ieMR: Diagnosis and Problems

What is a Diagnosis or a Problem?

Diagnosis = the diagnosis being addressed this visit. Diagnosis are encounter specific and will not carry over to subsequent encounters (e.g. ankle sprain).

Problem = ongoing/chronic problems. Problems will be automatically carried over to subsequent encounters (e.g. Diabetes).

View existing Diagnosis and Problems

There are two (2) places to view *Diagnosis and Problems* within the ieMR:

1. *Patient Summary Page* - all *active* Diagnosis and Problems are displayed on the patient summary page. Rest the cursor on the Diagnosis or Problem to display additional information.
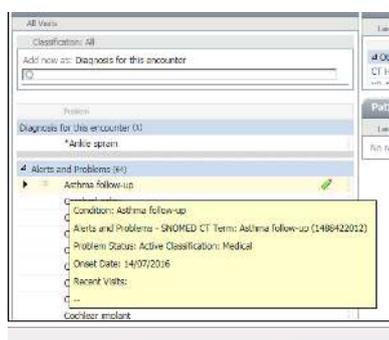
2. *Alerts and Problems tab* - the patient diagnosis and problems are displayed as per the filter set:

- *Active* shows only active diagnosis and problems

- *Inactive* shows only resolved and cancelled diagnosis and problems

- *All* shows all diagnosis and problems regardless of their status

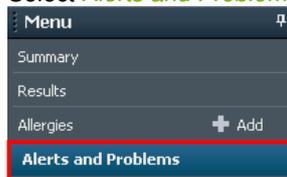To change the filter, adjust the *Display* dropdown menu.
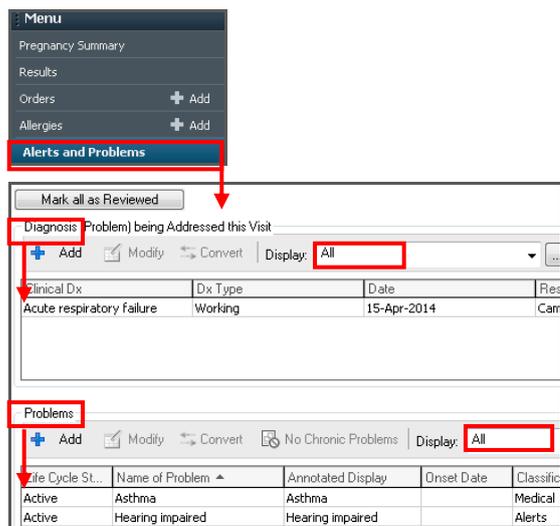
Add a new Diagnosis or Problem

With the patient's medical record open:

1. Select *Alerts and Problems* from the *Patient Menu*

The *Alerts and Problems* component of PowerChart will open.

The upper section of the profile page displays information regarding *Diagnosis* for the patient's current encounter.

The lower section of the profile page displays information regarding *Alerts and Problems*.

2. Click the relevant *+Add* icon (upper half of the screen for Diagnosis and lower half of screen for Problem).

3. There are two ways to search for a *Diagnosis* or *Problem*.

   Folders:

   a) Select the *Folders* icon located in the lower half of the screen.

   b) Select the *Diagnosis/Alerts and Problems* folder.
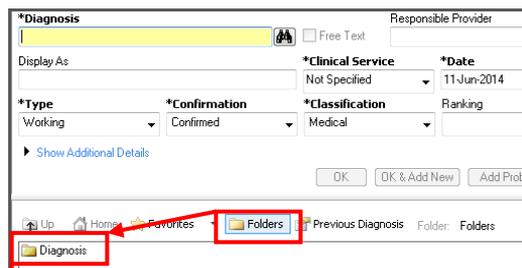
   The *Diagnosis/Problems* folders will display.
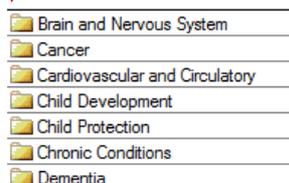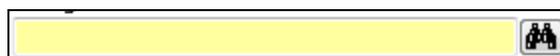

   c) Click on the required *Diagnosis/Problem* folder and then double click the required *Diagnosis/Problem* term.

