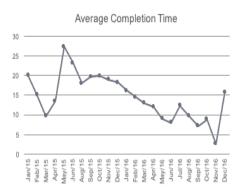
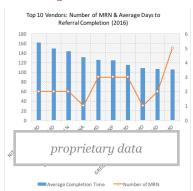
Healthcare Lab 2016 MIT Medical Cambridge, MA How do we reduce the time and effort required to get reports from specialist referral offices?







Top 10 Vendors by High Referral (2016)

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The average completion time of patient records is substantial. Without the right clinical input patient care can suffer.

The top 10 vendors with the longest completion time take **between 110-160 days** to return a patient report.

The completion time for the top 10 vendors by volume had surprisingly **high variation**.

Answer: Collect the data and get it to clinicians!

Streamline and monitor ...

- Train staff to **standardize** the referral process.
- Improve **data collection** so you know when a referral is placed and when it's completed.
- Whenever possible, use technology to electronically retrieve medical records.
- Consider hiring Care Manager(s) who can visit referral locations to collect records.

Get clinicians involved ...

- Implement a **dashboard** so clinicians can see a referral office's performance when they are referring a patient.
- Establish and **communicate best practices**, such as preferential referral to outside offices that return medical records in a timely manner.

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