# EpicCare Link (ChartLink)

**Quick Start Guide** 

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### **Getting Started**

ChartLink is a tool that provides real-time web access to patient information so you can access patients' clinical data and communicate with Boston Medical Center Health System to provide quality patient care. You can also use Chartlink to quickly refer patients to our organization.

ChartLink is a collection of different web pages, or activities, that correspond to different tasks. The activity that you use depends on what you want to accomplish.

This guide includes information to help you get started, such as browser requirements and how to log in.

### **Help & System Requirements**



#### TRY IT OUT

- If you forget your password or cannot log in,
  - 1. If you have a bmc.org email, you can reset it at <a href="https://passwordhelp.bmc.org">https://passwordhelp.bmc.org</a> or call **617-414-4500.** 
    - If you do not have a bmc.org email you can ask your site administrator to reset your password
  - 2. If you need support, email BMCHS\_NetworkSupport@bmc.org
- If you need to submit a help desk ticket, your help desk is likely going to ask for technical information. To find this information, go to **Settings** > **Session Information Report**.
- You must use one of the following internet browsers to access Chartlink:
  - Google Chrome version 118 or later
  - Microsoft Edge version 118 or later
  - Mozilla Firefox version 115 or later
  - Safari version 17 or later
- Chartlink requires a minimum screen resolution of 1024x768 pixels. We recommend that you use a high-speed Internet connection to achieve the best system speed and performance.

### Logging In



#### **TRY IT OUT**

- 1 Use the link provided by your organization to access EpicCare Link.
- Enter the user ID and password that you received for EpicCare Link.

- If you have a bmc.org email, your username will be the first two letters of your first name and first six letters of your last name (Example: If your name is Kyle Johnson, it would be kyjohnso).
- If you do not have a bmc.org email, a numeric user ID would have been emailed to you
- Enter your single-use passcode that you receive through your two-factor authentication method.
- After you enter the passcode, optionally select the Remember me checkbox to indicate that you are using a device that is not shared with anyone else. This means you will not be asked for a passcode the next time you sign in from the same device for a while. Note that if you log in through a different device or browser, or your browser's settings are reset, you are still prompted for a passcode.
- Two-factor authentication (2FA) is a process by which you verify your identity through a single-use passcode before you can access your account. This extra layer of security helps ensure that you are the only person who can log in to your account, even if someone knows your username and password.
- When you first log in with your username and password, you are prompted to choose how you will receive these single-use passcodes.
- Choose how you want to receive 2FA passcodes. You can receive the passcodes through a mobile application, a text message, or email.
  - Mobile application requires you to have access to a smartphone with an application like Microsoft Authenticator or Google Authenticator installed. These applications are free on the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store, but standard data rates apply.
  - Text message requires you to have access to a cell phone with text messaging capabilities. Standard messaging rates apply.
  - Email requires you to access your email at the same time as having the EpicCare Link website open.



- Refer to Choose an authentication method for more information on single-use passcodes.
- Refer to the appropriate section below for detailed steps about using each 2FA authentication method:
  - Set up mobile application 2FA
  - Set up text message 2FA
  - Set up email 2FA

### Home



#### **TRY IT OUT**

- 1 Welcome to ChartLink! On your home screen, there are various components available to you:
  - 1. Unread Messages will show you a snapshot of your In Basket Messages that you have not yet read. Want to set up an In Basket tickler? Click here to find out how!
    - a. Clicking on Unread Messages will jump you directly into the In Basket.
  - 2. Quick Links offers support documentation including this quick start guide, FAQ's as well as the First Access tip sheet, which includes information on finding patents using three identifiers.
  - 3. Both the Select Patient and Open Chart Review will pop you over to the Patient activity. You will need three identifiers to search for new patients who are not on your list. Please reference the First Access tip sheet for more information.

4. View In Basket will take you to your In Basket activity.

Welcome to BMC ChartLink, powered by Epic.

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Unread Messages

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No new messages

Welcome to BMC ChartLink, powered by Epic.

Select Patient

Open Chart Review

View In Basket

View In Basket

First Access Pilot Tip Sheet

### **Navigating EpicCare Link**



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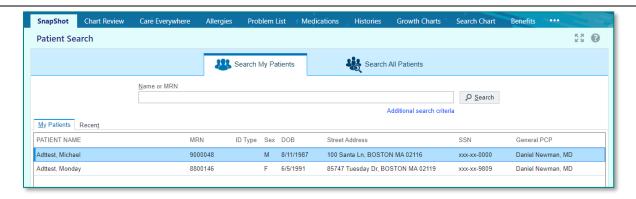
1 When you log in to EpicCare Link, several sets of navigation tools appear at the top of the page:



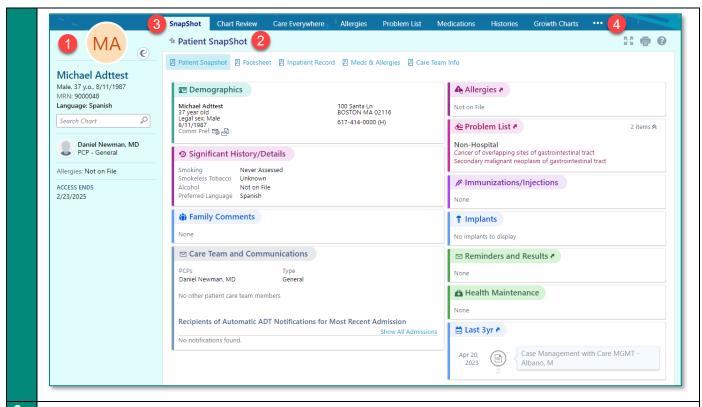
Navigation Tabs: Use these tabs to open different activities in EpicCare Link. Each tab contains one or more related activities. For example, the **Patient** tab contains patient-specific activities. When you click a tab, the default activity for that tab opens.



