

# DID YOU KNOW?



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## PROVIDER IMPRESSIONS

One of the ways patient populations of interest are identified is by querying provider impressions. How the provider documents primary and secondary impression plays an important role in analysis and the resulting training and operational recommendations.

Do you know the difference between the two?

**Primary Impression:** the patient's primary or most significant condition which led to the *treatment* given to that patient

**Secondary Impression:** any other condition(s) in need of treatment

*Example:* You encounter a patient whose friend says they just injected heroin. The patient is going in and out of consciousness and is having trouble breathing. Consider the following impressions:

Provider's Primary Impression:	<div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abuse of Drug - Narcotic / Opioid / Heroin (Overdose)</div>
Provider's Secondary Impressions:	<div><input type="text" value="Find a Value..."/></div> <div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Neuro - Altered Mental Status / Level of Consciousness</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weakness</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Respiratory - Acute Distress, Breathing Difficulty</div></div>

Primary Impression is a **SINGLE SELECT** field:

Secondary Impression(s) is a **MULTI-SELECT** field:

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