

Choosing which type of Hub to go with:

There are 3 types of Hubs.

- 1) HL7 hub - Involves cost.
  - a. Most advanced means of receiving results.
  - b. *Practice must have EMR.***
  - c. Results and reports are “pushed” electronically into the practice’s EMR.
  - d. Requires an interface which will allow results and reports to be fully integrated into the practice’s EMR.
  - e. Totally electronic results. No staff time needed to print and sort results.
  - f. No need to go into MEDITECH to look up results and reports.
  - g. Fax replacement.
  - h. This is the more costly type hub since it requires IT involvement to get this hub working with the practice’s EMRs.
  - i. Not all practice EMRs can accommodate this type result/report delivery. However, most can. Once we know of your interest in this type hub, we will investigate the possibility and cost involved with this option.
- 2) Document Delivery - free
  - a. Practices that do not want to incur cost of HL7 may opt for document delivery
  - b. Delivery of results and reports (PDF-based files) to a computer/server folder.
  - c. The files can be attached to the practice’s EMR.
  - d. No need to go into MEDITECH to look up results and reports.
  - e. Attachment would involve someone at the office attaching the files to the EMR.
  - f. Fax replacement.
- 3) Dropbox - free
  - a. Enter secure Internet site to obtain your patients’ results and reports.
  - b. Fax replacement.
  - c. No more need for assuring that the ink is sufficient and paper is loaded in fax machine.
  - d. No need to go into MEDITECH to look up results and reports.
  - e. Results and reports are available for 30 days.
  - f. Staff may reprint results and reports as often as needed within those 30 days.