Feb. 21 Epic *Update Companion*

Inpatient Nursing Staff

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On **Sunday, Feb. 21,** Epic will be updated with new features and enhancements to improve safety and quality of care, productivity and financial outcomes. This *Update Companion* contains details of the changes for your role. It is your sole training resource so be sure to review it carefully.

This *Update Companion* is prepared for the following job roles/functions:
- Inpatient Med-Surg/ICU Nursing
- Dialysis Nurse
- Wound Care Nurse
- PICC Nurse
- Apheresis Nurse

Top Changes for Inpatient Nursing:

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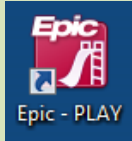
Guided Playground Practice

Exercises to help you prepare for the coming changes.

After reviewing this document, use it as a guide to see the new features for yourself in the Epic Playground. Playground practice helps you prepare for the update so you can stay focused on patient care.

Log into the Playground as the appropriate user listed below, the password is **train.**
Keep the defaulted login department.
On the **Patient List** activity, use the **Search All Admitted Patients** field to search for and use the patient listed by your role/login below.

Role	Login ID	Patient Name
• **Inpatient Med-Surg/ICU Nursing**	iprn00	Ellie
• **Dialysis Nurse**	dialysis00	Chloe
• **Wound Care Nurse**	wocn00	Bianca
• **PICC Nurse**	picc00	Anne
• **Apheresis Nurse**	aprn00	Julia

Key workflows for you to practice include:

- **Add Commonly Used LDAs to the Avatar with Quick Buttons.**
    1. Open Ellie's chart.
    2. From the **Flowsheet** Activity, select **LDA Avatar.**
    3. View the Quick buttons of the most commonly used LDAs on your unit.
    4. Click the Quick button to add the LDA of your choice.

- **See and Filter Tasks and Medications on the Brain.**
    1. Open Ellie's chart.
    2. Click on **My Discipline** you will only see medication administrations for you.
    3. Click on **All Disciplines** you will see medication administrations by all disciplines.

LDA (Lines, Drains, Airways)

Line Linking Gets a New Look

Key Benefits:
- More Efficient

Description:
The **Link Lines** window has a simplified new look that displays linking for one or multiple lines to an order in a single window.

How to:
Use the new buttons within each order to add or remove lines for an order.

Add Commonly Used LDAs to the Avatar with Quick Buttons

Key Benefits:
- Time Saver

Description:
Quick buttons display the two most commonly added LDAs in your department.

How to:
Click one of the quick buttons to create a new LDA of that type.

Document LDA Information for Another Staff Member

Key Benefits:
- Improved Workflow

Description:
Nurses can use the **Responsible** button in the **LDA Avatar** to indicate that they documented LDA information on behalf of another nurse.

How to:
Click the **Responsible** button in the LDA Avatar to document the staff member who placed, assessed or removed the LDA for a patient.
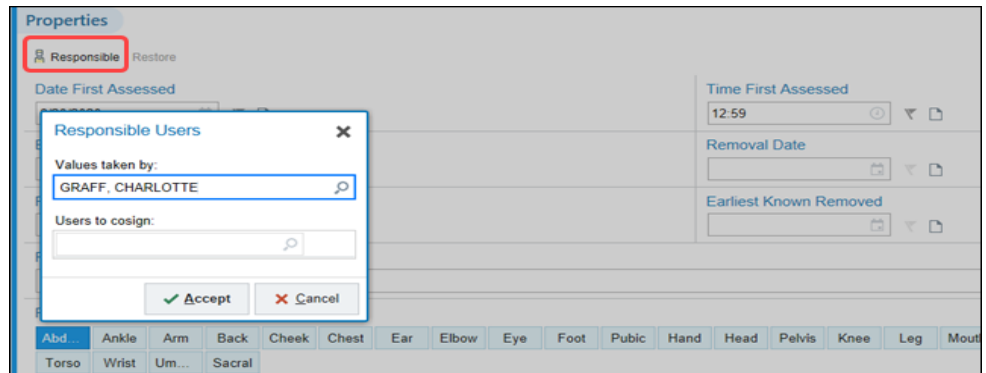
## Flowsheets

Filter Devices in the Data Validate Activity

Key Benefits:
- Improved Workflow

Description:
You can now filter information in the **Data Validate** activity to focus on data from a single device. This helps when multiple devices show unvalidated data at the same time in the **Data Validate** activity.

