# Fax Remains Dominant in Healthcare Offices





Source: Medical Group Management Association survey of 1,581

healthcare offices conducted Nov. 2019. Time warp: The lingering legacy of fax in medical practices (mgma.com)

### **Top 5 Reasons Healthcare Providers** Use a Fax Machine<sup>1</sup>

- Record sharing
- Referrals
- Communicating labs/tests/results
- Payer communication
- Pharmacy communication

## IP Fax Solves Healthcare's 6 Pressing Technology Issues

## Lost or delayed referrals

Communication failure results in lost appointments for approximately 50% of patient referrals every year in the U.S.<sup>2</sup>

### **100** million

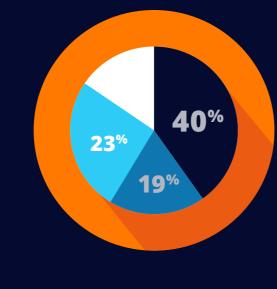
specialty referrals made each year

#### 50 million approximate number of

referrals not completed due to communication failure

#### Potential lost revenue from missed referrals In the U.S., lost or delayed referrals can result in lost revenue and patient leakage.

Patient leakage refers to patients who go outside health system to find care.



## One study found<sup>3</sup>

40% of health systems lose 10% or more 19% of health systems lose 20% or more 23% don't know how much they are losing

## Reliability

T.38 real-time IP fax provides the most dependable transmission of patient data to ensure a smooth and safe patient handoff.

**Miscommunication** 

Sender

#### during patient transfer Patient harm

- **Delayed treatment** Inappropriate treatment
- > Increased length of stay

Receiver

### Security Sensitive patient data is vulnerable to security breaches,

creating privacy and compliance headaches. **REAL-TIME T.38 IP FAX HTTPS FAX SOLUTIONS** 

## No "middleman" server

Real-time fax confirmation **Eases HIPAA compliance through Conduit** 

**Exception Rule** 

## may be vulnerable to hackers

T.38 IP FAX

Potential for false confirmations

Store-and-forward solution where data

due to store-and-forward vulnerabilities

Requires extra steps for HIPAA compliance

## IP fax can cost up to 50 percent

less than analog, and those disparities increase as you add phone lines or locations.

\$36 per month	\$35–60 per month <i>plus</i> long-distance charges
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ANALOG FAX

### IP fax works compatibly across systems or from office to office, unlike proprietary fax solutions.

Compatability

**REAL-TIME T.38 IP FAX HTTPS FAX** 

## Technology-agnostic

Information exchanged and integrated seamlessly, regardless of recipient EHR

**IEEE** standards-based

#### Uses proprietary protocols to secure fax traffic Not standards based

confirmations

"Middleman" server may lead to false-positive

seamless conversion

and user friendly.

Ease of Use T.38 real-time IP fax checks all the boxes of

- No additional fax machines or servers required.

No downtime during conversion.

No additional training required.

No Business Associates Agreement (BAA) required by HIPAA.

No hurdles to growing with your business.

T.38 real-time IP fax ensures healthcare offices can continue to gain the benefits from fax technology without the



<sup>1</sup> Medical Group Management Association survey of 1,581 healthcare offices conducted Nov. 2019. <sup>2</sup> BMC Family Practice, Institute for Healthcare Improvement, National Patient Safety Foundation. <sup>3</sup> Fibroblast.

liabilities legacy fax systems present.

