

## Specialist EMR Meaningful Use Overview

EMR Meaningful Use Level 3 (MU3) is considered foundational use of EMR. The EMR is the primary method of record keeping with sufficient standardized data captured to enable QI (reflective practice), and EMR features are used to streamline workflow. For example:

- Incoming referrals are categorized by visit type and date of processing with key medical history entered into the record to streamline waitlist management and visit workflow
- Outgoing communication is supported through creation of the consult letter, as well as diagnostic orders, OR booking, and referrals to other health care services

### Summary of core workflow areas and meaningful use criteria:

Referral Prioritization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Using EMR to annotate the referral and assign prioritization level</li></ul>
Waittime Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use EMR to manage waitlists and visits including tracking date of referral, priority level and reason</li></ul>
Communication and Task Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use EMR task manager for communication between physicians and staff, and to coordinate communication with patients</li></ul>
Visit Preparation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Enter the referral and key information into the EMR, and scan/link other reports into the patient record in preparation for the visit</li></ul>
Consult Creation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Create consult directly in the EMR, where appropriate using typing templates/macros and incorporating data directly from the chart</li></ul>
Diagnostic Orders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use diagnostic requisitions in the EMR, pre-populated with the patient profile and relevant data from the patient chart</li></ul>
Referrals to other services and OR booking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Generate referrals to other providers or services from the EMR</li><li>• Gathering data for OR booking package</li></ul>
Prescriptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use the electronic prescription writer to generate new office-based prescriptions provided to the patient</li></ul>
Consult Distribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Generate consult letter within the EMR and send it out with attachments where possible from EMR record (fax, print, or eReferral)</li></ul>