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



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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

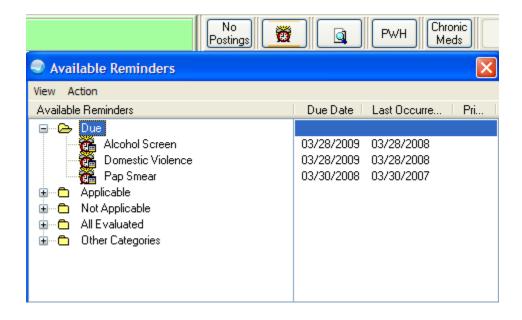
"The Clinical Reminders system allows caregivers to track and improve preventive healthcare and disease treatment for patients and to ensure that timely clinical interventions are initiated." (VA Vista Website)

Simple terms:

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

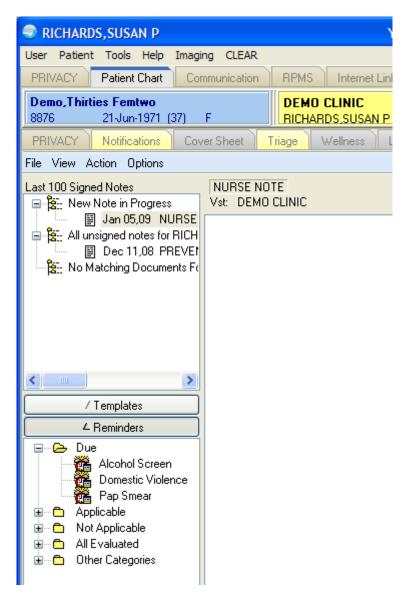
They are visible from 4 places in EHR

"Alarm clock" icon on the toolbar



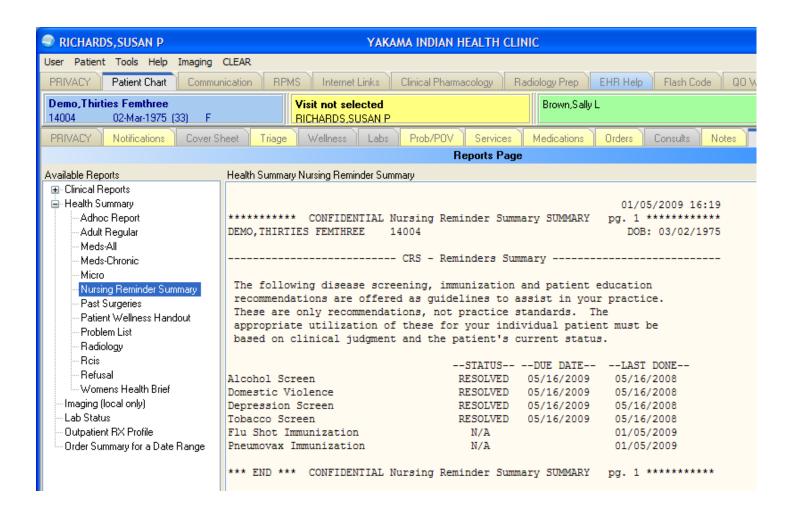
Reminders list on the Cover Sheet display DUE reminders

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

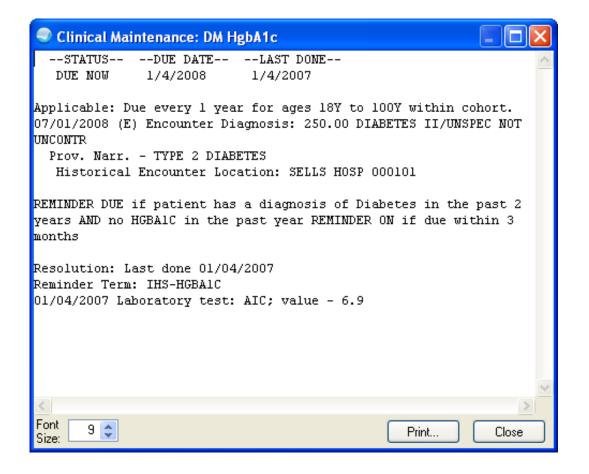


"Reminders drawer" on the Notes tab

Reports tab (requires configuration):