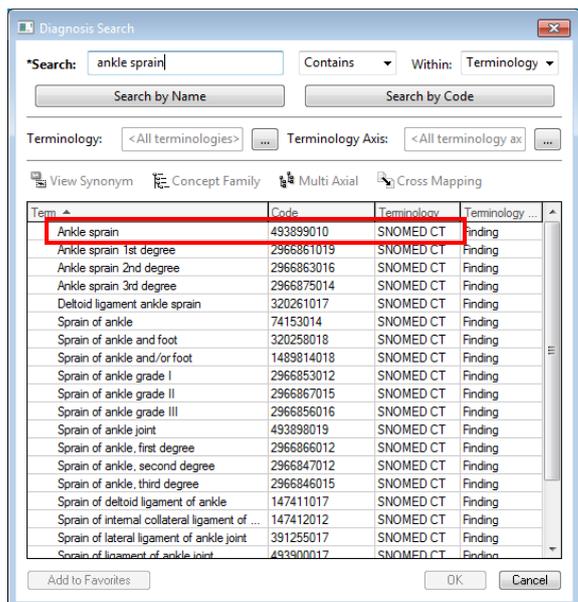   d) The *Diagnosis/Problem* term will populate in the Diagnosis/Problem search field.

Alternatively,

Search Field

   e) If the Diagnosis/Problem term is known enter the diagnosis in the free text *Search Field.*

   f) Press *Enter* on your keyboard or click the *binoculars icon* to search.

   g) The *Diagnosis/Problem* Search box will open.

h) Highlight the required Diagnosis/Problem term. Ensure that the selected diagnosis displays *SNOMED CT* in the *Terminology* column. This indicates a pre-defined code set, which is reportable for data collection.

i) Select *OK*

j) The Diagnosis/Problem term will populate in the search field.

4. Review *Mandatory fields* (marked with bold type and an asterisk).

5. Complete additional fields as required.

6. Type *Comments* as required.

7. When details are complete select one of the following:

- Select *OK* to apply changes and return to the Alerts and Problems profile page

- Select *OK & Add New* to apply changes and keep the window open to add another diagnosis/problem

- Select *Add Problem & Diagnosis* to apply changes to both the problem and diagnosis sections and return to the Alerts and Problems profile page

- Select *Cancel* to return to the Alerts and Problems profile page without applying any changes.

Modify a Diagnosis or Problem

Select *Alerts and Problems* from the *Patient Menu*

1. Select the *Diagnosis/Problem* to be modified

2. Select *Modify* [Modify] button

3. Modify the necessary fields (see steps above).

4. Select *OK*

> **Note:** The *diagnosis/problem* field cannot be modified once entered; however the status can be updated to *cancelled* if recorded incorrectly, or *resolved/inactive* if the diagnosis/problem is no longer active.

Resolve/cancel a Diagnosis or Problem

Select *Alerts and Problems* from the *Patient Menu*

1. Select the *Diagnosis/Problem* to be modified

2. Select the *Modify* [Modify] button

3. Select *Resolved* or *Cancelled* from the *Status* drop down menu.

4. If cancelling a diagnosis/problem select a *Reason* for the cancellation from the drop down menu or add a comment explaining why the diagnosis/problem has been cancelled.

5. Select *OK*

Remove a diagnosis:

Select *Alerts and Problems* from the *Patient Menu*

1. Right click on the diagnosis that is to be removed

2. Select *remove diagnosis* from the drop down menu

The diagnosis has now been removed but will remain in the record as an inactive diagnosis.

It will appear in the record with a ~~strikethrough.~~