

To: All WRS Users

From: WRS Development Team

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Re: System Update to Waiting Room Solutions

The WRS Development Team will be performing a software update to the Waiting Room Solutions System on or about January 8, 2011. This release includes:

**PLEASE NOTE:** Many of the included release items are meant to address the Government's ONC ARRA Requirements for Meaningful EMR Use and Reporting. Reporting functions will allow WRS providers to gather needed information to qualify for ARRA Stimulus Payments. Additional details and instructions for WRS Meaningful Use Reporting will be released to all clients in the near future.

# Race, Ethnicity and Language Preference

Optional fields for Race, Ethnicity and Language Preference have been added to the Patient Registration under Patient Management>Patient Registration.



Figure 1: Race, Ethnicity and Language Preference in Patient Registration

# **Eligibility Checking**

Several adjustments and enhancements have been made to the Auto Eligibility function. These include the following:

- (a) **Advance 72 Hour Checking** Checking now starts 72 hours prior to the patient's appointment time rather than the previous 24 hour period.
- (b) **Red "E" Display** Clicking on the red "E" now directly displays information that could not be verified. This removes the need to click on the Insurance Tab to view this information.
- (c) **Manual Entry of Eligibility Information** A field has been added to allow users to manually notate that eligibility has been checked and enter (paste) any additional eligibility information gathered from external sources.



Figure 2: Patient Management>Insurance>Eligibility Manually Confirmed

(d) **Blue "E" Display** – A new blue "E" icon has been added. This indicates that eligibility has been manually checked, as noted above in item (c).

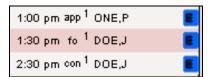


Figure 3: Today's Appointments>
Blue E to Signify Manual Eligibility Check

### **Communication Preference**

A Patient Communication Preference section has been added to Patient Management>Personal Information. The patient's choice of communication method and order of preference can be entered. Choices include Telephone (mobile, home, work), Email, Fax, Voice Message, Letter and the Order of Preference for contact. Communication Preferences can be independently set for communication type. These include: Appointment Confirmation, Appointment Recall, Test Results, and Health Maintenance Reminders. Note that the patient's Communication Preferences will appear on Health Maintenance reports in order to facilitate Recall.

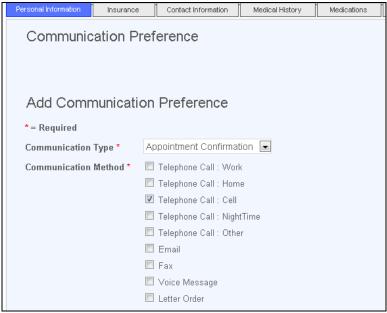


Figure 4: Patient Management>Personal Information>Communication Preference

#### Patient Guarantor & Address

Billing Guarantor and Address have been made to show details and allow editing, eliminating the need to reenter in the event of a change.



Figure 5: Patient Management>Insurance Information>Patient Statements

## **Upload Document Permission**

Resource permission under "EMR" section has been added for "Upload Document," This will control a user's ability to view/upload/modify/delete patient's uploaded documents in EMR All Notes "Documents" section. This permission will also control the ability to Encrypt/Decrypt documents, as outlined below.

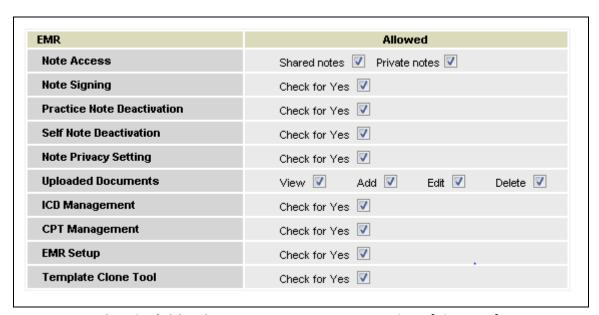


Figure 6: Administration>Resource Management>Resource Setup>[USER NAME]>
Permissions>Uploaded Documents

## **Document Encryption**

An option to encrypt documents that are uploaded to EMR All Notes has been added. Encryption can be used as an added level of security when transmitting a file.

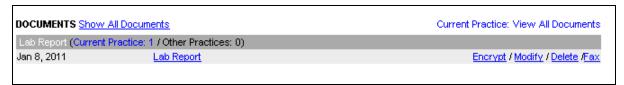


Figure 8: Patient Management>Insurance Information>Patient Statements

Selecting this option will present a screen to enter a user specified password. This password must be given to the recipient in order to decrypt/open the file.



Figure 9: Encryption Password Entry

The document will now show as "encrypted" under EMR All Note>Document Upload. Note that the password will be needed to decrypt/open the file.