How to:
Select a device from the drop-down menu in the **File Data From** field to show data from that device only.

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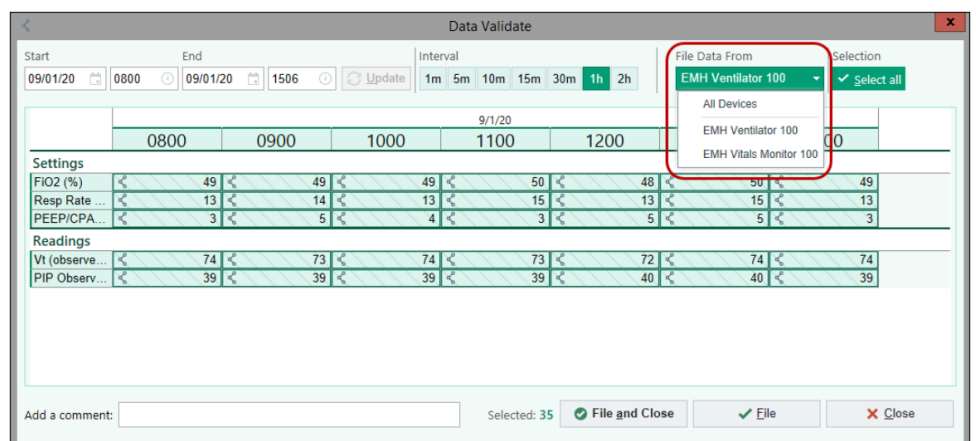
Blood Administration

New Feature ✴   ## Updated Look for the Blood Administration Module

Key Benefits:
- New Look

Description:

The **Blood Product Administration Module** has an updated look that better reflects the look and feel of other activities. Some icons and elements on the screen have a cleaner, flatter look.

MAR

New Feature ✴   ## A Fresh Look for the MAR

Key Benefits:
- Time Saver
- New Look

Description:

Complete your documentation faster with a fresh look for the MAR Administration form.

How to:

1. Warnings appear below the field that caused them to appear so you can more quickly resolve them.
2. Click **Go to Next** at the bottom of the **Administration** form to go to the next warning or required flowsheet row to complete.
3. Select the flag icon to flag significant flowsheet documentation.

New Ways of Documentation

Key
Change

Document ICU Liberation

Key Benefits:

- Patient Safety

Description:

The **ICU Liberation Bundle** is a set of evidence-based practices to improve patient outcomes, avoid over sedation and decrease adverse effects of sedation in the ICU.

How to:

1. From the Flowsheet activity, Click the **ABCDEF Bundle/ICU Liberation** flowsheet tab.
2. To review or document **ICU Liberation** bundle information, click the **ABCDEF** name header in the table of contents. Document each **ABCDEF** bundle during multidisciplinary rounding.
   a. Please Note: flowsheet rows documented in other tabs of the flowsheet activity, will flow into the **ICU Liberation Bundle**.
3. Each **ABCDEF** Bundle title tells you what the bundle addresses in the **ICU Liberation** to complete documentation.
4. A read only row displays the **Target RASS Level** from the active order.

5. The **Target Arousal Level** also displays in Storyboard when there is an active RASS (Richmond Agitation Sedation Scale) order.
   a. Hover to view the last filed RASS documentation from the nursing flowsheet and the **Target RASS Level** from the active order.

Brain

See and Filter Tasks and Medications on the Brain

Key Benefits:
- Improved Communication
- Improved Workflow

Description:
Use the **My Discipline** and **All Disciplines** buttons to choose which tasks and medication administrations you want to see on the Brain.

How to:
1. Click on **My Discipline** to only see medication administrations for you.
2. Click on **All Disciplines** to see medication administrations by all disciplines.

