

HUDDLE NOTES

March 7 Epic Update – LTC/SNF Staff

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March 7 Epic Update Preparation

- Our next **Epic Update is rescheduled for Sunday, March 7**. This update includes features and enhancements to improve safety and quality of patient care, productivity and financial outcomes.
- ***Update Companions*** are now available for review. **These now include at-a-glance views of top changes for your role on the first page**, as well as summaries of new workflows and enhancements and guided activities.
- Easier to find your ***Companions*** – no more required acknowledgement button to click:
 - Epic Learning Home (press **F1** on your keyboard)
 - IT website (it.houstonmethodist.org/epicupdate/)
 - Targeted eNewsletters
- Practice in the Epic Playground using the ***Update Companion's*** guided activities. For Epic Playground access, review the [Epic Playground Logins guide](#).
- Planned Epic Downtime from **2 to 4 a.m. on Sunday, Mar. 7** for the Epic Update. Follow your standard [downtime instructions](#).
- Visit the [Epic Update web page](https://it.houstonmethodist.org/epicupdate/) (it.houstonmethodist.org/epicupdate/) for regular updates and resources.

Top Changes for LTC/SNF Staff

The most significant changes for your role with the Epic Update include:

- Use the LOA Update button to easily update a patient's leave of absence information.
- You can now filter information in the Data Validate activity to focus on data from a single device.
- The Event Log's new, efficient layout saves you time with a main event pane and sidebar for graphs and reports.

