Feb. 21 Epic Update Companion



Single Billing Office Staff

Updated: 1/26/21

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:

- Customer Service Representatives
- Self-Pay Follow-up and Collection Representatives
- Payment Posters

Top Changes for Role/Department:

- 1. Simple filters help in the new one Inquiry tab in Guarantor Account Maintenance.
- 2. Easily create payment plans from Enterprise Guarantor Summary.
- 3. Use quick distribution shortcuts in Payment Collection.
- 4. Paste like a pro in Hospital Account Lookup.
- 5. Transfer payments to system-suggested guarantors.



If you need help with Epic, be sure to visit our library of tip sheets in the Epic Learning Home. Simply press F1 on your keyboard while logged in to Epic.



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.

Playground User ID: sboadm Playground Password: epic

Key workflows for you to practice include:

- Open a guarantor account in Guarantor Account maintenance and explore the new Inquiry tab.
- Open an account with an outstanding self-pay balance in Account Maintenance and create a payment plan from Enterprise Guarantor Summary.
- Open an account with an outstanding self-pay balance and from Payment Collection, use the quick distribution shortcuts that have been added.

Account Maintenance



Paste Like a Pro in Hospital Account Lookup

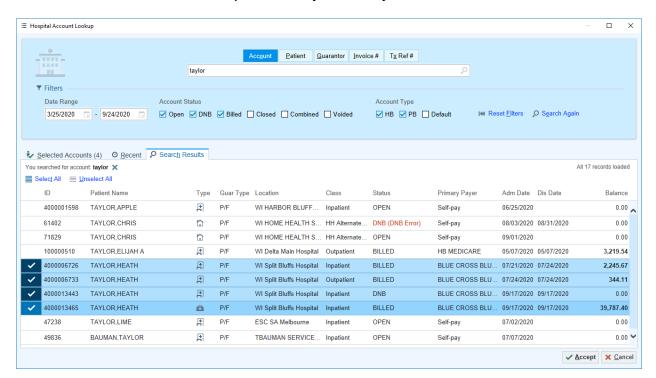
Key Benefits:

- More efficient
- Time saver

Watch a brief video on this functionality.

Description:

With the new **Hospital Account Lookup activity** (search: Hospital Account), you can paste in a list of HARs from a spreadsheet, and **filter** the results by **date range**, **account status**, and **billing system**. You can **search** for, **select**, and **open** as many HARs as you want at a time.





Account Maintenance Button in Auth/Cert Records Opens Encounter's Primary HB HAR

Key Benefits:

- Improved workflow
- Time saver
- More accuracy and reliability

Description:

The **Account Maintenance** button now takes you to the **primary Hospital Billing HAR** on the encounter every time. The button might have previously led you to a Professional Billing visit HAR or to an incorrect HB HAR. If you've developed a workaround for this, take note.



Guarantor Account Maintenance



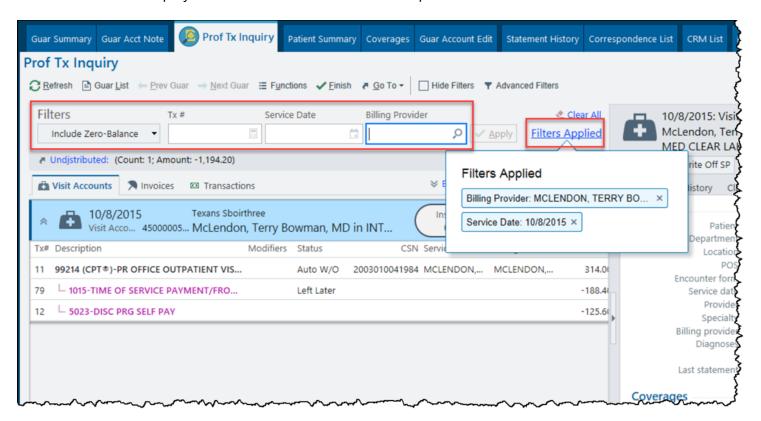
Simple Filters in Inquiry

Key Benefits:

More efficient

Description:

Fill out the simple filters at the top of the screen and then click **Apply Filters** to quickly filter out transactions in inquiry. Click **Advanced filters** for more specialized filters.



