Clinical (EHR) Reminders – More than just a memory jogger

RPMS-EHR

Electronic Health Record

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Session Objectives

At the end of this session, participants should be able to:

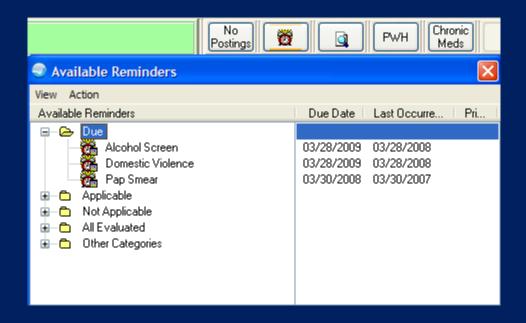
 Understand the basic end user functionality of Clinical Reminders

- "The Clinical Reminders system allows caregivers to track and improve preventive healthcare and disease treatment for patients and to ensure that timely clinical interventions are initiated." (VA Vista Website)
- Interactive decision support tools that can provide patient-specific screening or treatment recommendations on the basis of the most recent available data within the RPMS (Information Technology as a Tool to Improve the Quality of American Indian Health Care. Thomas D. Sequist, MD MPH, Theresa Cullen, MD, MS and John Z. Ayanian, MD, MPP).

Simple terms:

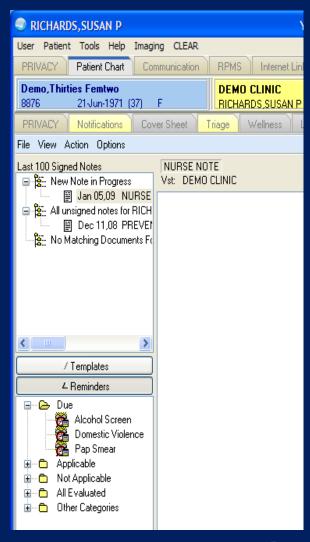
Clinical Reminders chart reviews for you and tells you what the patient needs

- They are visible from 4 places in HER:
 - 1- "Alarm clock" icon on the toolbar



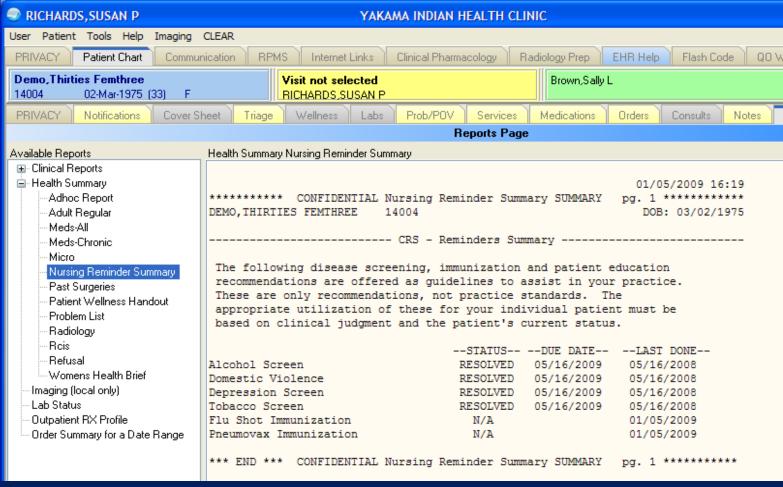
2- Reminders list on the Cover Sheet display DUE reminders

Reminders	
Reminder 📤	Date
Alcohol Screen	28-Mar-2009 10:08
Domestic Violence	28-Mar-2009 10:08
Pap Smear	30-Mar-2008 11:20

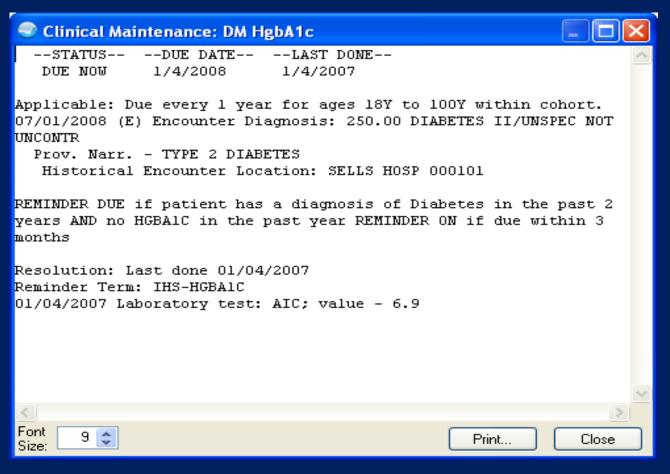


3-"Reminders drawer" on the Notes tab

Reports tab (requires configuration):



