EHR IN PRACTICE

EPIC GARDEN PLOT

EXTENDED PROFILE

OVERVIEW

Epic Garden Plot is a hosted version of Epic's electronic health record software for independent medical groups. Epic launched it in March 2022 as a cloud EHR for groups that want Epic software but have no partner to extend an Epic environment to them.

Epic hosts the software, supports users, and handles configuration and update rollouts, so a practice doesn't need its own servers or an internal team to maintain them.

KEY FEATURES

As above, Garden Plot is essentially Epic EHR with some integrated products from outside vendors:

- Clinical documentation and orders: Clinicians document visits, place orders, and review results in a single patient chart that holds notes, prescriptions, and orders.
- Scheduling and patient access: Patients reach the practice through MyChart, Epic's patient portal. Garden Plot's text-messaging program sends appointment reminders, video visit links, provider notifications, and bill reminders, and patients can opt out by texting STOP. Patients can also book online with or without a MyChart account.
- E-prescribing: Surescripts supplies the e-prescribing network. Prescribers can see expected out-of-pocket costs, lower-cost alternatives, and prior authorization requirements before they send a prescription to the pharmacy.
- Billing and RCM: covers eligibility checks, claims, payment tracking, and reporting, using Epic's billing tools alongside Availity, Change Healthcare, and OSG Billing Services.
- Interoperability: Garden Plot customers exchange records with other Epic organizations and with non-Epic systems through Epic's interoperability network, Care Everywhere. In April 2022, Epic chose Lyniate as the integration engine for Garden Plot so that practices can connect with larger health systems that share their patients.

INTEGRATED THIRD-PARTY PRODUCTS

Epic's 12 listed partner vendors are: Availity, Biscom, Change Healthcare, Healthwise, Intelligent Medical Objects, Iron Bridge, Lyniate, OSG Billing Services, Solarity, Sphere, Surescripts, and Wolters Kluwer. Their roles include eligibility and claims, secure document delivery, patient education, clinical terminology, data migration, interface engine services, payments, e-prescribing, and clinical reference content.

EPIC GARDEN PLOT VS COMMUNITY CONNECT

Community Connect lets a health system extend its own Epic instance to nearby medical groups. Epic reported nearly 40,000 providers using it in 2022 (15 years after its release)and recommends it where available because it creates a shared patient record with the local hospital. Garden Plot applies when Community Connect is not an option.

SOFTWARE SPECIFICATION

OVERVIEW	
PRODUCT NAME	Epic Garden Plot
SPECIALTY	
ALLERGY AND IMMUNOLOGY	✔
ANESTHESIOLOGY	✘
BARIATRICS	✔
CARDIOLOGY	✔
COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS	✘
CORRECTIONAL HEALTH	✘
DENTISTRY	✔
DERMATOLOGY	✔
DIALYSIS CLINIC	✘
ENDOCRINOLOGY	✘
FAMILY MEDICINE	✔
GASTROENTEROLOGY	✔
GENERAL PRACTITIONER	✔
INFECTIOUS DISEASES	✔
INTERNAL MEDICINE	✔
MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	✔
NEPHROLOGY	✔
NEUROLOGY AND NEUROSURGERY	✔
OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY	✔
OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE	✔

ONCOLOGY AND HEMATOLOGY	✓
OPHTHALMOLOGY	✓
ORTHOPEDICS AND SPORTS MEDICINE	✓
OTOLARYNGOLOGY	✗
PAIN MANAGEMENT	✗
PEDIATRICS	✓
PHYSICAL THERAPY AND REHABILITATION	✓
PLASTIC SURGERY	✓
PODIATRY	✓
PROCTOLOGY	✗
PULMONOLOGY	✓
RADIOLOGY	✓
RHEUMATOLOGY	✓
SLEEP MEDICINE AND CENTERS	✓
SPEECH THERAPY	✓
SURGERY	✓
URGENT CARE	✓
UROLOGY	✓
VASCULAR DISEASES AND PHLEBOLOGY	✗
OTHER SPECIALTIES	✗
CHIROPRACTIC	✗
PRACTICE SIZE	
SOLO PRACTICE	✗
1-10 PHYSICIANS	✗
11-50 PHYSICIANS	✓

OVER 50 PHYSICIANS	✓
SOFTWARE FEATURES	
APPOINTMENT MANAGEMENT	✓
BILLING MANAGEMENT	✓
CLINICAL WORKFLOW	✓
DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT	✓
EM CODING	✗
INSURANCE AND CLAIMS	✓
LAB INTEGRATION	✓
MEDICAL TEMPLATES	✓
PATIENT DEMOGRAPHICS	✓
PATIENT HISTORY	✓
PATIENT PORTAL	✓
REFERRALS	✓
REPORTING AND ANALYTICS	✓
SCHEDULING	✓
VOICE RECOGNITION	✓
E-PRESCRIPTION	✓
FURTHER INFORMATION	
PRICING	Monthly fees of $2,000- $10,000, setup fees of $10,000-$50,000

SOFTWARE SCREENSHOTS

	Community Connect	Epic Garden Plot
Who hosts the environment	A host health system	Epic
Who the practice contracts with	The host health system	Epic
Patient record	Shared with the host hospital	Separate environment, with record exchange through Epic's interoperability network
Support	Depends on the host organization	Epic provides support directly
Epic's stated position	Preferred path where available	Alternative when Community Connect is unavailable
Typical size	Smaller affiliated practices	Independent groups, with more than 40 providers at launch