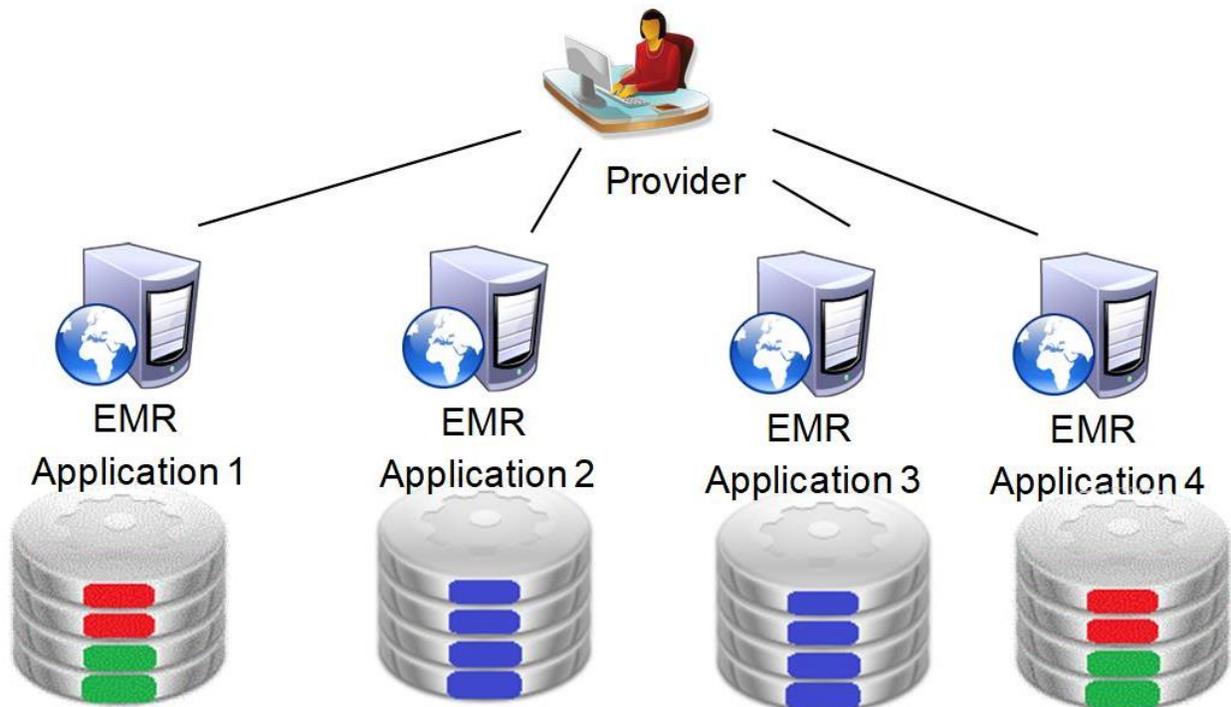The only thing worse than not having enough data, is having too much data.

Providers trying to research patient history typically need to access two, three or maybe twenty different EMRs to get a complete 360 degree view of a patient. In accessing these multiple EMRs, thay also have to navigate varied standards (pounds vs kilograms, Celsius vs Fahrenheit, etc), varied interfaces ("is it F1? Or, selecting an option from a drop down?") all while trying to treat a patient within a service time window.

Information Technology has a different problem. They are supporting 10, 20 or more than a 100 separate EMRs, wasting costly data center space and the multiple associated overhead (power, cooling) and maintaining computer servers and hardware that is more than 20 years old. And, the staff who at one time knew these varied EMRs have retired and the vendor support contracts keep getting higher and higher, if they are even available.

