

Island Dermatology Decreases Turnaround Time in Their Pathology Process with modmed Pathology™



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Key Benefits of modmed Pathology:

- Seamless integration with modmed EMA™ for dermatology saves time
- Duplicate data entry is eliminated and decreases errors
- Automatic ICD-10 code generation simplifies billing process
- Ease-of-use aids in providing faster results to patients

Background

Island Dermatology, in Long Beach, N.Y., utilizes an in-house laboratory to process their pathology requisitions. After years of experiencing an inefficient process due to the lack of integration across multiple systems, the group decided it was time to make a change.

Dr. Ronald Falcon, practicing dermatologist, explains, "In past times, I would enter the clinical patient information into our electronic health records (EHR) system, modmed EMA, print the pathology request slip and send it to the laboratory along with the specimen. Our pathologist would then have to enter all of the patient data for a second time into a separate system. Upon completion of the reading, he would email the report to me and prepare a list of charge codes to provide to our billing

manager, both of which would be entered manually. It seemed as if there could be a more efficient process."

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New and Improved Process

Since implementing modmed Pathology, Island Dermatology has experienced improvement in their workflow due to the seamless integration of the two systems.

"Our pathology process has been simplified very considerably since we began using modmed Pathology," Dr. Falcon said. "Our pathologist can access patient information right from his computer and he does not have to reenter data. The report is created in modmed Pathology and is automatically attached to the patient record giving me instant access to the findings."

"In the past there have been errors with attachments.

I no longer need to worry if a report was attached to the wrong chart because it's an all-in-one system. Also, the ICD-10 charge codes are generated automatically in modmed Pathology and bridge to our practice management system seamlessly.”

Time Saved Equals Quicker Results

modmed Pathology has decreased turnaround time in receiving pathology reports, saving Dr. Falcon time and providing the patient's results sooner.

“As soon as the pathologist signs off on a report, it's available to me immediately in the patient's chart. There have been times when our pathologist is sitting at his microscope completing a report and then I'm

finalizing that chart in my office. I don't have to wait until the end of the day for a batch of charts to be completed. Also, the diagnoses and treatment plans that modmed Pathology generates coincide with my discoveries, saving me time from documenting this aspect,” shared Dr. Falcon.

“In addition to the time saving benefit from a clinical aspect, patients are able to receive their results sooner, lowering their stress due to anticipation. The total turnaround time from start to finish went from a week down to two or three days,” he said. “A lot of times people are afraid of change but with modmed Pathology, it's been the most beneficial change we could imagine.”