools	Numeric	0='Box is not marked' 1='Box is marked' -7= 'Not Applicable'
Q20	METHSEHRFREQ	How often do you electronically <u>send</u> patient health information to other providers outside your medical organization using an EHR system (not eFax) or a Web Portal (separate from EHR)?	Numeric	1='Often' 2='Sometimes' 3='Rarely' 4= 'Never' -8="Don't know" -9='Blank'
Q21	METHREHRFREQ	How often do you electronically <u>receive</u> patient health information from other providers outside your medical organization using an EHR system (not eFax) or a Web Portal (separate from EHR)?	Numeric	1='Often' 2='Sometimes' 3='Rarely' 4='Never' -8="Don't know" -9='Blank'
Q22	PHAPHI	Does your reporting location electronically send or receive patient health information with public health agencies? <i>Public health agencies include the CDC, state or local public health authorities.</i>	Numeric	1='Yes' 2='No' 4='Not Applicable' -8="Don't know" -9='Blank'
Q22a1	PHA1	What types of information do you electronically send or receive? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY) Syndromic surveillance data	Numeric	0='Box is not marked' 1='Box is marked' -7= 'Not Applicable'
Q22a2	PHA2	What types of information do you electronically send or receive? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY) Case reporting of reportable conditions	Numeric	0='Box is not marked' 1='Box is marked' -7= 'Not Applicable'
Q22a3	PHA3	What types of information do you electronically send or receive? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY) Immunization data	Numeric	0='Box is not marked' 1='Box is marked' -7= 'Not Applicable'

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Q22a4	PHA4	What types of information do you electronically send or receive? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY) Public health registry (e.g., cancer)	Numeric	0='Box is not marked' 1='Box is marked' -7='Not Applicable'
Q23	NSEARCHFREQ	When seeing a new patient or a patient who has previously seen another provider, how often do you electronically search or query for your patient's health information from sources outside of your medical organization? <i>This could include via remote or view only access to other facilities' EHR or health information exchange organization.</i>	Numeric	1='Often' 2='Sometimes' 3='Rarely' 4='Never' -8='Don't know' -9='Blank'
Q24	INTPHI	Does your EHR system integrate any type of patient health information received electronically (not eFax) without special effort like manual entry or scanning?	Numeric	1='Yes' 2='No' 4='Not Applicable' -8='Don't know' -9='Blank'
Q25	CINPOC	When treating patients seen by providers outside your medical organization, how often do you or your staff have clinical information from those outside encounters electronically available at the point of care? <i>Electronically available does not include scanned or PDF documents.</i>	Numeric	1='Often' 2='Sometimes' 3='Rarely' 4='Never' 6='I do not see patients outside my medical organization' -8='Don't know' -9='Blank'
Q26	EUSEPHIOUT	How frequently do you <u>use</u> patient health information electronically (not eFax) received from providers or sources outside your organization when treating a patient?	Numeric	1='Often' 2='Sometimes' 3='Rarely' 4='Never' -8='Don't know' -9='Blank'
Q27	EXTINFO_EFF	When you access clinical information from outside your organization (e.g., referrals, consult notes, discharge summaries, patient records) through any means (e.g., fax, phone, EHR, etc.), how easy is it to use the information to effectively care for your patients?	Numeric	1='Very' 2='Somewhat' 3='Not at all' 4='Not Applicable' -8='Don't know' -9='Blank'