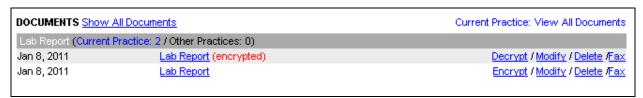


Figure 10: EMR All Notes>Document Upload>Encrypted Document



Figure 11: Decryption Password Entry

### **Emergency Access Permission**

A user permission for "Emergency Patient Info Access" has been added under Resource Management>Resource Setup>Permission. If a patient has been previously identified as "Restricted" (under Administration>Resource Management>Resource Setup>[USER ID]>Permissions>Resource Restrictions) the user can access this patient's records if this new Emergency Access permission is enabled. If the user does not have this permission enabled, they will not be able to enter a restricted patient chart.

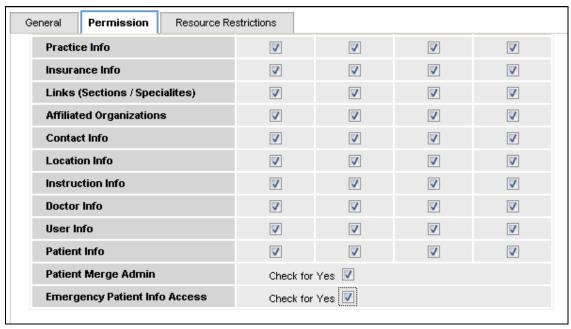


Figure 7: Administration>Resource Management>Resource Setup>[USER NAME]>
Permissions>Emergency Patient Info Access

#### **Health Maintenance**

Patient's communication preference has been added to the health maintenance query display/output for reminders. These preferences are collected from Communication Preference Function explained above, under Patient Management>Contact Information. In addition, Laboratory Test Results and Medication Allergies have been added to the health maintenance queries. Patients can now be filtered based on the results (values) of their tests.

#### **Record Disclosures**

Treatment Disclosure, Payment Disclosure and Health Operations Disclosure have been added to the clinical logs under Administration>Logs>Clinical Logs. Additional information about the use of this data will be released with the forthcoming WRS Meaningul Use Reporting Guidelines.

### **Medication Alert Settings**

A new area has been added under Administration>Medication Setup>Medication Settings. This function allows the practice to specify the Level of Medication Alert and the Level of Allergy Alert.

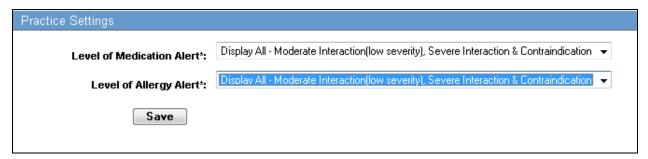


Figure 12: Administration>Medication Setup>Medication Settings>Medication and Allergy Alert

The Severity Level of a Patient Allergy can be selected when entering the allergy. This level will trigger an alert based on the practice's selected Allergy Alert Level above.

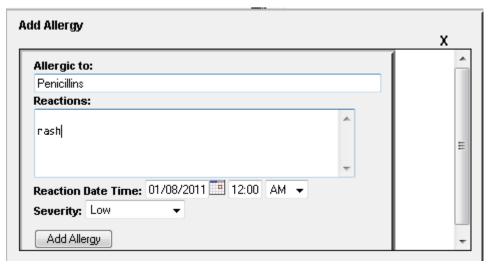


Figure 13: EMR>Medications>Allergy Entry - Select Severity Level

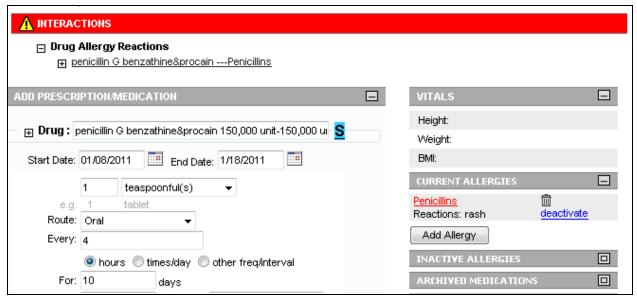


Figure 14: EMR>Medications> Low Severity Allergy Alert

## **Additional Enhancements & Adjustments**

Several enhancements and adjustments have been made to overall system functionality. These include, but are not limited to, the following items:

- PQRI Reporting Measures have been added for Diabetes: BP Management (NQF 0061), Diabetes: Low Density Lipoprotein (NQF 0064), Diabetes: Hemoglobin (NQF 0059), and Childhood Immunization Status (NQF 0038).
- The ability for a patient to delete an Insurance on their account has been removed from the Patient Portal.
- Under Social History, Patient Quit Smoking Date now defaults to current year and the Other Habits free text box is now enabled, regardless of additional selections on the page.
- Administration>Resource Management>Resource Setup>General>Healthcare Provide>Degree/Suffix has been increased from 5 to 10 allowed characters.

•	Address Line 2 has been corrected and any data entered will now appears on the patient statement, as entered.