

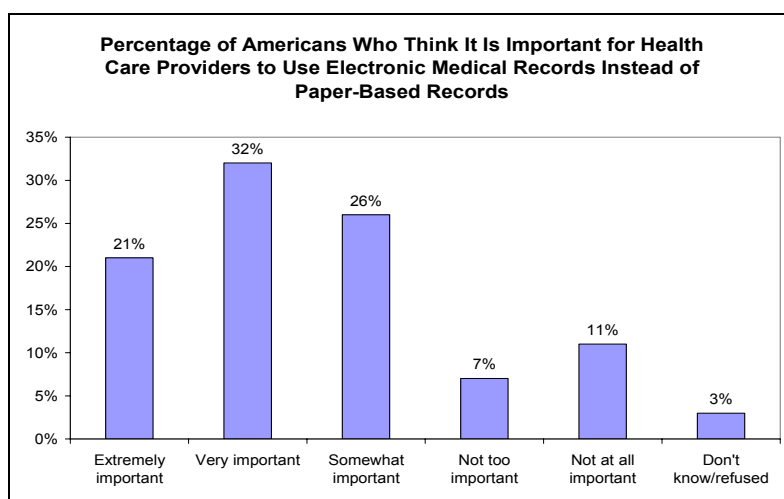
2005 HCS FACT SHEET

Americans' Views on Electronic Medical Records

President Bush wants most Americans to have electronic (rather than paper) medical records within a decade. Electronic medical records (EMRs), he and other advocates say, would be safer, more affordable, and available virtually any place a patient is located. Still, concerns persist about maintaining the confidentiality of patient information available over the Internet. The 2005 Health Confidence Survey, sponsored by the Employee Benefit Research Institute and Mathew Greenwald & Associates Inc., a survey research firm, asked Americans three questions about maintaining electronic medical records.

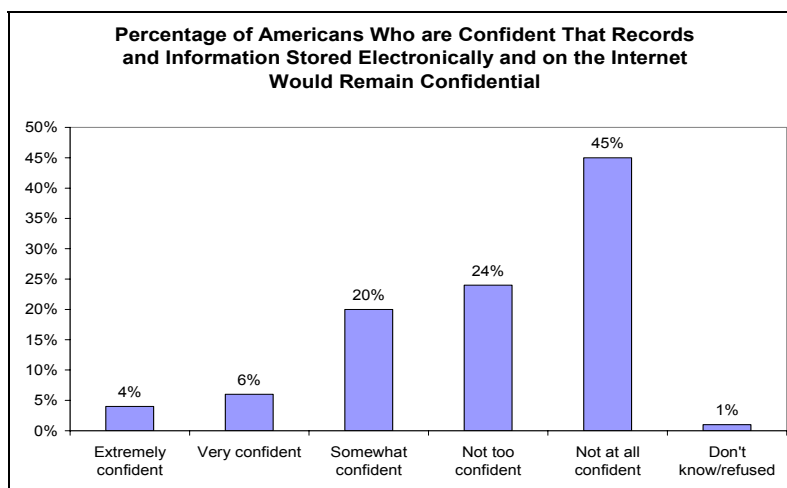
Health Care Providers and the Use of EMRs

- More than 50 percent of respondents think it is *extremely* or *very important* for providers to use EMRs.
- Less than 20 percent think EMRs are *not* important



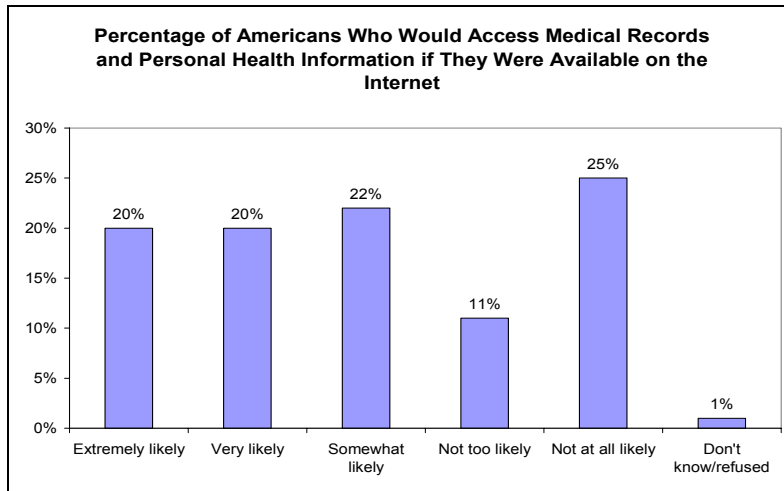
Americans' Confidence About the Privacy of Their EMRs

- Only 10 percent of respondents *are* confident that their EMRs are private.
- Nearly 70 percent *are not* confident in the privacy of their EMRs.



Americans and Access of EMRs on the Internet

- 40 percent *would* access their EMRs if available online.
- Slightly more than one-third *would not* access their EMRs if they were available online.



Source: 2005 Health Confidence Survey, Employee Benefit Research Institute and Mathew Greenwald & Associates.

The results are based on 1,003 telephone interviews of Americans age 21 and older using random digit dialing. The interviews were conducted June 30 to Aug. 6, 2005. The margin of error for these responses was about plus/minus 3.5 percentage points.

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