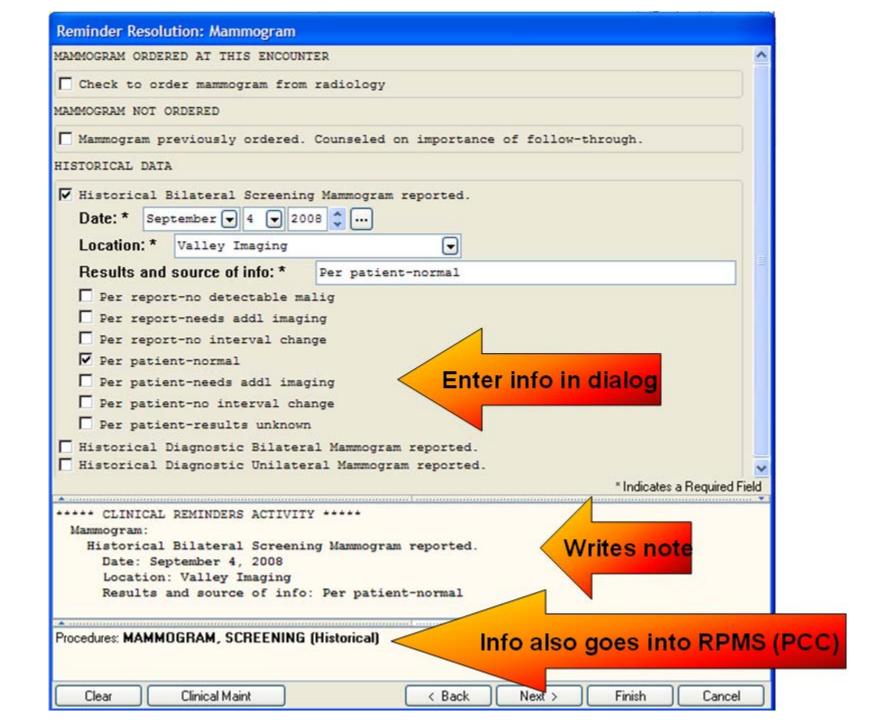


Details are available by right-clicking on a reminder



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



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

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...

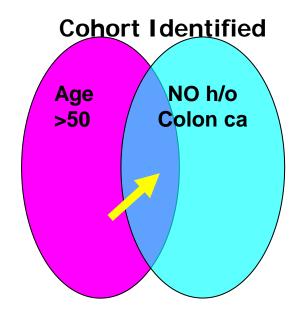
Finding

- 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...

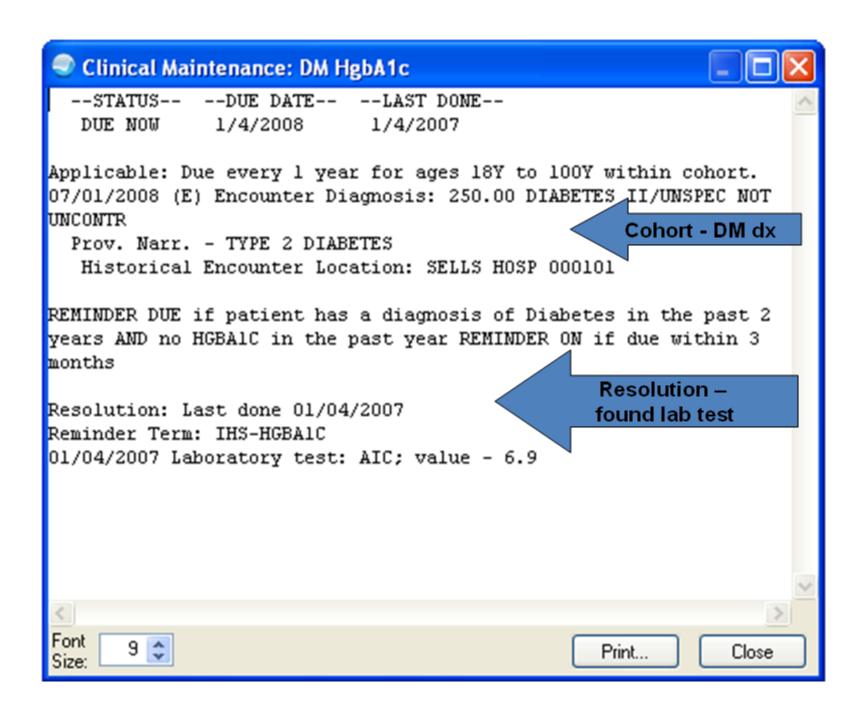
Applicable

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



Resolution

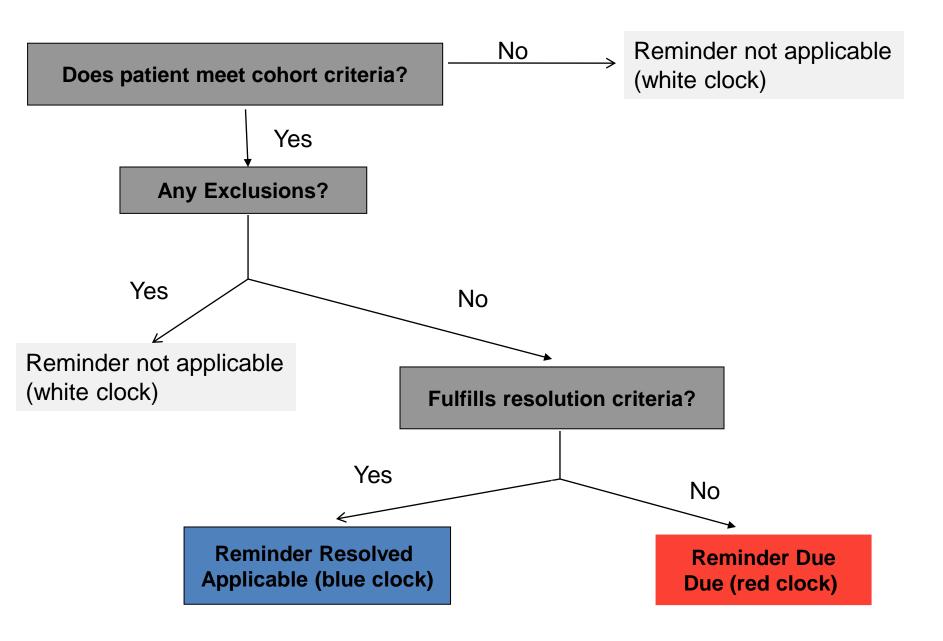
- What will turn this reminder OFF?
 - DM HgbA1C
 - Lab test
 - DM ACE/ARB
 - Current & filled rx for ACEI or ARB
- A reminder is considered RESOLVED if the intervention (finding) defined by the reminder has been met/found



