

## Practice EHR Usage Analysis

A common question among EHR potential users is “What areas of the practice will the EHR impact?” In an effort to answer that question, meridianEMR surveyed our client base and as a result have found some interesting responses to that query. The survey focused on all practice areas and all users.

Looking at the results on the graph you will see that staff documentation and physician documentation are closely followed by a number of other areas including scanning, plan items, coding issues, and calls. This highlights to us that a fully functional system must address all aspects of the office and its workflow. It is interesting to note that in a demonstration environment many vendors only focus on the usage by the physician when in reality the physician usage is only a small component of the overall use.

Office workflow efficiency appears to be the major practice area affected as many of the areas listed are in reality a piece of the practice’s workflow. This survey seems to point out that an EHR that addresses all the practice areas adds the most value to practice.

