

# Epic Update

## **Georgia Implements Change to Schedule II Controlled Substance Prescriptions**

As of April 1, Georgia law requires providers to prescribe Schedule II controlled-substance medications on a new type of secure paper that contains several additional security marks, including a Georgia Seal and numerical coding. To comply with this law, Children's developed "Narcotic-Only Prescription Pads," which are available at the nursing unit (Pyxis machines) or from Pharmacy directly. Information regarding the new regulations is available on the [Georgia Board of Pharmacy's site](#) or by contacting the Pharmacy Department here at Children's.

## **Preferred Pharmacy Removed from Discharge Navigator's First Order Reconciliation Screen**

We've heard reports since the Epic upgrade that extra-long display names for a patient's preferred pharmacy was creating horizontal scrolling in the first screen of the discharge navigator's order reconciliation sections. This change in how the data displayed made it challenging for clinicians to view order information, as well as the buttons they needed to reconcile the orders.

To rectify this issue, we've removed the Home Pharmacy display from this section. You can still view home pharmacy data - and modify it as needed - from the Review and Sign screen, which doesn't create a horizontal scrolling issue.

## **Cosigning versus Adding a Note that Needs a Co-signature**

Last month's Epic upgrade included a number of changes to the Notes activity. One of them pertained to notes that physicians "co-sign" using the Addendum button, which displays as a single line-item in the Notes activity. The original note appears in this single line under the Revision History hyperlink. If a caregiver "co-signs" the note using the Cosign button, the original note and co-sign statement appear as two lines with a plus sign (+) linking the notes together. If it's important to your practice to be able to identify mid-level notes discretely, please "co-sign" notes using the Cosign button.

## **Provider Dashboard Improvements**

During the upgrade support phase, we received numerous suggestions related to the new Provider Dashboard. As a result of this feedback, we've added:

- A Communication Access widget that includes Simon paging and the provider directory.
- LexiComp, Pediatric Care Online and VisualDX links to the Clinical Resources widget.
- CME information, PACS Web, and Children's Policies and Procedures to the Common Links widget.

We appreciate your input on this new tool and are pleased you're finding it to be helpful. Please let us know what you think of the new features and continue providing suggestions, so we can help maximize this additional resource for you.

### **Chamblee Primary Care Center EpicCare Launch Set for May 9**

Children's will implement EpicCare at our Chamblee Primary Care Center May 9. Beginning on this day, you'll have access to clinical documentation, encounter progress notes, orders and other types of data on your patients who also are patients of this primary care center. Similarly, they'll gain instant access to more comprehensive patient information across the continuum of care and be armed with better decision support. Dr. Vivian Lennon and Dr. Jose Rios are serving as the physician leaders for the implementation.

The implementation also will help pave the way for primary care tools at other metro Atlanta community practices. Through it, Children's will gain experience implementing EHRs in a primary care setting and refine the process as necessary for the new Pediatrics360 community health record initiative.

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