New
Feature

New Icon for Dispensed/Pended or Incomplete Medications in the Brain
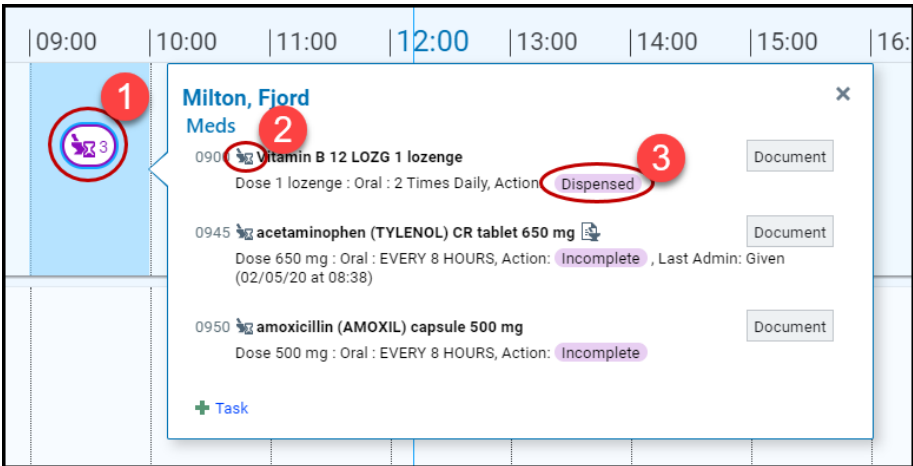
Key Benefits:
- Time Saver
- New Workflow

Description:
In the **Brain**, a new icon with a mortar, pestle and hourglass appears if all medications for that hour have a status of dispensed/pended or incomplete.

How to:
1. Clicking the icon opens a click bubble showing more information about each medication's status.
2. A smaller version of the icon appears next to each pending/dispensed or incomplete medication.
3. A text highlighted in purple indicates the medication's status.

New
Feature

It's Easier to View Different Shifts in the Brain

Key Benefits:
- Time Saver

Description:
View different shifts more easily in the **Brain**.

How to:
A. Use the arrows to view past or future shifts.
B. Click the day and time span to make the calendar appear.
C. Click to see your current shift.
D. Click a day on the calendar to quickly switch the date.
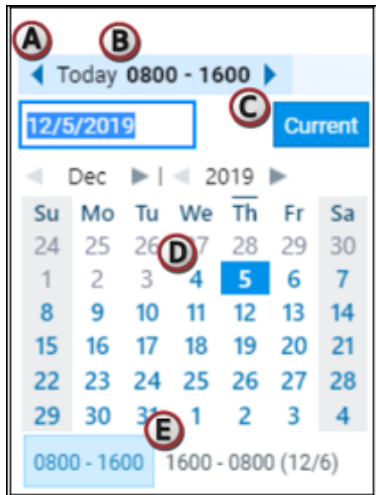E. Click to switch between the shifts you're viewing for the selected day.

Chart Search

New Feature ✴ See the Most Recent Lab Results Faster

Key Benefits:
- Time Saver
- More Efficient

Description:
Lab Spotlight sections summarize the most recent lab results and components.

How to:
1. Search for **CBC** in the **Search** field and press **Enter.**
2. In the **Spotlight Card,** the clinician sees the patient's most recent values right away and can act on that information immediately.

Event Log

| New Feature ✷ | The Event Log Gets a Boost |

Key Benefits:
- More Efficient
- Time Saver

Description:
The **Event Log** has a new layout containing a main event pane and a sidebar for graphs and reports.

