

HUDDLE NOTES

March 7 Epic Update – Perioperative 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 \(it.houstonmethodist.org/epicupdate/\)](http://it.houstonmethodist.org/epicupdate/) for regular updates and resources.

Top Changes for Perioperative Staff

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

- All check boxes in the Event window appear without a need to click the wrench icon, allowing you to filter events quickly.
- A new window appears where you can document corresponding domains for Social Determinants of Health.
- The Case Depot report settings activity has a new look that makes your workflow more efficient, while basic functionality remains the same.
- Cases or logs using a preference card will have all sections updated when editing the associated preference card.
- Use the new Comment toolbar to leave a comment for a log in the Posted/Unposted Logs Report.

