Health Information Technology (HIT) and Quality of Care Homework Questions

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Q1. The implementation of HIT may improve the following Institute of Medicine quality goals:

A. Patient-centeredness  
B. Timeliness  
C. Efficiency  
D. Effectiveness  
E. All of the above

Q2. Which is a limitation of the VA electronic medical record system as discussed by Dr. Gianola?

A. Notes from paper charts cannot be accessed  
B. Patient records for visits outside the VA system are not accessible  
C. Information is not timely  
D. Patient satisfaction has not improved  
E. None of the above limitations

Q3. For the past 30 years, shortening hospital lengths of stay has been used to decrease hospitalization costs. What evidence does Dr. Amarasingham provide showing that HIT can reduce costs without further reducing lengths of stay?

A. Reduced repeat testing  
B. Decision support for clinical decision making  
C. Reduced unnecessary testing due to more knowledge about patient conditions  
D. All of the above  
E. None of the above

Q4. Dr. Amarasingham findings showed that the most savings could be realized through:

A. Electronic order entry  
B. Clinical decision support  
C. Test results

Q5. True or False: Most hospitals have implemented electronic patient chart notes.

A. True  
B. False