

Alcohol screening and brief intervention (SBI) for risky alcohol use workflow is available now to healthcare organizations using Epic. The intention of the workflow is to document, assess, track, and manage patients based on their alcohol use risk level within the electronic health record. The alcohol SBI workflow is available through the following....

Standard Workflow in Epic for Documenting, Assessing, and Managing Patients' Alcohol Use Risk

- Epic 2018 uses the AUDIT-C to assess alcohol use risk during history documentation. Other social determinants of health are also assessed (e.g., tobacco use, depression, etc.).
- Additionally, Epic 2018 now supports documentation of social determinants of health in MyChart, allowing patients to answer questions, including about their alcohol use, from their patient portal.
- Clinicians can find a patient's level of risk for a social determinant of health domain (e.g., alcohol use) on the Longitudinal Plan of Care and can use the Community Resource Directory to search for necessary resources based on the patient's particular risk(s).

Importable Content and Workflows for Tracking and Managing Patients with Risky Alcohol Use

- While the recommended version for these workflows is Epic 2018, much of the content can be utilized by organizations that have not yet upgraded to Epic 2018, with the main difference being that organizations not on Epic 2018 will not have the AUDIT-C as a standard part of their history documentation.
- In the import package, available to organizations on Epic November 2018, Epic provides the following:
 - Report that displays the patient's AUDIT-C risk level and answer to each of the questions
 - The full USAUDIT questionnaire and scoring
 - Report that displays the patient's USAUDIT score and point of last care manager outreach
 - A flowsheet used to document the patient's responses to specific questions during the intervention
 - Patient instruction template that displays information specific to the level of risk as determined by the USAUDIT scores and other factors, including pregnancy status and age
 - Communication templates to send to patients with tailored information
- For those on base Epic 2018 or Epic August 2018 versions, records from the import package must be built out manually.

Manual Build/Configuration Required (Decision Support)

- Best Practice Advisories (BPAs) can be configured to alert the clinician that the patient may have alcohol use related risk.
- A setup and support guide is available to Epic clients with recommended build instructions.
- The system has additional capability of configuring BPAs to warn clinicians when a patient is taking a medication that may interact with alcohol or has a condition (e.g., liver disease) that is comorbid to the patient's alcohol use risk.

Although this workflow is built in Epic's Foundation System in order to provide recommendations on how to start performing alcohol screening and brief intervention, an organization can customize it to fit their needs (e.g., varying level of patient outreach depending on screening score).

For more information about the Epic workflow and how to gain access, please contact your Epic representative for the Healthy Planet or Ambulatory applications