Due

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

Basic Reminder Logic



National Reminders

- PXRM Patch 1005
 - Delivered basic set of reminders
 - Delivered basic set of dialogs
- PXRM Patch 1006
 - Updated reminders
 - Updated dialogs
- PXRM Patch 1007
 - Updated reminders
 - Updated dialogs
 - New reminder/Dialogs
- PXRM Patch 1008 (in development)
 - Major Update
 - New reminders/dialogs
 - Dialog specific tools

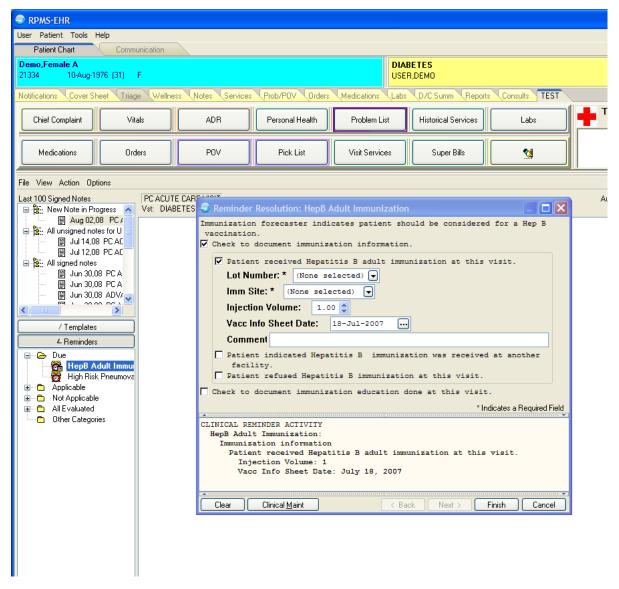
National Reminders

- Logic is based on standards
 - PCC Health Maintenance Reminders
 - PCC Best Practice Prompts
 - National Guidelines and standards of care with IHS
 Subject Matter Expert review
 - Immunization Guidelines
- GPRA guidelines and other quality indicators should be used to determine which reminders to implement at your site

National Reminders - Immunizations

- Pediatric and adult immunizations
- Associated dialogs to enter EHR/PCC data and write note simultaneously

Immunization dialog



National Reminders – Diabetes care

Delivered with dialogs:

- HgbA1C
- ACE/ARBI
- Aspirin
- Anti-platelet (with known CVD)
- Dental Exam (part of general reminders)
- Eye Exam
- Foot exam
- Nephropathy assessment and monitoring
- Lipid
- Blood Pressure

National Reminders – Measurements

Delivered with dialogs:

- Height
- Senior Height
- Weight
- Blood Pressure
- Vision
- Senior Vision
- Hearing

National Reminders – Screening/Early Detection

Delivered with dialogs ***informational dialogs only

Alcohol Screen	Lipids
Colorectal Cancer Screen	Mammogram
Chlamydia	Newborn Hearing Screen
Depression Screen	Osteoporosis screen
EPSDT***	Pap
Fall Risk Screen	PPD
HGB/HCT	Tobacco use/
HIV	environmental exposure
IPV Screen	

National Reminders – Other

- No Allergy Assessment (no dialog)
- Asthma (bundled dialog)
 - Primary provider
 - Plan
 - Control
 - Severity
 - Steroids
 - Risk for exacerbation
- CVD risk (bundled dialog)
- Depo Provera

National Reminder – Dialog tools

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

Developmental Reminders/Dialogs

"Developmental" reminders and dialogs are nationally vetted, developed and released but are not yet part of the national set.

- Developed ahead of PCC Health Maintenance Reminders or Best Practice prompts so final version with computed finding could not yet be delivered but field requests a tool
- Discipline specific or long term project requested tools and successful field tested tools that are vetted but prior to including in national set, want field use and feedback (ie. Pharmacy managed clinic, agency wide nursing initiative, successful IPC initiatives)
- Facility configuration specific tools (ie. Small site, inpatient, etc).

Developmental Reminder/Dialogs

- Medication counseling brief (dialog)
- Medication therapy management comprehensive (dialog)
- Asthma intake (dialog)
- Activity level (reminder and dialog)

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

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Questions & Discussion



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