March 6 Epic Update Preparation

- Our next Epic Update is rescheduled for **Sunday, March 6**. This includes features and enhancements to improve safety and quality of patient care, productivity and financial outcomes.

- *Update Companions* are now available for review. **These 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.

- *Companions* are easy to find, easy to use:

  - Epic Learning Home (press **F1** on your keyboard) while logged in to Epic.

  - 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 **2-3:30 a.m. Sunday, March 6** for the Epic Update. Follow your standard [downtime instructions](#).

- Visit the [Epic Update web page](#) ([it.houstonmethodist.org/epicupdate/)](it.houstonmethodist.org/epicupdate/) for regular updates and resources.

Top Changes for Oncology

The most significant changes for your role with the Feb. 13 Epic Update include:

Oncologist
- Choose the Default Staging Classification for Cancer Staging.
- Simplified Treatment Plan Manager Toolbar no Longer Includes Restore Button.
- Quickly Leave Secure Chat Conversations.
- Additional Gender Information in In Basket Messages.
- In Basket Message Workspaces Now Opens as Mini Workspace Tabs.

Oncology Staff
- Complete Checklist Tasks Only When They're Closed.
- Say Goodbye to Separate Infusion Documentation Activities.
- Quickly Leave Secure Chat Conversations.
- New Button Icons in In Basket.
- In Basket Message Workspace Now Opens as Mini Workspace Tabs.

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to access your Update Companion and the Epic Learning Home.