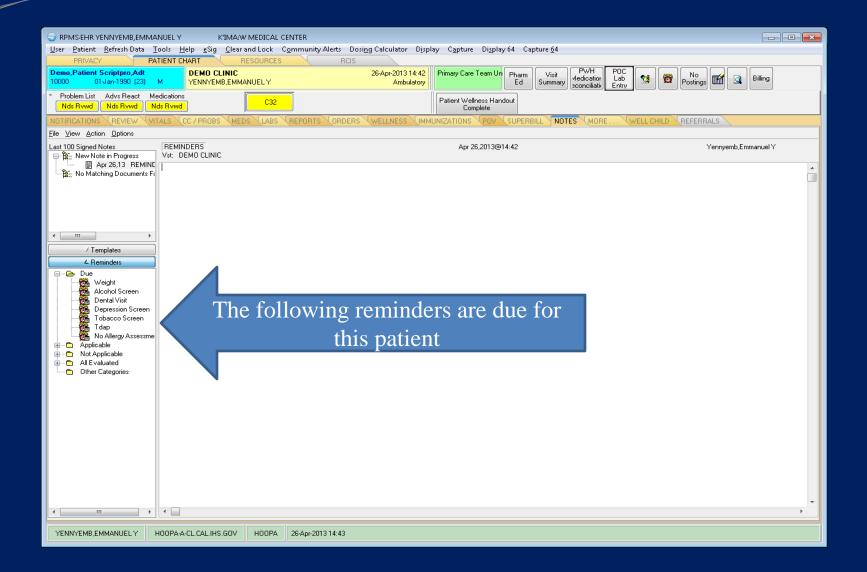
Details are avable by right-clicking on a reminder

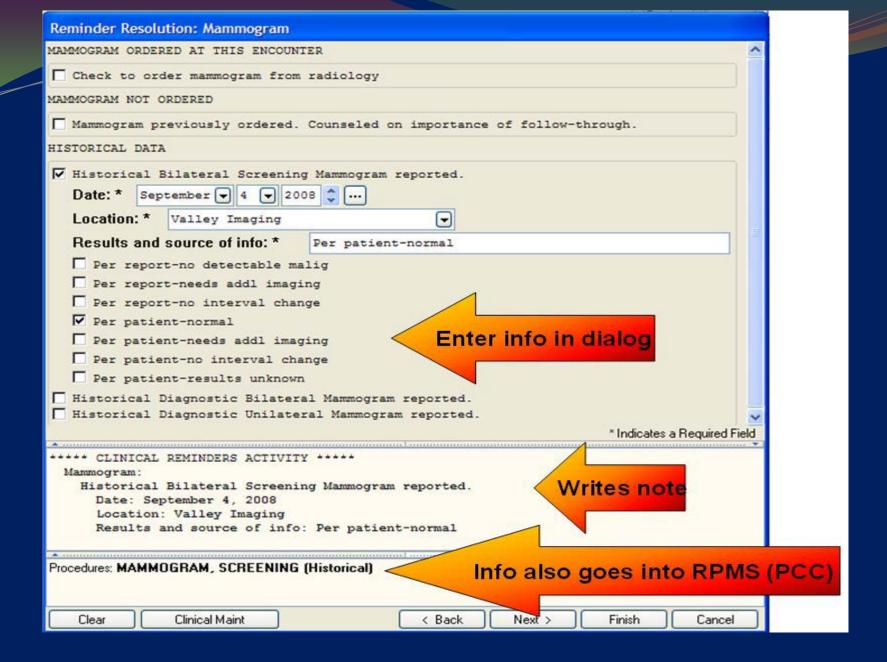


What are Clinical Reminder Dialogs?

- Clinical Reminder Dialogs facilitate documentation
 - Looks like a Template
 - Resolves the reminder (enters info into EHR/PCC)
 - Creates the note
 - ... all at the same time!!!
- Generates order
 - Meds
 - Labs
 - Consults
- Supports treatment algorithms

Hands-on





Why do we need reminder systems?

- Improve preventive health care tracking
- Improve disease treatment monitoring
- Assist in clinical guideline implementation
- Improve patient safety
- Improve capture of GPRA and other reporting measure data (MU/IPC/)

Why can't we just use the Health Summary reminder system with EHR?

- The Health Summary reminder system *is not highly visible in EHR*
- The Health Summary reminder system *does not have a documentation tool for EHR*
 - No longer using PCC+

Do we need Clinical (EHR) Reminders?

YES...

