



**F1RST***Use*

## **FIRSTUse is the first complete electronic health record (EHR) platform built exclusively for anesthesiologists and pain management specialists to easily satisfy Stage 1 of Meaningful Use as required to earn the Medicare EHR incentive payment.**

The impracticality of attesting to Meaningful Use with current technologies and relationships that are in place for anesthesia is well known. Attestation is hampered due to the fact that most Anesthesia Information Management Systems (AIMS) products certified for Meaningful Use have been classified as “Modular,” rather than complete. This has now all changed with the introduction of **FIRSTUse**, a software solution already certified as a “Complete EHR” for Meaningful Use.

**FIRSTUse** combines the data collection tools necessary for Meaningful Use along with a Personal Health Record (PHR) system. The unique combination of this web-based EHR and PHR is what makes this entire process possible. The PHR platform is available to all patients regardless of your interaction with them. This system provides a unique approach for patients to access their health record and to be able to better communicate and better understand their anesthesia care.

Three aspects of **FIRSTUse** make this a viable and realistic solution for anesthesia:

1. **FIRSTUse** is entirely web-based and requires no infrastructure support for the hospital, the practice or the provider—regardless if you chart on paper or an electronic anesthesia record. Nor does the practice utilizing **FIRSTUse** need to have an existing EMR in place
2. **FIRSTUse** combines the EHR technology with a Personal Health Record (PHR) system that is available to the patients and that enables anesthesiologists to offer the follow-up required by some of the Meaningful Use measures.
3. All management activities are handled by ABC.

These three elements combined produce a suite of applications available to all of anesthesia to allow attestation for the Meaningful Use program.

## **Features/Benefits**

- Cloud-based solution ideal for eligible professionals that don't control the information systems where they work
- Especially useful for anesthesiologists who often work at multiple locations
- Stand-alone use option allows you to get started now without requiring an IT project
- Unique combination of **FIRSTUse** and our Personal Health Record (PHR) facilitates required data collection and workflows with minimal labor
- Powerful patient engagement tools enable your patients to provide key required information via the web or from a portal in your facility. Your patients receive a free PHR, with your organization/name listed as a provider
- Real-time dashboard and compliance tracking per eligible professional and per organization
- **FIRSTUse** is fully-integrated into ABC's powerhouse system, *OneSourceAnesthesia*

## **The Results: Get your incentive payment, avoid penalties, increase patient satisfaction, and enhance your visibility to patients.**

The onboarding process to **FIRSTUse** is quite simple. The first and most important element to the entire process is enrollment with the Meaningful Use program. If you have already registered for Meaningful Use, please visit

<http://www.anesthesiallc.com/clinical-technology/meaningful-use>

for more information. You can also email our team at [Meaningful.Use@AnesthesiaLLC.com](mailto:Meaningful.Use@AnesthesiaLLC.com) and we will get back to you shortly.

## **Complete + Cloud-Based + Vendor Neutral + Ambulatory + Patient-Engaging**

As a web-based application, the infrastructure and deployment hurdles that face any software installation are largely eliminated. The vast majority of the data that is entered into the system is actually done after the case completes and by leveraging the ABC management process there is very little impact on your current billing and documentation process.

## **Myth #1: You don't think you are an eligible professional.**

TRUTH: You are likely eligible if 10% of your CMS encounters are ambulatory patients (Place of Service code 11–Office, 20–Urgent Care Facility, 22–Outpatient Hospital, 24–Ambulatory Surgical Center, 49–Independent Clinic). You may receive the maximum incentive payment if you receive \$24,000/year in CMS payments (if <\$24,000 per year, you may still qualify to receive less than the maximum incentive payment).

## **Myth #2: It's not worth the effort.**

TRUTH: Using our Meaningful Use EHR, *F1RSTUse*, designed specifically for specialists like anesthesiologists, the effort is minimal. You can have your patients provide the needed information using a simple one page paper patient handout.

## **Myth #3: My hospital or surgical center will take care of it.**

TRUTH: Have they so far? If you want the maximum incentive payment and want to avoid the penalties, it's time to take control. If you work in multiple locations, we believe you will need your own solution to achieve maximum long-term efficiency, so don't lose out by waiting for someone else to solve this problem for you.

## **Myth #4: Nobody else in my specialty is doing it.**

TRUTH: So far most anesthesiologists haven't been able to adopt a system that meets their needs. *F1RSTUse* is the first of its kind and is offered to all of anesthesia to get as many providers their incentive payments as possible.

## **Myth #5: It will all go away if I ignore it.**

TRUTH: When done right, meaningful use does some things for you that really benefit your practice. You can provide your patients a PHR that helps them communicate with other doctors, helps them achieve wellness goals, and raises your visibility to the patient.



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