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Q28(1)	EXTINFO_SCN	When you access clinical information about your patients from outside your organization (e.g., referrals, consult notes, discharge summaries, patient records), how often is it available as a scanned document?	Numeric	1='Often' 2='Sometimes' 3='Rarely' 4='Never' -8="Don't know" -9='Blank'
Q28(2)	EXTINFO_PORT	When you access clinical information about your patients from outside your organization (e.g., referrals, consult notes, discharge summaries, patient records), how often is it in an electronic portal (e.g., to a health information exchange) separate from your EHR?	Numeric	1='Often' 2='Sometimes' 3='Rarely' 4='Never' -8="Don't know" -9='Blank'
Q28(3)	EXTINFO_INT	When you access clinical information about your patients from outside your organization (e.g., referrals, consult notes, discharge summaries, patient records), how often is it integrated within your EHR (as opposed to a PDF)?	Numeric	1='Often' 2='Sometimes' 3='Rarely' 4='Never' -8="Don't know" -9='Blank'
Q29(1)	EXTINFO_REC	When looking for or using clinical information from outside your organization, to what extent do the following occur: Entire record is not available.	Numeric	1='To a great extent' 2='To some extent' 3='Not at all' 4='Not applicable' -9='Blank'
Q29(2)	EXTINFO_KEY	When looking for or using clinical information from outside your organization, to what extent do the following occur: Key information within record is missing/not available.	Numeric	1='To a great extent' 2='To some extent' 3='Not at all' 4='Not applicable' -9='Blank'
Q29(3)	EXTINFO_LOW	When looking for or using clinical information from outside your organization, to what extent do the following occur: Difficulty finding important information due to a large amount of low-value information.	Numeric	1='To a great extent' 2='To some extent' 3='Not at all' 4='Not applicable' -9='Blank'

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Q29(4)	EXTINFO_OTH	When looking for or using clinical information from outside your organization, to what extent do the following occur: Difficulty finding necessary information within the record for other reasons.	Numeric	1='To a great extent' 2='To some extent' 3='Not at all' 4='Not applicable' -9='Blank'
Q30(1)	HIEQOC	Electronically exchanging clinical information with other providers outside my medical organization improves my practice's quality of care.	Numeric	1='Strongly agree' 2='Somewhat agree' 3='Somewhat disagree' 4='Strongly disagree' 5='Not Applicable' -9='Blank'
Q30(2)	HIEEFF	Electronically exchanging clinical information with other providers outside my medical organization increases my practice's efficiency.	Numeric	1='Strongly agree' 2='Somewhat agree' 3='Somewhat disagree' 4='Strongly disagree' 5='Not Applicable' -9='Blank'
Q30(3)	HIEPRVRXER	Electronically exchanging clinical information with other providers outside my medical organization prevents medication errors.	Numeric	1='Strongly agree' 2='Somewhat agree' 3='Somewhat disagree' 4='Strongly disagree' 5='Not Applicable' -9='Blank'
Q30(4)	HIECARE	Electronically exchanging clinical information with other providers outside my medical organization enhances care coordination.	Numeric	1='Strongly agree' 2='Somewhat agree' 3='Somewhat disagree' 4='Strongly disagree' 5='Not Applicable' -9='Blank'

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Q30(5)	HIEDUPTTEST	Electronically exchanging clinical information with other providers outside my medical organization reduces duplicate test ordering.	Numeric	1='Strongly agree' 2='Somewhat agree' 3='Somewhat disagree' 4='Strongly disagree' 5='Not Applicable' -9='Blank'
Q31(1)	LACKCAP	Please indicate whether these issues are barriers to electronic information exchange <u>with providers outside your medical organization.</u> Providers in our referral network lack the capability to electronically exchange (e.g., no EHR system or health information exchange connection).	Numeric	1='Yes' 2='No' 4='Not Applicable' -8="Don't know" -9='Blank'
Q31(2)	ITSTAFF	Please indicate whether these issues are barriers to electronic information exchange <u>with providers outside your medical organization.</u> We have limited or no IT staff.	Numeric	1='Yes' 2='No' 4='Not Applicable' -8="Don't know" -9='Blank'
Q31(3)	HIECOSTOUT	Please indicate whether these issues are barriers to electronic information exchange <u>with providers outside your medical organization.</u> Electronic exchange involves incurring additional costs.	Numeric	1='Yes' 2='No' 4='Not Applicable' -8="Don't know" -9='Blank'
Q31(4)	MULPORTOUT	Please indicate whether these issues are barriers to electronic information exchange <u>with providers outside your medical organization.</u> Electronic exchange involves using multiple systems or portals.	Numeric	1='Yes' 2='No' 4='Not Applicable' -8="Don't know" -9='Blank'