How to:
1. Filters you use to show or hide event types in the **Event Log** now appear in a floating panel on the left side of the screen. A **Pin** button is available to have the panel remain open.
2. Hover on a point in time in the graph to see more information about the data available at that time.
3. The **Event Log** now shows blood gas and vent setting information in the **Event Log's** main pane.
4. When hovering on a medication event, an enhanced hover bubble shows a snapshot of the recent administrations of that medication to the patient.
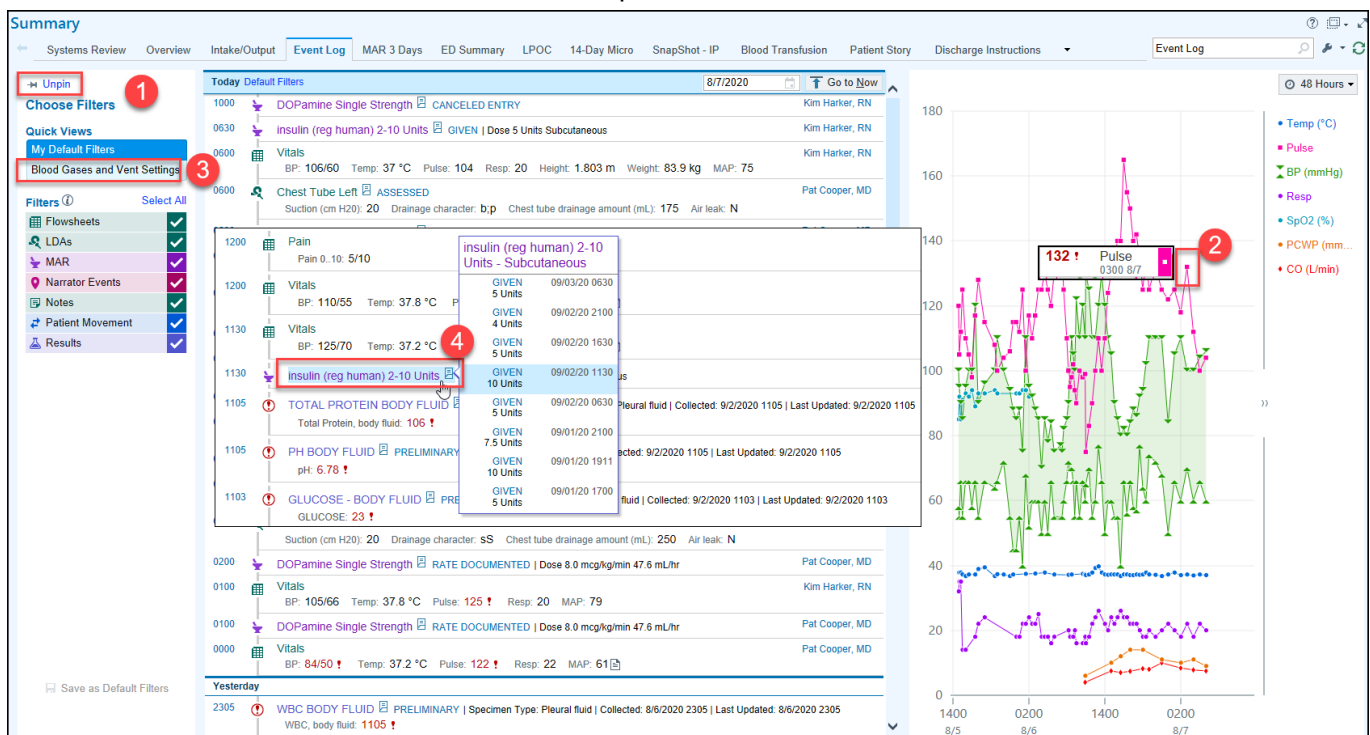
Secure Chat

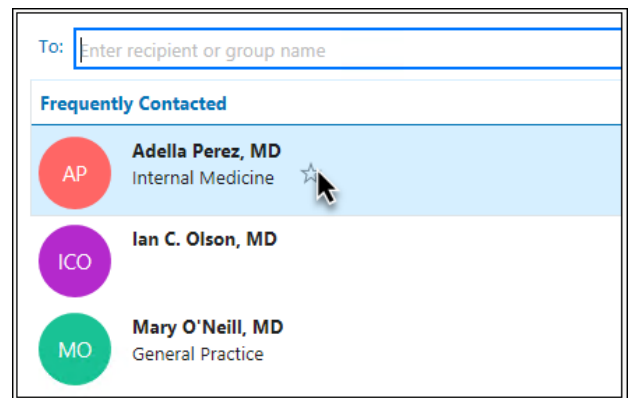### Set Favorites in Hyperspace Secure Chat

Key Benefits:
- Improved Communication

Description:
You can now manage your favorite contacts in **Secure Chat** from a workstation. This functionality was previously only available on Epic mobile devices.

How to:
Use the **Star icon** to add or remove individual recipients or groups as favorites in **Secure Chat** on a workstation.
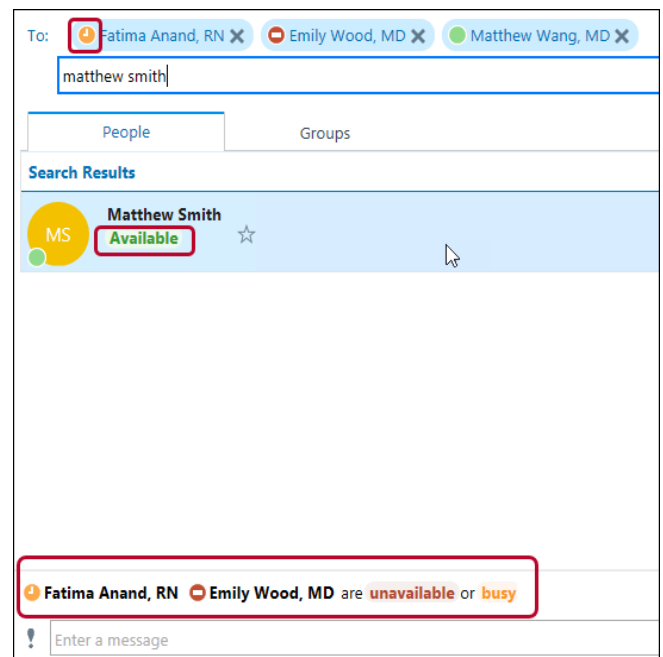

