Appendix

Focus Group Questions and Prompts

Physician Focus Group Guide
PHR and Medication Management Activities

I. Introduction
1) Introductions
2) Administrative details (confidentiality, food)
3) Explain purpose of focus group
4) Overview of topics: Patient medication management activities, Interface with PHR

II. Personal Health Record
1) Give brief definition of PHR to physicians
   “PHRs have been defined as any health record maintained by the patient. PHRs could be paper based, Web based, carried on a USB drive, or something else.”
2) What are the benefits to a patient keeping a personal health record?
   Prompt: How to you think it would affect a patient’s health?
   Prompt: What about the medical care they receive?
3) What information should be part of a PHR?
   Prompt: What info in a PHR would be helpful to you, or to the patient, or to other practitioners?
4) How might you use a PHR in managing a patient’s medications?
   Prompt: At follow up visits?
   Prompt: With prescription refills?
   Prompt: When a patient calls with problems?
5) How might you interface a PHR with your EMR?
6) What problems or obstacles do you see with PHRs?
7) What impacts do you think a PHR would have on your practice?

III. Summary
Thanks for your participation today. Do you have any final comments about medication management or PHRs?