

Complete Problem-Oriented Assessment and Plans Using Diagnosis-Aware Notes

Problem-oriented charting in Epic allows you to document an assessment and plan note for each hospital problem during an admission, throughout the patients stay, and at discharge. These A&P notes are saved with the problem and clinicians can view the history of the problem quickly by scanning the A&Ps.

You can now create these problem-specific A&P notes directly from your note using Diagnosis-Aware Notes, without having to open the problem list or disrupt your efficient note workflow. If you're familiar with the existing workflow in the problem list, you can still do that too.

When all clinicians who care for a patient complete documentation that files these A&P notes, anyone can review the course of the problem from a consolidated report.


A&P Notes: Community acquired pneumonia

Adams, Frank (9100101)

Admission (3/29/2023 to Present)

Peter Yorba, MD (3/31/2023 3:28 AM)

Oxygenation stable. Fever Resolved. Cultures pending. Changed to PO antibiotics. (Doxycycline 100 mg BID for 7 days).

Check saturation of O2 to see if home oxygen required.

Older notes

Pat Cooper, MD (3/31/2023 10:56 AM)

Overall status:stable

Oxygen requirements: not changed.

Antibiotics response: adequate

Organism:pending

Sensitive to current antibiotics: no

Plan:

Continue current antibiotics

Wean oxygen as tolerated

Previous Version

Pat Cooper, MD (3/31/2023 10:53 AM)

Overall status:improved.

Oxygen requirements: not changed.

Antibiotics response: adequate

Organism:cultures pending

Sensitive to current antibiotics: unknown

Plan:

Continue current antibiotics

Wean oxygen as tolerated

Repeat chest xray

Peter Yorba, MD (3/30/2023 2:10 PM)

Oxygenation stable. Fever curve improving. Gram stain unremarkable. Cultures pending. Will change to PO antibiotics (Doxycycline 100 mg BID for 7 days)

Check saturation off O2 in am to see if home oxygen required.

Previous Version

Try It Out

Create A&P notes for hospital problems directly in your progress note.

1. Create your note and pull in your favorite note template.
2. If the Assessment & Plan section doesn't automatically appear as shown below, type **.DiagPOC** to add it. This section includes all hospital problems. Under each problem, document your A&P. You can drag and drop problems to rearrange them in your note. Press F8 to move to the next problem in the section.

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3. Save your note. The A&P text now appears for each corresponding hospital problem on the problem list.

Choose Which Problems to Document On and Manage Problems

All hospital problems are pulled into the Diagnosis-Aware Note automatically, but you can remove any problems from your note. You can also add and remove hospital problems from the problem list directly from your note.

1. Click **Diagnoses**.
2. Clear the checkbox for any problems that you don't want to include in the note.
3. To add a new hospital problem to the problem list, select **Add Problem**.
4. To resolve a hospital problem on the problem list, in the main body of the note, right-click the problem or click the pencil icon next to it. In the menu that appears, select Resolve Problem or Resolve & Add to Hx to resolve and add it to medical history.
5. To delete a hospital problem from the problem list, from the same menu in step 4, select Delete

Problem.

Review A&Ps for a Problem

You can see a history of the A&Ps for a problem in the problem list:

1. Open the Problem List activity or navigator section and expand the problem you want to review.
2. Click the **View All Notes** button to open a report with A&Ps written in chronological order.

The screenshot displays the 'Problem List' interface. At the top, there's a header 'Problem List' with a circled '1' next to it. Below the header, there's a search bar with 'Search for problem' and an 'Add' button. To the right, there are filters for 'Show: Past Problems' and a button for 'View Drug-Disease Interactions'. The main content area is divided into sections: 'Diagnosis', 'Notes', 'Hospital', 'Principal', 'Priority', 'Change Dx', and 'Resolved'. The 'Diagnosis' section shows 'Community acquired pneumonia' with a circled '2' next to it. Below this, there's a 'Details' section with 'Chronic: SNOMED CT: Community acquired pneumonia Code: J18.9 Noted: 11/17/2023 Share w/ Pt: Updated: Today Kluck, Mr Physi...'. The 'Notes' section shows a note written by Noriega, Alberto on 1/4/2024 at 10:16 AM, stating 'Signs and symptoms consistent with CAP. CXR reveals RLL consolidation. Will give broad spectrum abx, O2, and have social services evaluate.' Below the note, there's a 'My Last Assessment & Plan Note' section with buttons for 'Complications', 'Procedure', and 'Admission'. The 'Related Goals' section has a search bar and an 'Associate Goals' button. The 'Relevant Medications' section shows 'No medications related to this problem'. At the bottom, there's a 'Mark as Reviewed' button and a note 'Last Reviewed by Noriega, Alberto on 11/17/2023 at 9:31 PM'.

Additional Considerations

If you mark your note as sensitive, A&P notes are not filed to the problem list. The problem list provides all members of the care team with a shared view of information and no problems or pieces of information can be individually marked as sensitive. Therefore, when you create A&P documentation in a note marked as sensitive, that documentation appears only in that note.

In certain departments that frequently deal with sensitive topics, A&P notes might be disabled. If this is the case, the note documentation never files A&P notes to the problems to ensure that sensitive details are not inadvertently shared more broadly than you might expect.

You cannot use partial dictations with transcription within the A&P section for a hospital problem. You can use partial dictations for other parts of the note.