Payments and Transactions



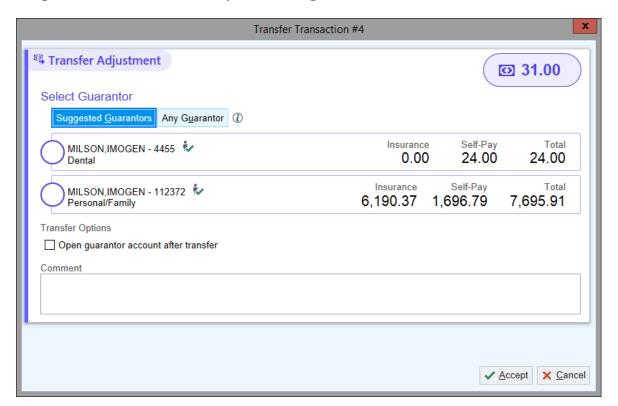
Transfer to System-Suggested Guarantors

Key Benefits:

Improved workflow

Description:

The **Transfer** action in inquiry is now a one-stop shop for transferring to **Hospital** and **Professional Billing**. When transferring transactions to **Professional Billing**, click **suggested guarantors** to see target guarantors associated with your source guarantor.





Easily Create Payment Plans from Enterprise Guarantor Summary

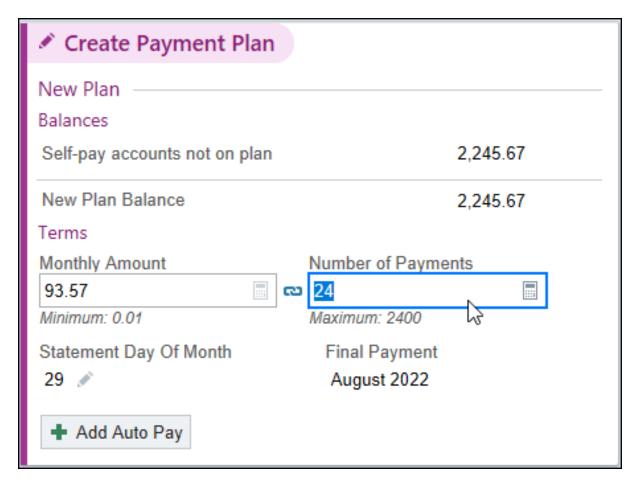
Key Benefits:

- More efficient
- Less clicks

Description:

The updated **Payment Plans activity** makes it easier to create plans, define terms, and see when you need to take action.

Quickly create a payment plan with all of a guarantor's self-pay balances with guarantor activities from **Enterprise Guarantor Summary** or use account activities to select individual HARs for a payment plan.





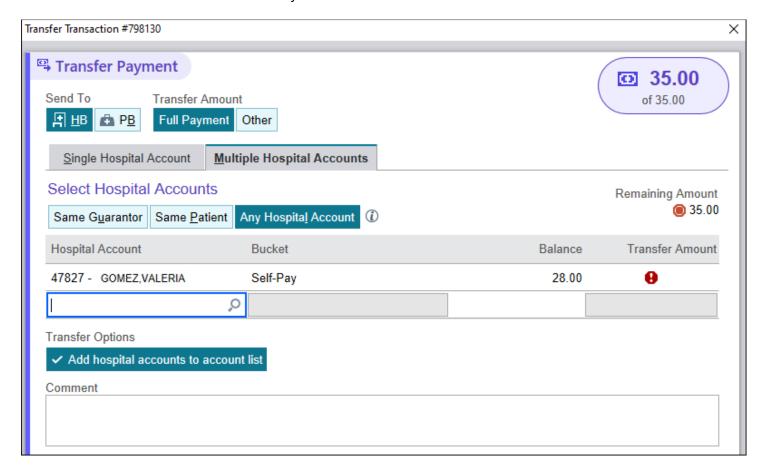
Distribute Action Replaced by Transfer to Multiple in Transfer Transaction

Key Benefits:

- Improved workflow
- More efficient
- Time saver

Description:

The **Distribute action** for **self-pay payments** has been replaced by a multiple-destination option. You can select multiple accounts for distribution of a self-pay payment and add the target accounts to the **Account List** for further review while you're at it.





