Find a Community Health Information Network (CHIN) that is currently being developed or one that is already fully functional. Research the CHIN and write a three- page (excluding title and reference pages) research paper in APA format that covers the following: a. Discuss the provider(s) that contribute the CHIN. b. Discuss the population that the CHIN serves. c. Provide an overview of the information contained in the CHIN. d. Explain the current operational status of the CHIN. e. Evaluate the effectiveness of the CHIN with regards to serving the community. Provide relevant information about projects they have implemented, any legal or ethical issues addressed, and any collaborations they have participated in. Your paper must include an introduction, thesis statement, and conclusion. Utilize at least three peer-reviewed sources published in the last five years, cited according to APA guidelines.

Research on Mayo Clinic – A Community Health Information Network

Community Health Information Network links healthcare stakeholders throughout a community using the capabilities of telecommunication and networking (Thielst, 2007). It utilizes information technology in storing, transmitting, and transforming clinical and financial information among patients, doctors, pharmacies and employers located in a particular geographical area (Vest, 2010). This paper presents a research on Mayo Clinic, which offers health information and disease management tools to the people. This paper examines that how Mayo Clinic is playing a vital role in rendering health related services to the people and what are its current endeavors in serving the community with quality information.

Overview

The Mayo Clinic was established in 1995 for providing specialized medical care, best clinical practices, understanding of disease processes and development of medical education within US metropolitan areas of Arizona, Florida and Rochester. Mayo clinic lends a hand to clinics and smaller hospitals in getting access to vast information systems, clinicians, and researchers which help them in offering specialized radiology treatments and cancer treatments to patients (Tan, 2010). According to the statistics of 2011, Mayo clinic provides its services to a million people from 50 states and 150 countries. The Mayo Clinic Health System comprises of a network of clinics and hospitals which serve more than 70 communities. This aims at catering people with quality health care near to their homes. According to the statistics of year 2011, Mayo clinic consists of more than 15000 physicians, clinical staff members and scientists. Mayo Clinic Care Network enables formal collaboration through information sharing tools between the