Of private practices with five or fewer physicians, an average of just over 50% report having an EHR today:

Although many practices utilize EHRs to their benefit, a slight majority still doubt their effectiveness:

The ROI of EHR in action:

Power to the People

More than 45% of physicians in practice of ≤5 don't have an EHR

Only 40% of physicians have an EHR that meets meaningful use (MU) criteria

Ease of use remains one of the top concerns about EHR

60% of doctors believe that patient care benefits outweigh EHR adoption costs.

Physicians using EHRs score significantly higher on care quality measures for diabetes, cholesterol and colorectal cancer.

Over 70% of physicians believe that health information technology (HIT) adoption is the right thing to do to improve patient safety and improving quality of care.

82% of physicians with fully functioning EHRs report a positive impact on clinical decision-quality.

82% of patients who have access to their health information in an EHR are more satisfied with their doctor using ePrescribing.

Most importantly, it's what patients want from their physician:

Implementing EHR does require investment and commitment, despite the many obvious long-term rewards. Taking this step now can help your private practice stay independent and thrive in the future.