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Q32(1)	SSRSTRDT	<p>For each type of public health reporting, please indicate whether your reporting location uses automated, manual or a mix of both types of processes to transmit the data. <i>Automated refers to EHR generated data sent electronically or automatically to the public health agency. Manual refers to chart abstraction with data faxed or re-input into a portal. A mix of both types of processes refers to files electronically generated from the EHR but manual steps required to transmit to public health agency.</i></p> <p>Syndromic surveillance reporting</p>	Numeric	<p>1='Fully or primarily automated' 2='Mix of automated and manual process' 3='Fully or primarily manual' 4='We do not report this type of information' -8='Don't know' -9='Blank'</p>
Q32(2)	IRRSTRDT	<p>For each type of public health reporting, please indicate whether your reporting location uses automated, manual or a mix of both types of processes to transmit the data. <i>Automated refers to EHR generated data sent electronically or automatically to the public health agency. Manual refers to chart abstraction with data faxed or re-input into a portal. A mix of both types of processes refers to files electronically generated from the EHR but manual steps required to transmit to public health agency.</i></p> <p>Case reporting of reportable conditions</p>	Numeric	<p>1='Fully or primarily automated' 2='Mix of automated and manual process' 3='Fully or primarily manual' 4='We do not report this type of information' -8='Don't know' -9='Blank'</p>
Q32(3)	ECRSTRDT	<p>For each type of public health reporting, please indicate whether your reporting location uses automated, manual or a mix of both types of processes to transmit the data. <i>Automated refers to EHR generated data sent electronically or automatically to the public health agency. Manual refers to chart abstraction with data faxed or re-input into a portal. A mix of both types of processes refers to files electronically generated from the EHR but manual steps required to transmit to public health agency.</i></p> <p>Immunization registry reporting</p>	Numeric	<p>1='Fully or primarily automated' 2='Mix of automated and manual process' 3='Fully or primarily manual' 4='We do not report this type of information' -8='Don't know' -9='Blank'</p>

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Q32(4)	PHRSTRDT	For each type of public health reporting, please indicate whether your reporting location uses automated, manual or a mix of both types of processes to transmit the data. <i>Automated refers to EHR generated data sent electronically or automatically to the public health agency. Manual refers to chart abstraction with data faxed or re-input into a portal. A mix of both types of processes refers to files electronically generated from the EHR but manual steps required to transmit to public health agency.</i> Public health registry reporting (e.g., birth defects registries, chronic disease registries or traumatic injury registries)	Numeric	1='Fully or primarily automated' 2='Mix of automated and manual process' 3='Fully or primarily manual' 4='We do not report this type of information' -8='Don't know' -9='Blank'
Q33	WCOMPEMR	Who completed this survey? (Check all that apply)	Numeric	1='The physician to whom it was addressed' 2='Office staff' 3='Other' -9='Blank'
Admin box 2	COMPTYPE	How the survey was completed.	Numeric	1='Mail' 2='Web' 3='Help Desk' 4='Tracing' -7='Not Applicable'
Keyed1	WAVECOMP	Wave the survey was completed.	Numeric	1='1st mailing' 2='2nd mailing' 3='3rd mailing' 4='Web' 5='Help Desk' 6='No data for this participant' 7='Tracing'
Derived	DISPEMR	Final disposition of NEHRS	Numeric	1='Complete (mail or web)' 2='Eligible, refused' 3='Ineligible or out-of-scope' 4='Unknown Eligibility, not locatable' 5='Unknown Eligibility, Refusal' 6='Eligible, Partially Complete' 7='Unknown Eligibility, Partially Complete'

