

# HIMSS Analytics Stage 7 – The Role of OnBase

## How OnBase helps you meet HIMSS Stage 7

Healthcare organizations across the country are working to reach Stage 7 of the HIMSS Electronic Medical Record (EMR) Adoption Model. Despite the importance of this goal, less than 2 percent of organizations have actually achieved it. By deploying the OnBase enterprise content management (ECM) solution, your organization can remove one of the biggest roadblocks associated with Stage 7, transitioning to a completely electronic environment.

Specifically, OnBase assists your organization in attaining Stage 7 in the following crucial areas:

- Paper charts are no longer used to deliver and manage patient care
- The EMR retains a mixture of discrete data, documents and medical images
- Clinical information can be readily shared via standardized electronic transactions with all entities that are authorized to treat the patient
- Supporting the true sharing, information exchange and immediate delivery of patient content to improve process performance, quality of care and patient safety
- Automating manual processes and contributing to the establishment of a closed loop process improvement

With OnBase, you not only meet the scanning needs that Stage 7 demands, but augment and connect your existing applications to prepare them as well. But what aspects of OnBase make it such an essential piece of moving up the HIMSS EMR Adoption Model?

## Create a hybrid capture solution for your patient information

The traditional approach to scanning clinical documents in an inpatient setting – using a paper chart during the patient’s stay and then collecting and scanning the chart centrally post-discharge – won’t meet Stage 7’s threshold of converting critical documents into electronic format within 24 hours of creation or receipt.

With OnBase, organizations can create hybrid capture solutions – a combination of centralized and decentralized capture – to allow for point-of-care scanning for all clinically relevant documents, making them immediately available in the EMR. You can then scan all other documentation in health information management or other departments using existing processes. With this hybrid approach, you don’t have to worry about overhauling all of your processes at once and you still meet the requirements of Stage 7.

## Streamline capture with automated processes

With only a limited amount of time to get content posted into the EMR, reducing the amount of manual indexing your organization relies on is crucial to achieving Stage 7. Automating manual indexing processes gives time back to staff, allowing them to focus on more important tasks. OnBase enables you to utilize form and patient-level barcodes for all of your documents so you can automatically scan and capture your documents and information to speed indexing and increase accuracy and quality control.

## Capture documents from ancillary systems

With most EMR implementations, organizations find that their ancillary applications related to patient information – EKG results, digital photos, reports – can’t be connected to the EMR directly. This results in disconnected systems and patient information and it slows down care. It also means that the EMR cannot access all of the content it needs to for an organization to reach stage 7.

OnBase integrates with virtually any system your organization relies on and connects them to share information. By pulling documents and images already present in ancillary systems and linking them to the EMR, OnBase provides a solution at a substantially lower cost than replacing them. And, with all of your organization’s content accessible from one place, you simplify the sharing of clinical information, including discrete data, documents and images. By making all patient information retrievable from the EMR, patients can be treated by any authorized healthcare provider in your organization. Additionally, since all the patient information is stored electronically, and not on paper, you can easily share it with other healthcare organizations. These components of OnBase help you answer some of the most daunting demands of Stage 7 with a single solution.

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