See More Clearly Whether a Colleague Is Available

Key Benefits:
- Easily Visible in Secure Chat

Description:
The availability status in **Secure Chat** is easier to recognize on workstations and mobile devices. If someone is busy or unavailable, you can quickly see if you need to find someone else to contact.

New Feature ✹

Automatic Secure Chat Availability Updates

Key Benefits:
- Time Saver

Availability Settings

(?) Set your availability settings here. Even though other workflows can set your availability status for you, the status you choose will take precedence when it's newer or busier than the automatic statuses.

✓ Automatically update my availability

When I'm logged into Hyperspace:
- ○ Show me as Available
- ● Don't change my availability

When my status hasn't been set:
- ○ Show me as Unavailable
- ● Don't change my availability

Description:
System actions that you take in your everyday workflows, like logging in or out of Epic on your workstation, will automatically change your availability status in **Secure Chat**.

How to:
Use the **Availability Settings** in **Secure Chat** on a workstation to change how your status is updated.

Care Teams

New Look 🔍

Find and Communicate with Care Team Members More Easily

Key Benefits:
- More Efficient

Description:
The **Care Teams** window (previously **Treatment Teams**) in **Patient Lists** has been reorganized, condensed and revamped with features that make it easier to view, edit and communicate with patients' care teams.

How to:
To open the **Care Teams** window, right click a patient's name from **Patient Lists**.

1. Use the Search field to search for team members.
2. Use the **Add Team Members** button to add any type of team member.
3. Click **Chat** to send a Secure Chat message to an individual team member.
4. Click **Chat with Team** to send a Secure Chat message to a provider team.
5. Use the Secure Chat icon to see a provider's current Secure Chat availability.

Unit Manager
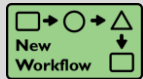
Select the Columns to Print in the Unit Manager
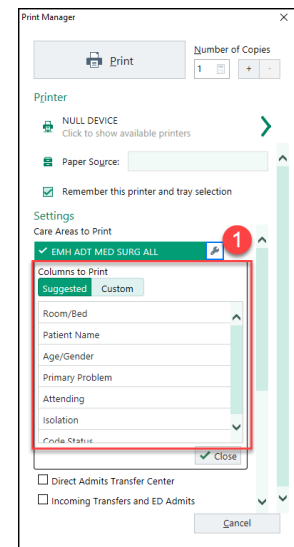
Key Benefits:
- New Workflow

Description:
When you print the **Unit Manager**, you can now choose the columns to print. Use suggested columns that match those used in **Patient Lists** printing or select custom columns.

How to:
The **Columns to Print** section appears when a user clicks the wrench icon next to the selected care area to print.

## Resize Care Areas on the Unit Manager

Key Benefits:
- New workflow.
- Personalizing your workflow.

Description:
Inpatient nurses, nurse managers, unit clerks and bed planners can now adjust the size of their care areas to see more beds or optimize spacing directly from the **Unit Manager**.

How to:
To resize a care area, they can hover over the space between care areas and drag the highlighted line until the care area is the desired size.

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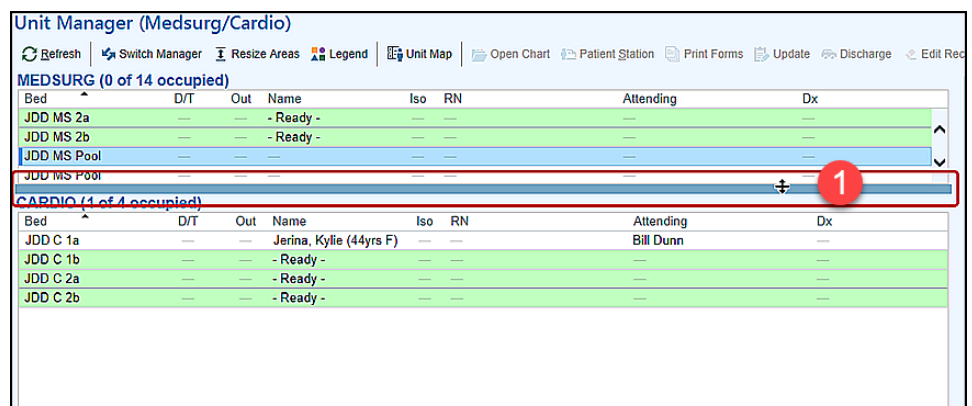
Dashboards

