

# HEALTHCARE ARCHIVING – COMPLIANCE

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## COMPLIANCE BENEFITS:

**Immutability:** When data is archived it is possible to set a retention policy on the data. The data is then stored in a storage medium that offers WORM (Write Once Read Many) capabilities.

**Requests Of Information:** Easily export or print all or parts of the patient's archived medical information.

**Security:** Prevent unauthorized access to archived health information.

**Audit Trail:** Provide an open Audit Trail of all access to the patient record. Whenever a user logs in their actions are captured in an audit trail:

- Identity of the user
- Date and time of access
- Identity of any patient documents accessed

The audit trail can be viewed by HIM.

### HIM can strengthen patient privacy:

Configure and enforce the patient's preferences for privacy, such as by setting limits on which providers are allowed to view specific medical records.

As hospital and health systems transition to new Electronic Medical Records (EMR's) and collect multiple redundant EMR's from mergers and acquisitions, the problem arises about what to do with the data in the obsolete EMR's. **Compliance issues become more challenging with legacy applications that are not active and only keep operational of patient information.** Historical data must be preserved; it cannot be deleted, altered, or tampered with.

Historical data could be moved into the new systems, but data migrations can take a long time and be expensive. A better approach is to transfer the legacy data to a central archive that is easily accessible and designed with healthcare industry regulations built in (Ex. HIPPA). Thus, **the organization can save on capital and operation expenses, while improving the workplace for Clinicians to HIM and enhancing quality of patient care.**

**HIM:** Meet compliance requirements with immutable data, security, encryption, and audit trails.

**IT:** Significantly reduce OPEX and CAPEX costs with payback in as few as six months.

**CIO:** Reduce potential migration or integration costs by archiving data in an open nonproprietary format.

**CFO:** Organize patient data for future data mining to support big data, analytics and population health efforts.

**PATIENT CARE:** Securely share archived documents with all clinicians across the enterprise.

**CLINICIANS:** Access archived patient information at the point of care, directly from the EHR.

**Healthcare organizations can confidently decommission archived legacy applications knowing that their legacy data is archived, easily accessible, and secure.**



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