Exemplary Claims:

1. A system, comprising:

a health care provider computer operatively connected over a network to a web server, the web server providing a health care provider portal and an applet;

the applet configured to convert patient records in a first data format, said format being in an electronic health record format, to patient records in a second data format associated with the health care provider portal.

2. The system of claim 1 wherein the first format is a data format associated with a practice management system.

3. The system of claim 1 wherein the first format is a personal health record format.

4. The web server of claim 1 wherein the health care provider portal being programmed to provide for creating cover sheets with bar codes using patient information stored in the second format.

5. The web server of claim 1 wherein the health care provider portal being programmed to correlate scanned paper records associated with the cover sheets and the corresponding bar codes with a unique patient identifier.

6. A method for converting paper records to electronic records, the method comprising:

executing an applet on a computer to access patient records stored in a first data format and convert the patient records to a second data format, wherein both the first format and the second format include a patient name and a unique patient identifier;

generating a bar code containing the unique patient identifier from the second format and printing the bar code on a second sheet;

scanning a plurality of paper pages comprising the cover sheet followed by at least one additional page of paper records associated with the patient identified with the unique patient identifier from the second format;

storing in data storage associated with and accessible by a web server an electronic copy of the at least one additional page of paper records such that the electronic copy is associated with the unique patient identifier.

7. The method of claim 6 further comprising making the electronic copy available to a health care provider using a health care provider computer operatively connected to the web server.

8. The method of claim 7 further comprising making the electronic copy available to a patient identified with the unique patient identifier using a computing device operatively connected to the web server.

9. The method of claim 6 wherein the first data format is associated with a health care practice management system of a health care provider.

10. The method of claim 9 wherein the second data format is associated with a health care provider web site portal.

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1. A system, comprising:

a health care provider computer operatively connected over a network to a web server, the web server providing a health care provider portal;

an applet configured to convert patient records in a first data format used by a health care practice management system to patient records in a second data format associated with the health care provider portal and move the patient records in the second data format to the health care provider portal, wherein the patient records in both the first data format and the second data format include at least a patient name and a unique patient identifier;

the health care provider computer being configured to access the health care provider portal and send to the health care provider portal documents containing health records, the health records being associated with patients identified in the patient records, and the documents containing the health records are scanned documents.

2. The system of claim 1 wherein the health care provider portal being configured to associate each of the health records with a corresponding one of the patients.

3. The system of claim 1 wherein the patient records in the first data format used by the health care practice management system include patient information and not health records.

4. The system of claim 1 wherein the applet is configured to map the patient name and the unique patient identifier from the patient records in the first data format to the patient name and the unique patient identifier in the second data format.

5. A web server programmed to provide over a network connection, a health care provider portal to a health care provider and an applet to the health care provider wherein the applet is configured to convert patient records stored in a database of a health care practice management system of the health care provider from a first data format associated with the health care practice management system of the health care provider a second data format associated with the health care provider portal, the web server further programmed to store the patient records in the second data format and associate medical records with the patient records, wherein the health care provider portal being programmed to provide for creating documents with bar codes using patient information stored in the second format.

6. The method of claim 7 wherein the documents are cover sheets.

7. The web server of claim 6 wherein the health care provider portal being programmed to correlate scanned paper records associated with the cover sheets and the corresponding bar codes with a unique patient identifier.

8. The method of claim 7 wherein the patient records include patient information and not medical records.

9. A method for converting paper records to electronic records, the method comprising:

executing an applet on a computer to access patient records stored in a first data format associated with a health practice management system of a health care provider and convert the patient records to a second data format of a health care provider web site portal and store the patient records in the second format on the health care provider web site portal, wherein both the first format and the second format include a patient name and a unique patient identifier;

generating a bar code containing the unique patient identifier from the second format and printing the bar code on a sheet;

scanning a plurality of paper pages comprising the sheet with the patient identified with the unique patient identifier from the second format, the plurality of paper pages comprising medical records of the patient identified with the unique patient identifier;

storing in data storage associated with and accessible through the health care provider web site portal an electronic copy of the medical records such that the electronic copy is associated with the unique patient identifier of the patient.

10. The method of claim 9 further comprising making the electronic copy available to a health care provider using a health care provider computer operatively connected to the web server.

11. The method of claim 10 further comprising making the electronic copy available to a patient identified with the unique patient identifier using a computing device operatively connected to the web server.

12. The method of claim 9 wherein the patient records stored in the first data format associated with the health care practice management system of the health care provider are stored in a database of the health care practice management system.

13. The method of claim 9 wherein the executing the applet on the computer includes mapping the patient name and the unique patient identifier from the patient records in the first data format to the patient name and the unique patient identifier in the second data format.

14. The system of claim 9 wherein the patient records in the first data format used by the health care practice management system include patient information and not health records.