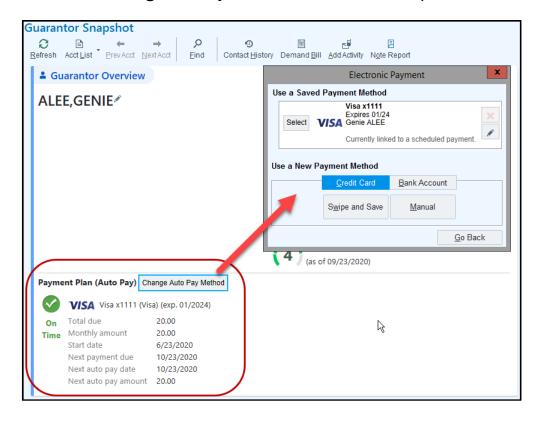
Edit Auto-Pay Payment Methods in Guarantor Snapshot

Key Benefits:

Time saver

Description:

Click the Change Auto Pay Method button and then the pencil to edit auto-pay payment.





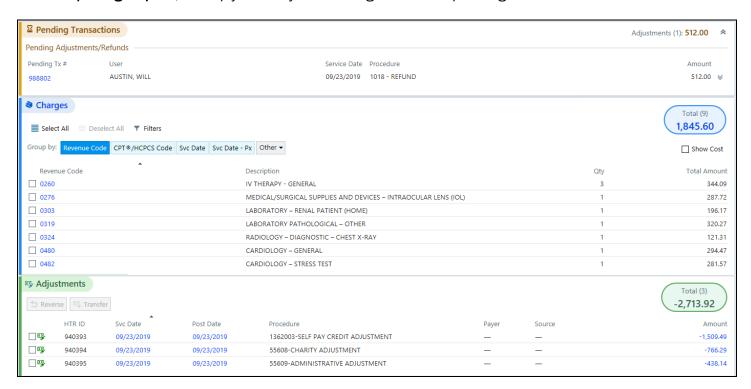
Quickly Review and Act on Transactions

Key Benefits:

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Description:

Transaction Inquiry has a new look and new features, like **badges** displaying the total for each section and **quick groupers**, to help you easily sort through details of pending transactions.





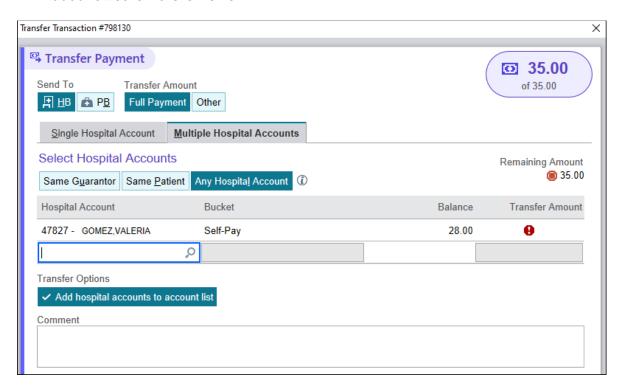
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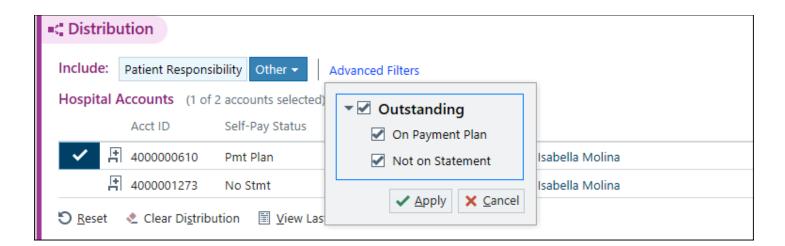
New Look, Simplified Workflow for Enterprise Self-Pay Payment Posting

Key Benefits:

- Time saver
- Improved workflow
- More efficient

Description:

Enterprise Self-Pay Payment Posting has been redesigned to be more visually friendly and to help you speed up your workflow with improved filters, based on account statuses, for manual distribution. In this example, you can de-select **On Payment Plan** to hide payment plan accounts as you distribute a payment.





