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Consultant to CIOs: Help Docs Decide



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If CIOs want better integration of information systems, they must go beyond the technology issues and look at other processes that can be a barrier to good integration.

That's a message consultant Becky Quammen brought to attendees of *Health Data Management's* Clinical Automation Summit, Sept. 17-18 in Chicago. For instance, CIOs should help clinicians make the right I.T. purchasing decisions that will give them needed functionality and integrate well with other existing or planned systems, contended the founder and CEO at The Quammen Group, Winter Park, Fla.

"With electronic health records, I see lots of I.T. folks who are brilliant but won't step up to help clinicians make an I.T. decision," she added. "A CIO needs to step to the table and be comfortable helping clinicians make that decision."

Further, if CIOs and other administrators expect physicians to move between multiple information systems to access electronic patient data, they need to implement single-sign-on and context management software to ease the access, Quammen said.

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