

## Nephrologist Connects to Patient Care with Accuro EMR

**PHYSICIAN:**

Dr. James Barton

**SPECIALTY:**

Nephrology

**CLINIC:**

Saskatoon Medical Specialists

**LOCATION:**

Saskatoon, SK

**ACCURO CLIENT SINCE:**

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**ACCURO USERS:**

Physician  
Clinic Manager  
Medical Office Assistant

*"I have never felt this connected to patient care. Since the implementation of Accuro, I know more about my patients, which allows me to give complete care."*

- Dr. Barton, Nephrologist

**Practice Challenge**

In Dr. James Barton's practice, it is not unusual to be at four different sites in one day. He needs to access lab results and patient records and taking paper charts everywhere is "impossible." Thus, Dr. Barton knew that an Electronic Medical Records (EMR) system was the way to go. He also felt that "the numeric nature of the practice of Nephrology lends itself well to the natural organization of an EMR".

Besides his need to access patient charts remotely, Dr. Barton wanted to increase scheduling efficiency. With a paper system, the "scheduling history was hard to track and cumbersome to re-schedule."

Dr. Barton's goals with EMR were:

1. Up-to-the minute patient document review shared amongst the clinic's 5 physicians
2. Scheduling and billing integration
3. Reduced paper usage & storage

**Accuro Solution**

After researching several other EMR vendors, Dr. Barton chose Accuro EMR because he felt Optimed "understood the Western Canada/Saskatchewan medical community" and that their support services had a great reputation.

**Practice Results**

Dr. Barton's transition to EMR was smooth because Accuro's "screens are user friendly" and program's terminology lends itself to the novice user. He knew right away how to integrate it into his practice.

Using Accuro, Dr. Barton was able to achieve his goal of efficient patient document review, which improved communication with staff and reduced the time to complete consult letters by 2-3 days.

Some other benefits Accuro EMR has helped Dr. Barton achieve are:

- Improved continuity of patient care from a group practice perspective
- Reduction in "catch-up" time after being away by ½ day to 1 full day
- Lower costs for paper & printing
- Increased organization of appointments allows for faster re-scheduling & history tracking

Dr. Barton feels that "Accuro has resulted in a more patient centric approach to care." Patients are now more involved in their treatment.

Thus, he found one of the greatest advantages of Accuro EMR to be "the ability to always be in touch with patient care." He would recommend Accuro EMR to others because of its many strengths.