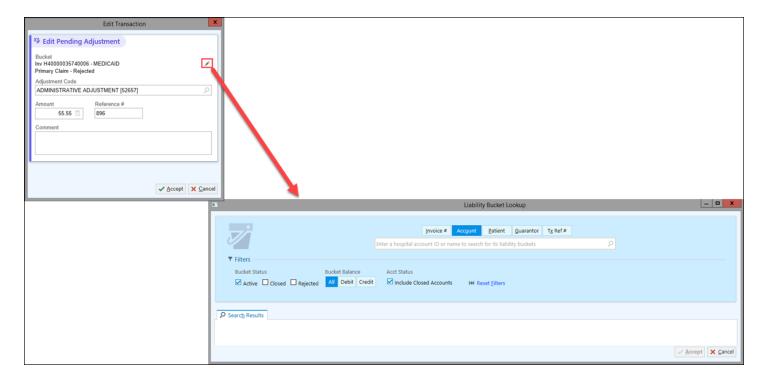
Get More Precise with Your Adjustment Edits in Liability Bucket Lookup

Key Benefits:

- More accurate and reliable
- Financial benefit

Description:

When editing adjustments in adjustment/refund review workqueues or in transaction inquiry, you can now click the **pencil icon** to launch **Liability Bucket Lookup**, where you can use filters and searches to find the correct destination bucket.





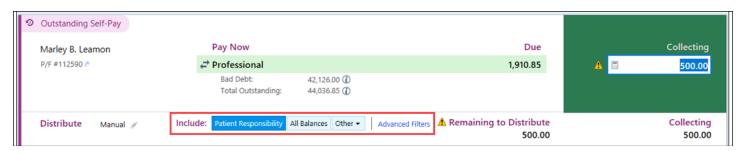
Use Quick Distribution Shortcuts in Payment Collection

Key Benefits:

Time saver

Description:

When manually distributing payments in **Payment Collection**, you can use new quick shortcuts to filter by **Patient Responsibility** or **All Balances** with a single click. **All Balances** appears only if there are non-**MyChart** accounts or in-progress accounts to show. You can click **Other** for a variety of other context-specific filters.





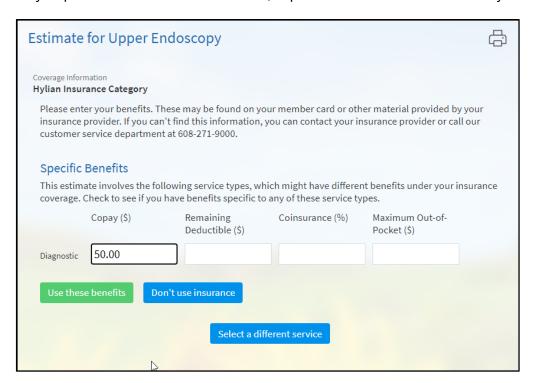
Process Self-Service Estimates with Only Service-Level Benefits

Key Benefits:

- Financial benefit
- More efficient
- More accurate and reliable

Description:

Patients who create self-service estimates can now do so with coverages that include only service-level benefits. These are the benefit options listed in the **Specific Benefits** section during estimate creation. As you process self-service estimates, expect to see some that have only service-level benefits.





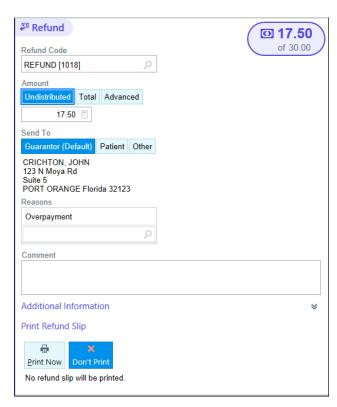
Quickly Process Back-End Refunds with Amount Shortcuts

Key Benefits:

- Financial benefit
- Time saver
- More efficient

Description:

We've added new **Undistributed** and **Total** amount shortcuts to the **Refund** activity. These shortcuts automatically select individual charges to source the refund. You can still manually select individual charges for a refund by clicking **Advanced**.