Without a doubt, the data must be retained to comply with HIPAA mandates and retention policies. However, those mandates and policies do not require retaining the original systems and applications. Those mandates and policies only extend to the data.
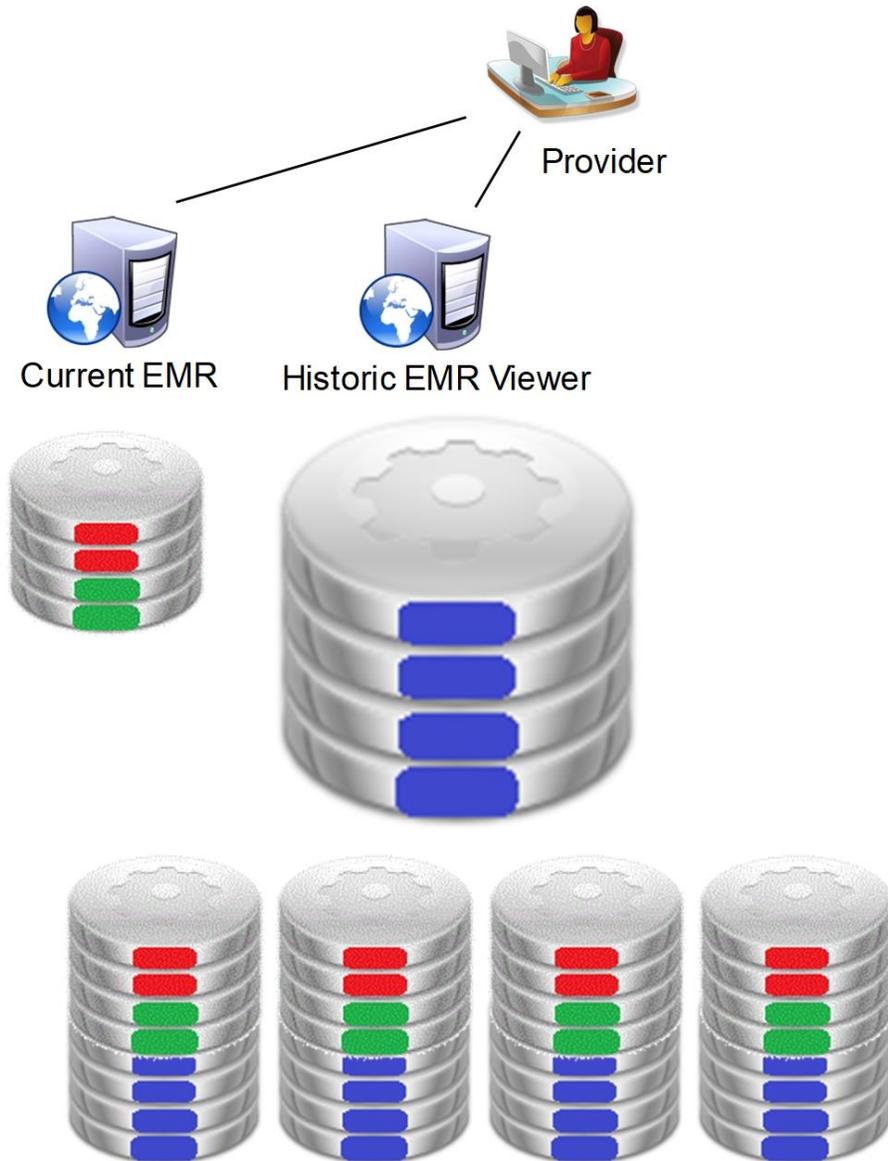

Retaining historic EMRs makes little sense, financially. There is a better way….

The ideal solution combines the retention attributes necessary for HIPAA compliance with ease of use for providers and care givers. Coordinating a single "logical" view of all patient data within a single view integrated with the current EMR system .

Use the current EMR system for what is intended: appointment scheduling, current patient care notes, vital signs, labs and other electronic health record-keeping. Rather than retaining the old, legacy EMRs, capture the data and maintain a single repository, aligning each patient records as part of a single view, regardless of the source system or database where they were originally entered, easily accessible through the current EMR.

Provider

Current EMR   Historic EMR Viewer

These are solutions we've been able to implement for multiple providers.

At one multi-state regional hospital complexes, we eliminated 50 historic EMR systems, while retaining the EMR data to save millions in the first year through reduced license, hosting and other administrative costs.

At a second regional hospital complex, EMRs were disposed of or repurposed with all patient, service and provider data captured and capable of viewing within a simplified clinical interface. The data represented a single united view of patient history for care givers. EMR applications crossed the delivery spectrum of Home Health, Ambulatory and Trauma clinical records.

Let Technology Advance Partners help you solve your data retention problems and save you money.