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Recoded and Created Variables				
Recode from SPEC	SPECR	Physician Specialty Group	Numeric	01='General/Family practice' 03='Internal Medicine' 04='Pediatrics' 05='General Surgery' 06='Obstetrics & Gynecology' 07='Orthopedic Surgery' 08='Cardiovascular Diseases' 09='Dermatology' 10='Urology' 11='Psychiatry' 12='Neurology' 13='Ophthalmology' 14='Otolaryngology' 15='Other specialties' -7='Not Applicable'
Recode from SPECR & SPEC	SPECCAT	Physician specialty type obtained from response to survey	Numeric	1='Primary care specialty' 2='Surgical specialty' 3='Medical specialty'
Physician Interview MSA	MSA	Metropolitan statistical area (MSA) status from interview (2 categories)	Numeric	1='MSA' 2='non-MSA'
Physician interview region	REGION	Region of physician's interview office	Numeric	1='Northeast' 2='Midwest' 3='South' 4='West'
Recode from Physician Year of Birth	MDAGE	Age group (in years) of physician (two category)	Numeric	1='Under 35 years' 2='35-44 years' 3='45-54 years' 4='55-64 years' 5='65-70 years'
Recode from Physician Year of Birth	PAGE50	Age group (in years) of physician (two category)	Numeric	1='Under 50 years' 2='50+ years'

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Area Health Resource File (AHRF) Variables				
AHRF-Derived	ARFHHY	Median household income (2021)	Numeric	0-999,999='Valid range'
AHRF-Derived	ARFPPOV	Percent of population whose income is below poverty level (2021)	Numeric	0.00-100.00='Valid range'
AHRF-Derived	ARFPWNH	Percent of population who is white, not Hispanic (2021)	Numeric	0.00-100.00='Valid range'
AHRF-Derived	ARFPMCAID	Medicaid discharges per 1000 population (2021)	Numeric	0.01-999.99='Valid range' -9='Blank'
AHRF-Derived	ARFP65	Percent of population who is 65 years and over (2021)	Numeric	0.00-100.00='Valid range'
AHRF-Derived	ARFPRIMARYSA	A Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) Measure: Population to full-time equivalent (FTE) primary care provider ratio (05/23)	Numeric	0='None of the county designated as a shortage area' 1='Whole county designated as a shortage area' 2='Part of county designated as a shortage area'
AHRF-Derived	ARFMENTALSA	A Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) Measure: Population to full-time equivalent (FTE) mental health care provider ratio (05/23)	Numeric	0='None of the county designated as a shortage area' 1='Whole county designated as a shortage area' 2='Part of county designated as a shortage area'
AHRF-Derived	ARFGROTOT	Percent change in total population, 2010-2020	Numeric	-100.00-100.00='Valid range'
AHRF-Derived	ARFGRO65	Percent change in population 65 years and over, 2010-2020	Numeric	-100.00-100.00='Valid range'

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National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) Urban Rural File				
Urban-Rural File	URBANRU	NCHS urban-rural classification	Numeric	1='Large central metropolitan' 2='Large fringe metropolitan' 3='Medium metropolitan' 4='Small metropolitan' 5='Micropolitan (non-metropolitan)' 6='Non-core (non-metropolitan)'
SUDAAN Variables				
Derived	YEAR	Survey year	Numeric	2024='Year: 2024'
Derived	STRAT	Unmasked stratum	Numeric	1-12='Valid range'
Derived	SUBFILE	Survey identifier	Numeric	1='NEHRS'
Derived	POPDOC	Estimated number of NEHRS eligible physicians	Numeric	1-9,999,999='Valid range'
Derived	MAILWGT	Rounded adjusted ratio adjusted physician weight (responding physicians)	Numeric	0='Out of scope or refused physicians' 1-999,999='Responding physicians'