Cash Management



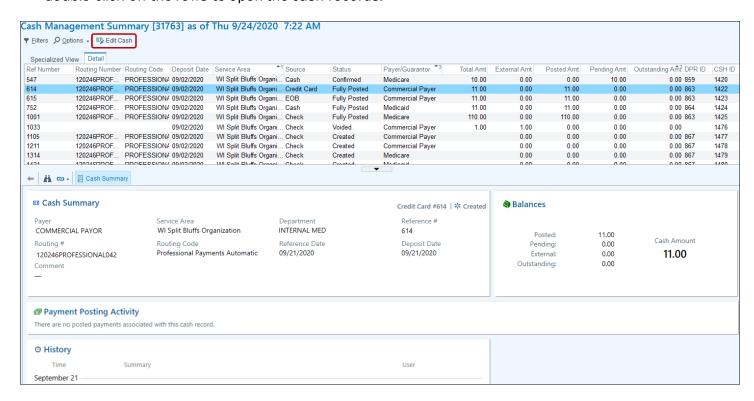
New Reports on Cash Records and Control Groups

Key Benefits:

- Financial benefit
- More accuracy and reliability

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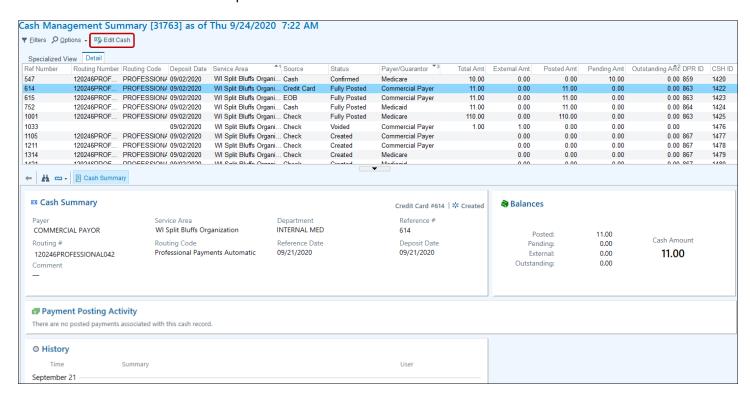
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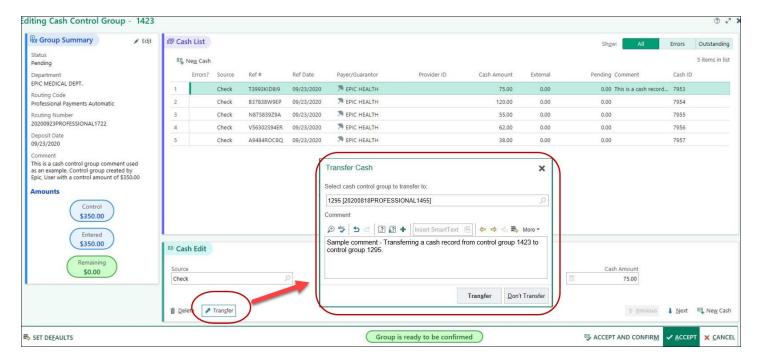
Transfer Cash Records with One Action

Key Benefits:

Time saver

Description:

To transfer cash records from the **Edit Cash Control Group** screen, click **Transfer**. You no longer need to disassociate records before you associate them with another group.





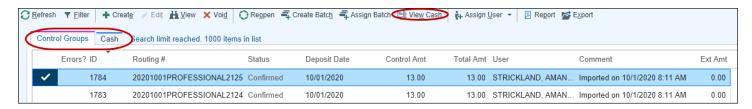
View Cash Lists and Control Groups in Cash Management

Key Benefits:

Improved workflow

Description:

To see a list of all the cash records in a control group in the main grid of the **Cash Management activity**, click the **control group** and then click **View Cash**. To see a filterable list of all the cash records regardless of control group, click **Cash** in the top right of the main grid.



General Updates



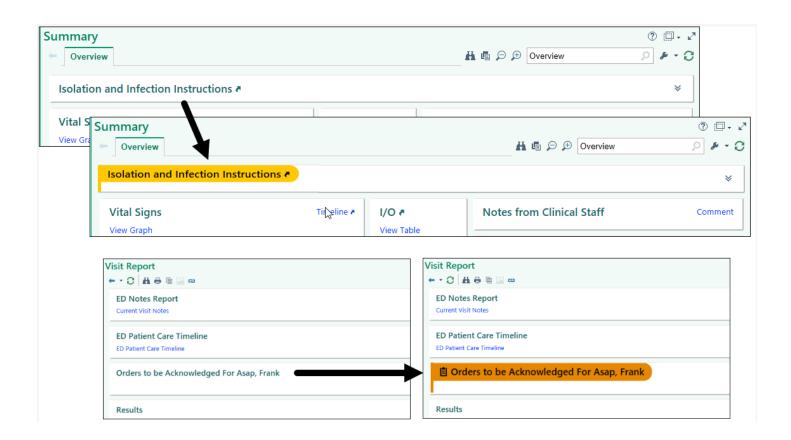
Colored Headers for Important Information More Consistently Appear for Users with Fewer Colors Setting