Wound Care Specialists Can Monitor Healing and Care with New Wound Clinic Dashboard
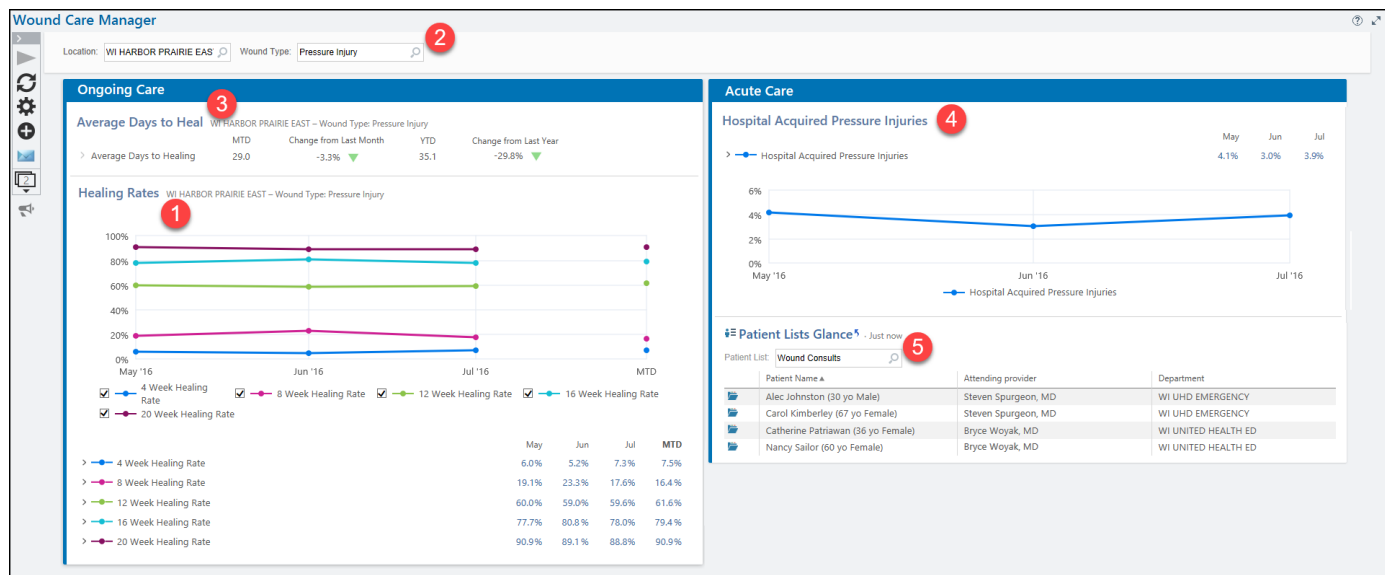
Key Benefits:
- More Efficient

Description:
Wound care clinic managers or providers can see trends in healing rates, days to heal and risk of pressure injuries for patients with active wounds while keeping an eye on patients with consult orders.

How to:
1. **Wound Care Healing Rates** shows a line graph that displays the percentage of wounds that healed within 4-week, 8-week, 12-week, 16-week and 20-week intervals for a revenue location.
2. You can select the type of wound and revenue location you want to view.
3. **Wound Care Days to Heal** shows the average days to healing for all wounds that healed during the given time range for a revenue location.
4. **Wound Care Pressure Injury Incidence Rates** shows a line graph of the percentage of patients seen at a revenue location who had a hospital-acquired pressure injury.
5. **Patient Lists Glance** shows a clinician's My List or shared list of choice. For example, you might show a list of patients with wound consult orders.

Care Everywhere

Chart Search Results Load More Quickly for External Documents

Key Benefits:

- Time Saver

Description:

To reduce the time it takes to preview very large Care Everywhere documents in **Chart Search** results, a link in the **Chart Search** hover bubble allows you to open the full document, rather than a preview, if the document exceeds the size set in the **Set partial document view** threshold field.

How to:

1. Click **View the full document** to open it in the document viewer.