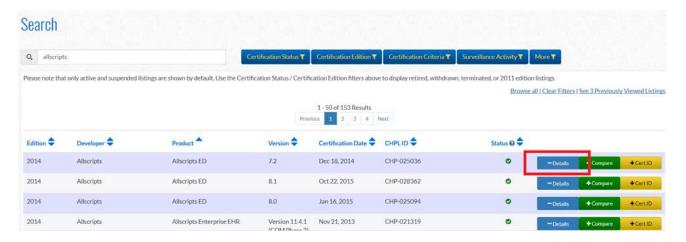
Researching an EHR Company

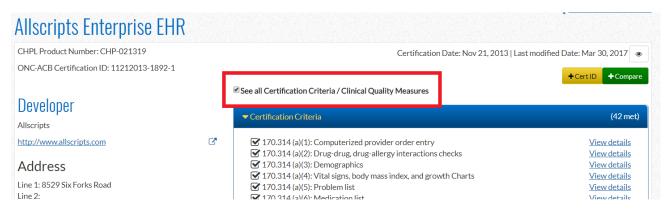
- Make a list of desired functionality before beginning the research process. Even if the software doesn't offer a certain feature, you will have a basis of comparison for other solutions. This is your "Needs and Wants" list.
- Check the Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) certification status of the EHR technology. Even if you are not interested in attesting for Meaningful Use incentives, the certification website is a valuable resource for learning about what certain EHR software options offer.

Checking the ONC Certification List

Navigate to https://chpl.healthit.gov/#/search and search for the EHR software and version in which you are interested.



Be sure to check the "See all Certification Criteria/Clinical Quality Measures" box to view which measures the EHR has met and which it is missing. The Public Health Reporting Measures for Meaningful Use are listed under 170.314 (f) (1-7). If you plan to attest for incentives in the future, be sure that the EHR has the ability to transmit data to the public health registries for the measures for which you are eligible.



Check the "Test Results Summary" under "Additional Information" to access the full certification report. This is a document prepared by one of the ONC certification companies in partnership with the specified EHR company. It is a detailed documentation of the EHR's efforts to meet the certification criteria.



- Consider writing your "Needs and Wants" list into the request for proposal or contract for an EHR company. If you are planning on attesting for Meaningful Use incentives, be sure to include the reporting requirements in your list. DHSS Meaningful Use website at www.health.mo.gov/atoz/mophie houses all the implementation guides with the technical specifications for each measure. An EHR must be able to meet the reporting specifications for you to qualify for incentives.
- For questions about your Meaningful Use eligibility or general information on EHRs, contact the DHSS Meaningful Use Coordinator at MOPHIE@health.mo.gov or 573-751-6127.