



## Interface Project Management Checklist

Handling the building, testing, and monitoring interfaces in order to integrate your healthcare IT systems is a major challenge for healthcare IT leaders.

Outsourcing is one effective way to meet this challenge. But is it the right option for you? Complete this short checklist now to help you evaluate whether you should manage your integration projects in-house or partner with an outside vendor for some or all of those projects.

	Yes	No
<b>1. Are you lacking defined goals and strategies to integrate your healthcare IT systems?</b>		
<b>2. Are you lacking the resources needed to implement your integration strategies?</b>		
<b>3. Do you need to re-prioritize projects and put other IT projects on hold in order to find time to manage your multiple interfaces?</b>		
<b>4. Is your IT department understaffed?</b>		
<b>5. Do you have trouble finding staff that is experienced with complex integration work — such as connections involving Health Information Exchanges (HIEs) or other interoperability projects?</b>		
<b>6. Have any of your interface projects been delayed because of limited IT resources?</b>		
<b>7. Would you like to free up your own or your team's time for other projects?</b>		
<b>8. Do you have less than one full-time employee dedicated to interfaces?</b>		

If you answered "yes" to just one of these questions, it may be to your advantage to outsource some or all of your interface and/or integration work. Tapping the expertise of outside integration experts provides a number of benefits:

- Reduces costs by letting you access integration specialists on an as-needed basis instead of having to hire and train them
- Provides full, ongoing support that can slowly transition back to you if desired
- Speeds interface development and implementation
- Makes your staff more productive and lets them focus on other projects
- Helps you meet critical deadlines

The Iatric Systems team of professionals can cost-effectively create and manage new interfaces regardless of which EHR — and which interface engine — your hospital is using.

To learn more about Iatric Systems Integration Services, contact us today.