

PROBLEM: *The Emergency Department (ED) Crisis*

HOSPITALS

From 1990 to 2009, the number of hospital EDs in non-rural areas declined by 27%.

Visits to EDs rose by **13 million** from 2008 to 2009—the largest increase ever. Patient volume will continue to rise as baby boomers age and more people become insured under healthcare reform.

PHYSICIANS

The nation is expected to have a shortage of as many as **150,000** doctors in the next 15 years.

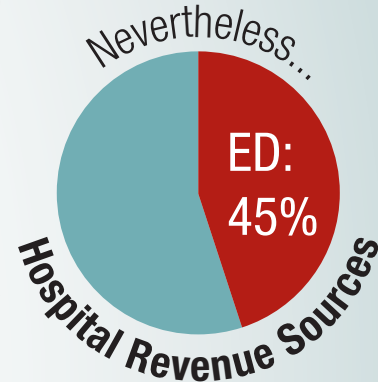
NURSES

The shortfall of nurses is projected at more than one million by 2020.



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of ED visit charges are reimbursed to hospitals, even though 83% of patients have some form of health insurance.



Patients who need care in 1-14 minutes are being seen in 37 minutes. An ambulance is diverted from a hospital every minute.

SOLUTION

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How an Emergency Department Information System Can Help

- **Raise Throughput:** The faster an ED can turn over its patients, the more patients it can handle each day. More patients = more revenue.
- **Better Charge Capture:** Hospitals must ensure proper and sufficient documentation of patient care to receive adequate reimbursement.
- **Improve Coding through Automation:** By suggesting evaluation and management (E&M) codes based on thorough documentation, an EDIS improves the accuracy and efficiency of coders' work.

The Business Case for an EDIS



Patient Volume