## The Cures Act Final Rule--Practice Checklist

## Risk Tip Sheet 6

## The Cures Act requires increased patient access to health information and immediate, digital access to test results.

## Health information blocking (IB) is defined as an action likely to interfere with, prevent or materially discourage access, exchange, or use of electronic health information.

## Is your practice ready?

## Review rules and exceptions.

## Be familiar with your role and requirements under the Cures Act.

## Update your policies and procedures.

## Ensure they don’t include information or data-sharing processes that prohibit or delay sharing information with patients.

## Review business associate agreements to make sure that they reflect their current practices.

## Update current forms for permission of the release of records.

## Ensure your EHR data is readily available (and not embedded).

## Review EHR contracts.

## Know what your vendor is accountable for and ask what you need to do to prepare your EHR.

## Conduct staff training.

## Review new forms and policies.

## Discuss risks of IB.