

Isolation Orders suggested by BestPractice Advisory

A BestPractice Advisory (BPA) that suggests an appropriate isolation status for eligible patients is now available in Epic. This guide describes how the BPA functions, when and for whom it appears, and what actions should be taken to complete the advisory.



How it Works

1. The Trigger.

Example 1:

A currently admitted patient's infection status is updated automatically after an abnormal culture or other lab test per your facility's protocols, or an Infection Preventionist manually updates the infection status after reviewing the patient's latest results and/or changes in condition.

Example 2:

A patient with a documented history of certain infections, such as multidrug-resistant organisms or *C. difficile* is admitted to the hospital.



2. Users

This BPA may appear for Physicians, nurses, PAs or NPs

3. Timing

BPA appears when the chart is opened

4. Other Considerations

No matter how many infections a patient has, providers only see one BPA that suggests the most appropriate isolation status, per the hospital's Standard and Isolation Precautions policy. Please consult your hospital's Infection Preventionist for more details about this policy.

Once the action recommended by the BPA is taken, it should not re-appear unless the patient's condition changes enough to alter the infection status (e.g., new lab result)

5. Parts of the BPA

Compliance (Advisory: 1)

Order Contact Isolation? 1

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Infection	Added On	Added By
MRSA	07/19/17	Amanda M Frutos, RN

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The following actions have been applied: _____

✓ Sent: ☒ Infection Control notified

Acknowledge Reason _____

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1. Recommendation
2. Active Infection/Colonization - Lists the patient's infections, whether active, suspected or colonization
3. Order suggestion - Suggestion based on patient's infection status. Criteria adapted from CDC guidelines found in your hospital's Standard and Isolation Precautions policy
4. FYI - Infection Control staff receives a FYI about this message automatically in their Epic InBasket
5. Acknowledge Reason - Evaluating -- Allows the provider who sees this BPA to temporarily hide the message so that they may review the chart; BPA may still appear for other providers during this time, and re-appears when the chart is closed and opened again by the same provider.
6. Acknowledge Reason - Disagree with recommendation -- Dismisses the BPA for all providers for this admission; only recommended when the patient's condition no longer requires isolation
7. Accept -
 - If 'Order' is selected (see #3), this action completes the BPA, and adds the Order to the 'New Orders' sidebar for the provider to sign.
 - If 'Do Not Order' is selected and an Acknowledge Reason is provided (see #5 or #6), this action completes the BPA without placing an order



You Can Also...

- Make recommendations to add or change Best Practice Advisories by submitting a ticket into the Help Desk.