Key Benefits:

Personalizing your workflow

Description:

If you have selected the **Display Fewer Colors** setting from the **My Settings** menu in Epic, you will see more red, orange and yellow headers to call attention to important information.





Hover over the Transplant Icon in Storyboard to View the Episode List

Key Benefits:

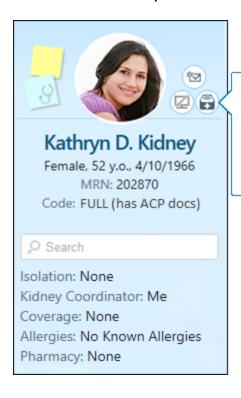
Easily accessible in Storyboard

Description:

• You do not have to click the **transplant icon** in Storyboard to see a list of your patient's transplant episodes anymore. Just hover to see the list.

How to:

Hover over the **transplant icon** to see a list of transplant episodes.



All Transplant Episodes

Liver Transplant - 4/28/2019 (#1)

Status: Active Follow-up on 4/28/2019

Coordinator: Epic User



It's Easier to Tell When a Toolbar Button Is Selected

Key Benefits:

Time saver

Description:

A check box or radio button now appears on many toolbars' buttons throughout Epic so that it's clearer when a button has been selected.





New Break-the-Glass Icon in Reports

Key Benefits:

Time saver

Description:

A cleaner visual cue in your reports lets you know when you need to break the glass to access patient information.





It's Now More Obvious When You're Viewing Information for a Deceased Patient

Key Benefits:

Time saver

Description:

You can now easily tell when a patient is deceased. The circle containing the patient's photo or initial will be grayed out and surrounded by a black border when you open an InBasket message or the chart for a deceased patient.





See a Patient's Admission Time in Storyboard

Key Benefits:

• Time saver

Description:

Quickly find a patient's admission time by hovering over length of stay information in Storyboard.





Add SmartPhrases to your Notes Using SmartLists

Key Benefits:

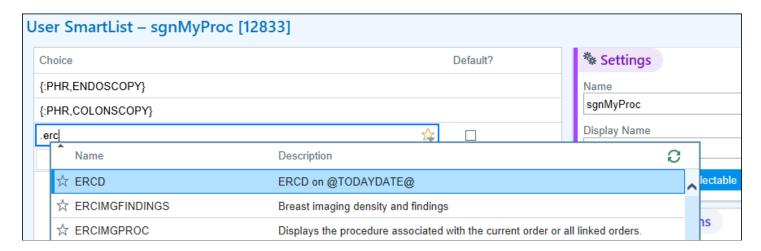
Personalizing your workflow.

Description:

 To speed up your documentation, you can now use SmartLists to add SmartPhrases to your notes and other documentation in SmartTool-enabled text boxes in Epic, Haiku and Canto.

How to:

- 1. In Epic, go to the **SmartList Editor** (search: SmartList) and create a SmartList. If you have the security to create system SmartLists, you need to select the **User** option.
- 2. If you know the dot phrase for the SmartPhrase you want to add, type it in the editor.
- 3. If you need to look up the SmartPhrase,
 - a. Click the star icon in the Choice field to open the SmartTool Options menu.
 - b. Select List Phrases.
 - c. Find and add the SmartPhrase you want to include by clicking Add to Text.
- 4. To select a SmartPhrase from a user SmartList in a document:
 - a. Insert the SmartList into a SmartTool-enabled text box or press **F2** to jump to the SmartList if it already appears.
 - b. Select the SmartPhrase from the SmartList and right-click in the SmartList to save your selection and move to the next wildcard or SmartList.





