

October 2011 – Certified Consultant Live Workshop Q&A

1. If we create a custom chart note, can we add tabs like the SOAP note tabs?

Simple notes are just that. They offer one section for notes. Unlike the SOAP note, they do not have extra tabs available to document patient information. You cannot customize the Simple or SOAP note format.

2. Will diagnoses added in the SOAP note move into the Dx History?

Yes, structured diagnoses added in the SOAP's Assessment area will be updated in the Dx history and qualify for Meaningful Use criteria.

To learn more visit the Meaningful Use Videos here-
<http://learn.practicefusion.com/>

3. What medical library are you using?

Lexicomp

4. Are the Dx and Rx available universal and available for all patients?

Yes, all medications and diagnoses are available for all patients.

5. How do you create simple notes?

You can easily create simple notes in the SETUP>PRACTICE>CHART NOTE TYPES tabs and also under Patient Actions>Start a new Chart Note>Create new section of a patient chart.

6. One of my clients does not like the SOAP note, is the Simple Note the only option?

Yes, at this time, Practice Fusion has the two options for SOAP and Simple note. Many specialties that do not use the SOAP have customized it for their practice needs with templates.

7. Is there a way to see weight of a patient over time?

Yes, by clicking on the patient Events, you will see a history of vitals for the patient.

8. If the SOAP format is not used, does Meaningful Use get compromised and must they be signed?

Yes, for Meaningful Use, SOAP notes are required because of the Finalization tab (CQM) and Clinical Reminders (Clinical Decision Support) which are part of Core Set Criteria. The SOAP notes must also be signed to count in the numerators/denominators.

9. Does it make a difference when the date of the note is signed for Meaningful Use?

The date for signature needs to be within the 90 day reporting period. If the chart was signed after the patient's visit, that is ok.

10. Do Certified Consultants get access to edit level training?

Yes, we encourage all consultants to utilize all training available to our users. It's the best way to get up to speed on the product. The EHR is constantly changing so it's pertinent that you attend trainings regularly.

11. Can you add multiple prescriptions at the same time?

At this time you can only prescribe one medication at a time. With previous added medication, you can select from this list in the Plan section and check multiple medications to add for that chart note. This will not create a new prescription; it will merely add them to the current chart note as a continuation of the same medication.

12. Are there options to draw within a template or insert diagrams?

At this time Practice Fusion does not offer this functionality. It's a huge feature request and we encourage you to send it as a request through the EHR. Historically, Practice Fusion has approved about 80% of the feature requests received. Please log in to the EHR and click "Request a Feature." For now, you'll want to upload images or diagrams in the Documents section and attach to a patient chart.

13. Why is Outpatient Encounter the default for the Finalization Tab the SOAP note?

This is the default because it encompasses the most types of visits. However, you can select other options along with Outpatient Encounter.