



## **Hardware Requirements & Recommendations for PCHInet Applications**

As of March 1, 2010, if you use any laptop computer to connect to the Partners network, including via PCHInet, that laptop must be encrypted to comply with state and federal law. "Encryption" is the encoding of data into a format that is non-readable by outside parties, providing privacy and protection of confidential data (protected health information, personal information, intellectual property and employee information). Encryption is required for both Windows and MAC laptops.

**Please Note:** These are the specifications for the following applications: PCHInet, NoAH, Matrix, and MOSAIC. Use of an electronic medical record, including the Partners LMR, require much different specifications than those provided here and are available in a separate document.

- **Internet Explorer 6.0 or higher.**

PCHInet applications are developed for Internet Explorer (IE) version 6.0 or higher.

- Other web browsers such as, Mozilla's FireFox or Netscape Navigator, will not work with PCHInet applications.
- Java Plug-In installed.

- **Internet Connection.**

We strongly recommend a DSL, Cable or T1 line to access PCHInet and its resources. If you plan to use basic PCHInet functions (i.e. no applications) then a dial-up modem will work with slower performance. We do not recommend trying to work with applications like NoAH or MaTRIX on a dial-up modem line.

- **A personal computer with a minimum 500Mhz processor and 128 MB memory (RAM)**

Applications like NoAH may work on a lesser computer but performance will be slow.

- **Microsoft Word or Adobe Acrobat.**

PCHInet contains documents presented in Microsoft Word and/or Adobe format. To access these documents either Microsoft Word or Adobe Acrobat will be necessary.

- To access documents created in MS Word, workstations must have the ability to download an applet to support printing functions.
- If users choose to print documents in PDF, they will need to have Adobe Acrobat installed on their PC. For a free download of Adobe Acrobat reader go to:

<http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>

- **Printer**

Many resources and applications on PCHInet, specifically NoAH, have information that users will want to print to use fully.