MyChart's New Home Page

Key Benefits:

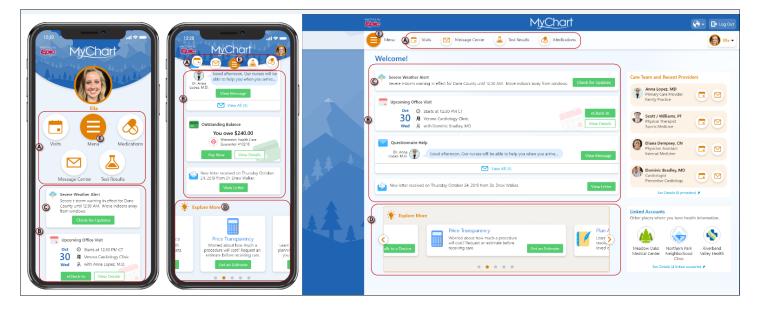
- Improved workflow
- More efficient

View the New MyChart Experience video.

Description:

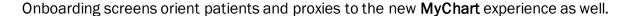
The **MyChart** homepage and user experience is being redesigned to make it cleaner and easier to use. All features and functionality are available on both the web and mobile app platform. The new design provides shortcuts to common activities and an actionable list of updates for the patient.

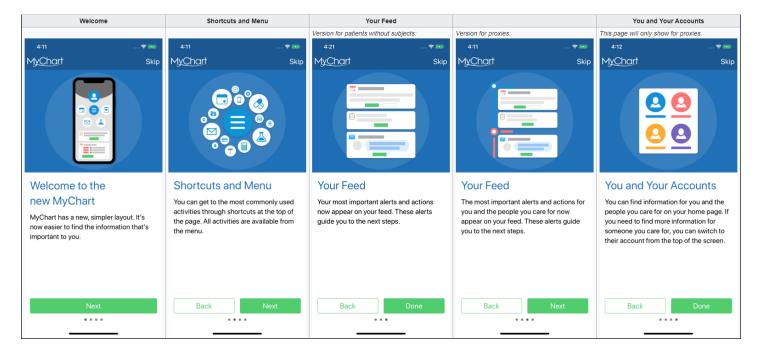
Patients must update the mobile app to version 9.3 or higher to view the changes. An overview of changes will appear when they first log in.



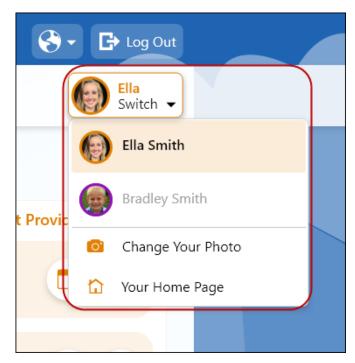
- A. Shortcuts on the homepage provide easy access to the four activities a patient uses the most.
- B. The **health feed** is a consolidated view of actionable health updates, including appointment reminders, check-in tasks and messages from the patient's care team.
- C. Information for proxies and patients for which they have proxy access appear in the same feed (<u>color-coded by person</u>). Proxies can select a patient from the **proxy menu** to go to that patient's chart.
- D. The **Explore More** section highlights specific functionality and directs patients to features in **MyChart**.
- E. The unified menu provides patients with access to every available activity, in addition to what's accessible through shortcuts or the health feed, and patients can search for menu items by name.







Users with and without proxy access can also change their photo or easily jump to their own home page from this same menu on the MyChart website. The photo option here, is in addition to the workflow users already have for changing their photo on the Personalize page. If a patient does not have proxy access, the menu simply shows the patient's name. On the MyChart mobile app, patients can update colors, photos, and nicknames from the Account Settings activity, which is now available from the mobile switch menu.





MyChart's New Desktop Login Page

Key Benefits:

More accuracy and reliability

Description:

To provide a consistent, modern, and accessible experience to **MyChart** users, **Internet Explorer 11 (IE 11)** will no longer be supported. **MyChart** users' experience in accessibility, performance, and responsiveness has improved since we are moving towards the latest web standards.

By default, patients are redirected to an error page and instructed to download an alternative web browser when they navigate to the **MyChart** site from the **IE 11** web browser.

In-clinic features launched from Epic (such as questionnaires and **MyChart** signup) continue to work with **IE** 11, as does **Share Everywhere**.



