

MEMO

To: Professional Staff & Nursing and Health Professions
From: Andrea Raynak, Director, Nursing Practice & Learning
Date: February 5, 2025
RE: Acuity Tool Implementation and Shift Summary Changes

Please be advised that Nursing Practice will be launching a new initiative on February 19, 2025, focused on the integration of an acuity tool.

Integrating a nurse-led acuity tool enhances patient care by providing real-time, data-driven insights into patient needs, improving resource allocation and optimizing staffing levels to ensure timely and effective interventions. As such, nurses will now include a patient score (auto populated with the completion of the acuity tool) at the end of each shift as part of the shift summary, which will be used in the transfer of care.

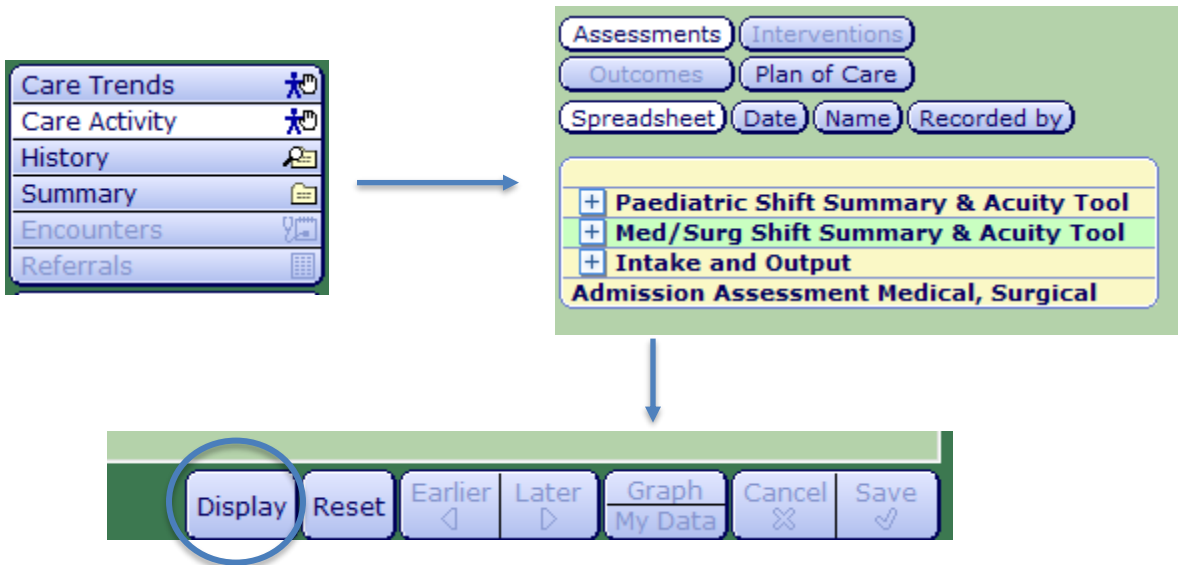
Due to this change, the nursing shift summary will no longer be available in the notes section of the Electronic Medical Record (EMR). The shift summary is completed as an intervention in the EMR.

For information on how to access the “Shift Summary & Acuity Tool” intervention, please see the information on the next page.

Thank you for your support on moving this initiative forward.

Accessing the Shift Summary & Acuity Tool Information

You will be able to access the patient shift summary information through the EMR, under the “Care Activity” tab. Right click on the “Shift Summary & Acuity Tool” intervention and choose “Display” in the bottom right corner to view the information:



This information may also be viewed by accessing the Patient Care System, utilizing the “Find Patient Tab” and then accessing the “intervention” tab. Select the “Shift Summary & Acuity Tool” intervention and choose the history column to view the last documented intervention. The last documented shift summary will be at the top of the list.

