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## Inspiring Others Via the EMR\*



Medical history, diagnoses, medications, lab results, treatment plans, doctor's notes. That's what's often found in a patient's \*electronic medical record. It's not exactly the stuff that inspires Christians to live more passionately for Jesus.

But then, Dr. John Shin's EMR notes included something unique compared to most EMRs.

We met John during his first year of medical school in California. He follows Christ and wanted to learn to care for the both the medical and spiritual needs of his patients. He attended some of our weekly spiritual care practicums at the medical center plus spent five weeks with us at the summer whole person care preceptorship.

John did his residency training at Mayo Clinic. And he practiced what he learned about spiritual care. In fact, he included notes about his patient spiritual care in the EMR. Not only did he want to document it, he wanted to continue that in future visits with his patients.

As you may know, residency training includes lots of movement from one hospital unit to the next. So every few weeks, John transferred care of his patients to other residents and attending physicians who would use his EMR notes to continue patient treatment.



John Shin, MD helps us train med students

Weeks into his work on a new hospital unit, John got a message from another resident physician:

*"Dr. Shin, I am a Christian and I'm now caring for Ms. Wai (name changed), one of your former patients. I read in the EMR about your praying with her. Your notes showed me that such care was possible and emboldened me to begin doing the same for her and other patients I see. Thank you!"*

A few weeks later John received another message:

*"Dr. Shin, I am a medical transcriptionist. I was so encouraged as I was recently typing your notes into the EMR and you talked about praying for your patient. That is so inspiring to me. Thanks for giving this level of care to your patients."*

John completed his training at Mayo in hematology-oncology. He's back in Southern California and recently helped us teach a class on spiritual care to a group of second year med students. As he told this story to the students, he noted, *"I realized I had a wider audience through my notes in the EMR than I ever knew!"*

**Thank you** for helping inspire others to love and good deeds through the EMR!



*Bob & Diana*

**Upcoming Events JOIN US!!!**

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June 12-July 9, 2022 Whole Person Care Preceptorship, Redlands, CA

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