

# MOBILE EVALUATIONS

Advancing Evaluation Completion From  
Being Arduous to Quick and Seamless

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## OVERVIEW

As requirements for proving resident competency have increased dramatically, many residency programs are still scrambling to get even close to the required amount of completed evaluations.

New Innovations aims to close the gap with ARMIS, a mobile solution for completing evaluations quickly and efficiently.

## CHALLENGES

- Finding opportunities away from practice demands to complete evaluations
- Completing evaluations in a timely fashion

## RESULTS WITH NEW INNOVATIONS

- Able to complete evaluations anywhere and at any time
- Ease of use has allowed Dr. Armstrong to complete more evaluations than are required



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Dr. Mark Armstrong, DO  
Grand Rapids Medical Education Partners

Why is it so difficult to gather adequate evaluations? If you are unfamiliar with medical education, becoming a doctor is no walk in the park. It takes determination, courage, and an everlasting interest in science and assisting others. Taking the time to log on to a PC complete an evaluation is a lot to ask of someone who regularly assists the severely ill or works 80 hours a week.

So we thought we'd help out. New Innovations is pleased to present ARMIS, a mobile evaluations application that allows overloaded residents and faculty members to complete evaluations anywhere and at any time.

We caught up with one of our dedicated beta testers, Dr. Mark Armstrong, DO. Dr. Armstrong has a full-time family medicine practice in Sparta, Michigan. A portion of what he does involves educating residents and medical students in association with Grand Rapids Medical Education Partners. We caught up with him on how he completes evaluations, the evaluation challenges his residency faces, and how ARMIS has helped him.

## **What is the largest challenge that you face when it comes to evaluations?**

**Dr. Armstrong:** Carving out time to complete evaluations and complete them timely is difficult. It's not like it's an hour long process, but it's just one of those things that kind of gets pushed to the side especially if you're not in true academics. Your practice demands get in the way... Sometimes it just doesn't get done.

## **Does Armis make it easier for you to complete evaluations?**

**Dr. Armstrong:** Oh, absolutely!

When you have the mobile app, you can take a break from doing your charting, take your phone out and do your evaluations, and it's done. That's the beauty of the app is that you can do it anywhere, at any time, and you don't really need your computer because you always have your phone.

## **What is your favorite feature of Armis?**

**Dr. Armstrong:** I think logging on is simple, and the fact that I don't really need to deal with a computer. You have to turn a computer on, wait for it to warm up, get on the internet, and so on. Your phone is always on, the app is always there. It's really speed and the ease of use. You can complete end-of-shift questions quickly, even when you're giving it some thought, because it's right there and you haven't spent all that time logging in.

## Did you encounter any challenges when you began to use Armis? Was it difficult to begin using?

**Dr. Armstrong:** No. Those shift evaluations were about as simple as they could be. Really, after you did one or two, it was pretty easy. There's not a lot of steps you have to memorize or go through to use the app.

## Have you seen any results from using Armis?

**Dr. Armstrong:** In our residency, yes. Say you're evaluating four residents. Our goal is to at least have 50% of those residents evaluated every shift. So you have to do at least two each time you're precepting, and I precept once a week. So I should have at least eight a month, but because it's so easy, I am able to do many more.

Thank you Dr. Armstrong for participating in our beta test and sharing your results! To everyone reading this, we hope ARMIS is able to take the pain out of evaluations the same way it has for Dr. Armstrong.

ARMIS will allow you to complete evaluations anywhere, enjoy a simplified evaluations interface, and even use the iPhone's "Talk to Text" feature for hands-free evaluations commentary.

We encourage all New Innovations clients to use the app, as it is free! We can't wait to hear what you experience.

## **ABOUT NEW INNOVATIONS**

For over twenty years, New Innovations has built a business around shared ideas and beliefs that all point to a larger purpose - empowering medical educators and administrators to provide quality medical education.

New Innovations has assisted tens of thousands of medical personnel with the task of managing their training programs. We work with our extensive group of medical educators to develop applications that are both feature rich and currently compliant with the ever changing governmental, industry, and regulatory oversight specifications.

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