Clinical (EHR) Reminders restores:

- A visible reminder system
- A streamlined documentation tool

Clinical (EHR) Reminders additionally delivers:

- Locally configurable tools to solve local problems
- Reports tool to extract real time data on specific reminder

Types of Clinical (EHR) Reminders

- National Reminders
 - Delivered to all sites
 - Based on same logic as Health Maintenance reminders
 - Many have associated 'dialogs' for data entry/note generation
- Local Reminders
 - Written at a local site to solve a particular clinical problem
 - Can be shared between sites
 - Dialogs can also be shared
- Reminder Reports
 - Can quickly extract data by provider
 - Very helpful for local reminders in identifying and tracking site specific issues

A little "Reminders" lingo...

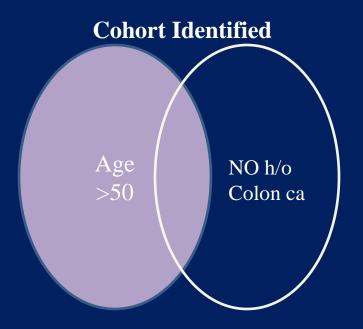
Finding

- A FINDING is a piece of information that the reminder searches for in the computer
- FINDINGS are used to determine:
 - Who needs an intervention (cohort)
 - What resolves the reminder

Findings include individual or groups of Labs, Pt Ed Topics, Taxonomies of codes (ICD9, ICD0, CPT), Exam, Measurements, Health Factors, Medications...

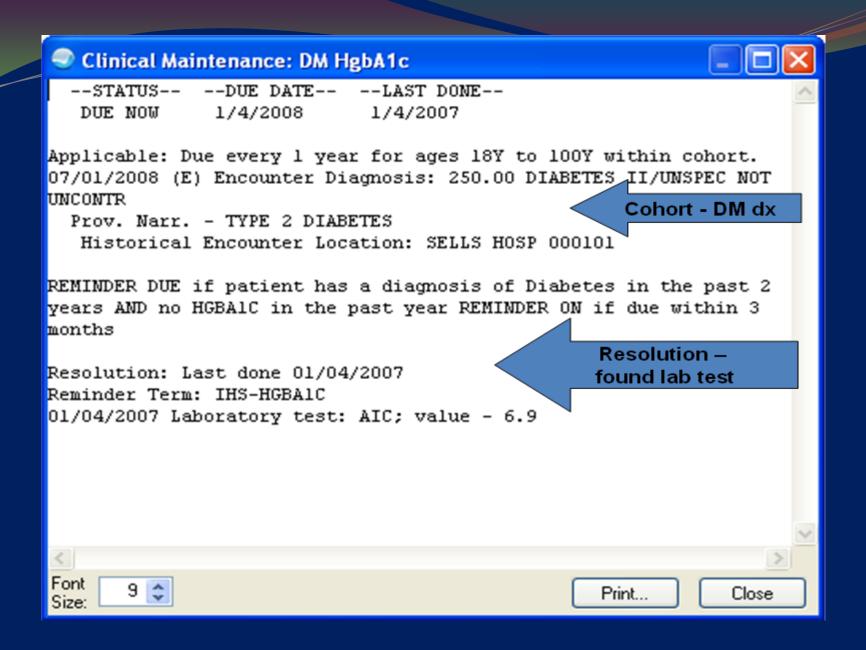
Applicable

- The Cohort is the "who needs the intervention"
- A reminder is APPLICABLE to a patient if they are in the cohort



Resolution

- What will turn this reminder OFF?
 - DM HgbA1C
 - Lab test
 - DM ACE/ARB
 - Current & filled rx for ACEI or ARB
- •A reminder is considered RESOLVED if the intervention (finding) defined by the reminder has been met/found



Due
A reminder is DUE for patient if they are in the cohort (applicable) and have not yet had the intervention (finding) that the reminder is seeking.

Basic Reminder Logic

Does Patient meet cohort criteria?

No

Reminder not applicable (white clock)

Any Exclusions?

Reminder not applicable (white clock)

Fulfills resolution criteria?

Reminder Resolved Applicable (blue clock)

Reminder Due Due (red clock)

National Reminder – Dialog tools

- Screening bundle
- Alcohol Screening and Brief Intervention (ASBI)
- Tobacco counseling and intervention

The future

- Reminders can be locally created and used for both problem identification and interventions
- Dialogs can be used to resolve reminder
- Dialogs can stand along and be used as documentation tools like PCC+
- Reminders and Dialogs can be SHARED between sites

CAC Resources

- FTP folder ftp://ftp.ihs.gov/pubs/EHR/Training/Guides/EHR%20Reminders/
- Sharepoint site for those with D1 account: http://workgroups.ihs.gov/sites/reminders/default.aspx
- Recorded webex trainings
 - Reminders start to finish (several done by Mary Hager)
 - Getting started series (several done by Susan Richards)
 - Road map to deployment
 - Reminders copy and customize
 - Dialogs customize
 - Importing/Exporting reminders