Are you using legacy software to manage GME?

Learn how outdated software can lead to major problems for an institution

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If you're working on an older Residency program system, you're probably pulling your hair out in frustration right now. Legacy systems were conceived for organizations with little to no change. No one really likes legacy systems, but there was a time and place for them. While we all know that these systems can be difficult to work with, they can actually do real damage to a company's operations. Here's why:

Organizations change. Legacy Systems don't.

Medical education has changed a lot in the past few years with accrediting organizations becoming more data and outcomes driven. Many hospitals and universities have implemented agile solutions to address these evolving needs, but this begs the question:

Why are many organizations still using legacy systems?

A legacy system follows a waterfall plan. It deals with change in big pieces, followed by a long period of stagnation. Decades ago, this was virtually every organization's plan for success. Now, health systems and universities move at a fast pace and need agility to adapt to the continuous change and uncertainty that lies ahead. This agile strategy is well-suited for data-oriented and regulatory changes with accreditation, and it's the reason many organizations have adopted them.

Did you Know?

{m} In computing, a legacy system is defined as: an old method, technology, computer system, or application program, "of, relating to, or being a previous or outdated computer system," yet still in use

{m} Medtrics Definintion: Legacy System - software that's as old as a stethoscope and as easy to use as an EHR

Clients Meet the Legacy System's Terms

Tired of creating workarounds with a legacy system that turns a 5 minute reporting task into 20 minutes?

Legacy systems charge for a solution but only provide a portion of the answer. In any market, when technology moves forward, customers move forward with it. Organizations needs change over time and legacy systems cannot evolve to meet these needs.

This is true for healthcare education. Every program has to deal with strict requirements that are constantly changing. Implementing outside tools that supplement the shortcomings of your legacy system are just temporary fixes. Stop excusing inadequate software, and start with a solution that meets you on your terms.

Did you Know?

{m} Some tools that market themselves as curriculum mapping solutions only map to your assessments? What about the rest of the curriculum?

{m} With Medtrics, you can map almost anything.

{m} Medtrics solution can be customized to fit the needs of the client. If you need tailored features in a module, we could provide them.

Reporting Becomes a Timely Mess

Retrieving and sharing data within Committees and to accrediting organizations is problematic with a legacy system to say the least.

Documents can be misplaced or lost over time, making it incredibly difficult to manage and report important information. Legacy systems often have no formatting instructions when exporting data or printing reports. This requires users to perform workarounds and spend a costly amount of time to format data to their specifications. This invites the possibilities of more errors in reporting and more time wasted. With healthcare education programs, accreditation reporting is the tip of the iceberg.

A good solution should guide users through its reporting features and provide support for users.

Did you Know?

{m} Reporting standards area always evolving. Medtrics software has continuous updates to meet the pressing demands of accreditation reporting.

{m} On top of an extensive knowledge base, Medtrics has a responsive support team that can address any questions that your team has.

Updates are Expensive and Non-Existent

The modernization of legacy systems for a contemporary work environment will usually cost more than the current model. Legacy systems have relics of software that are timely and costly to update and maintain.

Last year the US government spent 80 percent of its IT budget on operations and maintenance.[1]

If you've been to the DMV recently, you know this money has not gone to good use. Don't let your organization pay price-y updates for your legacy sysetm. The fact is these systems couldn't update to the contemporary standard. Modern scalable solutions like Medtrics answer this problem and grow with organizations instead of creating roadblocks.

Did you Know?

{m} Medtrics provides continuous updates for its software.

{m} In addition to the updates, users receive notifications with tutorials of new features. Medtrics also regularly hosts training webinars to keep its users up to date with the software.

[1]https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/ap_16_it-fy2019.pdf

Organizational Operations/ Interactions are Threatened

Legacy systems typically support users for a brief period, but organizational needs and requirements quickly evolve beyond what these systems can handle. When requirements of the accreditation and internal processes evolve, but the system does not, users are forced to leverage outside tools to conduct their operations as usual.

This can cause issues in many areas of an organization including on-boarding, training, getting evaluations, and keeping an engaged team. Organizations forced into this due to a faulty system are likely to struggle in these areas. This not only hurts the processes of the organization, but it can negatively impact the reputation and accreditation of the organization.

Did you Know?

{m} ACGME program requirements are always changing, and many legacy systems no longer support contemporary reporting requirements.

{m} Medtrics is the only system built from the ground up for ACGME's Next Accreditation System (NAS).

CyberSecurity Risks in Legacy Systems

Legacy systems cant meet the performance benchmarks set by the latest and most sophisticated tech. Additionally, the software and tech companies behind these legacy systems eventually stop supporting their products.

"Legacy IT systems are often at the heart of cyber breach incidents"[2]

To have a good support team and strong security infrastructure, it's necessary to ditch the legacy system. Medtrics modern infrastructure provides a solution to this problem, and with real-time support from our team, you can rest assured that your data is safe.

Did you Know?

{m} As legacy systems receive more patches and updates, they become more susceptible to security breaches.

{m} With Medtrics, you can ensure that your data is secure. With modern data standards and security protocols, you can be sure that your information is in good hands.

[2]https://www.computerweekly.com/news/252464666/Legacy-IT-systems-a-significant-security-challenge#:~:text=%E2%80%9CLegacy%20IT%20systems%20are%20often,support%20them%2C%E2%80%9D%20he%20said.

Looking To Get Rid of Your Legacy System?

Have any questions about updating your organization's legacy system? Medtrics specializes in contemporary solutions for healthcare education/accreditation management and can help your organization transition to a modern platform. Contact us for more information.