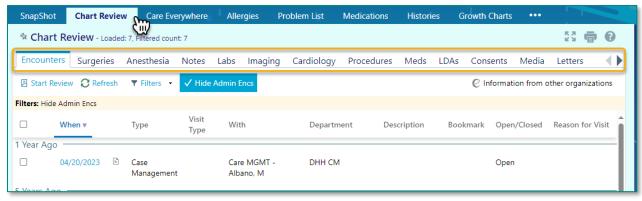
- Activity Menu: Use this menu to open the various activities that are contained in the selected navigation tab. For example, the **Patient** tab activity menu contains the **Allergies** and **Chart Review** activities.
  - If there are more activities than can fit on the screen, hover over the ellipsis on the far right of the menu to see all the activities contained in the tab.
  - You can also click to pin an activity so it appears first in the menu. If you pin multiple activities, they appear in the order that you pinned them. Click and drag pinned activities in the menu to change their order.
- Action Options: Use these buttons, located on the top right of the screen, to see all of your available activities, click Menu or to log out.
- Click Patient and go to the My Patients tab.
- If you have access to many patients, your patients might appear on more than one page. Use the field at the top of the page to search for patients by their name (and two other additional identifiers):



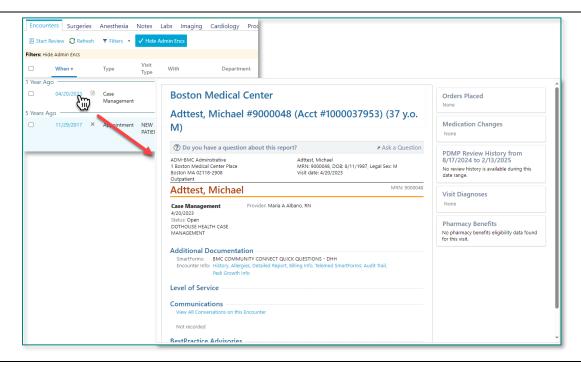
- Double click a patient's name to open their chart.
- When the patient's chart opens, you'll see different sections of the workspace:
  - 1. This is the patient **storyboard**. The storyboard tells a little story about the patient. You are able to see their demographic information including name, age, sex, DOB. Did you know you can hover over the patients name to see more information? Give it a try!
  - 2. This is the default report, **SnapShot**. The SnapShot report give you just that, a SnapShot view of what is happening with your patient. It includes information such as current problems, allergies, immunizations, history and care team information. Notice you also have several other pinned reports that you can drill down into Face sheet, Meds & Allergies, and so on.
  - 3. To dig deeper into the patient's record, you will use the **Activity tabs** along the top of your screen. Chat Review is likely where you will spend most of your time, reviewing the patient's chart. If you know you need to only see Medications, it may be easier to navigate specifically to the Medications tab. either way is perfectly fine and you will find the information you are looking for!
  - 4. If you see the **ellipses**, it is possible there are more menu items that were not able to fit onto your screen. Click the ellipses to see more activities.



- Keep in mind, all activities and reports function the same so we will not cover every single one in this guide. Click <a href="here">here</a> for a quick tutorial!
- In Chart Review, there are additional embedded activities that we like to call **categories**. Looking for a note? Click **Notes**. Looking for a lab result? Click **Labs**.



Once you are in a tab and you've found the information you are looking for, single click the hyperlink to see the report with detailed information:



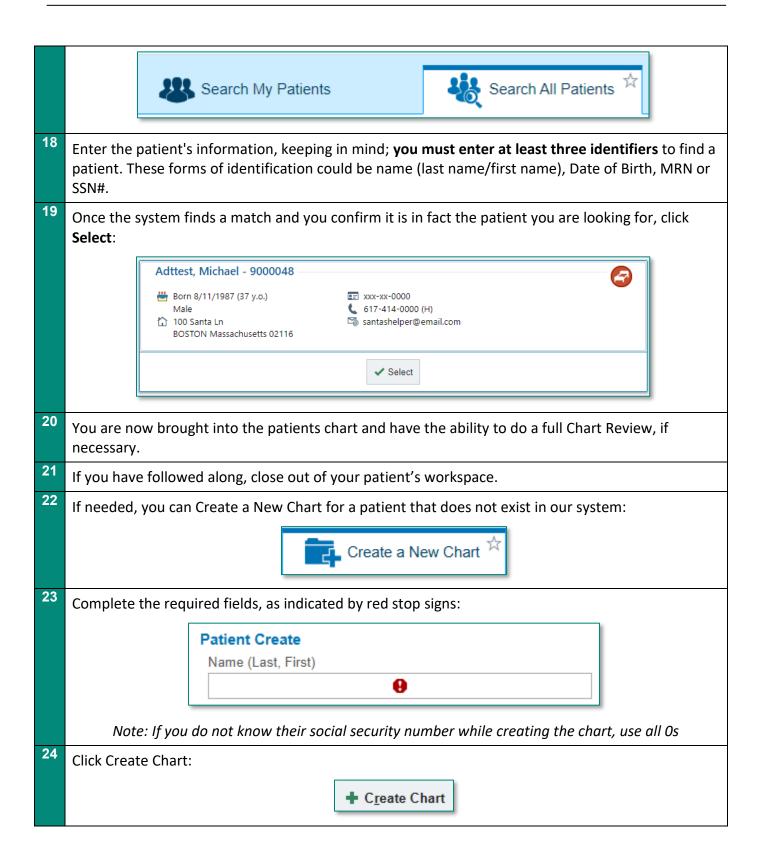
- The **Encounters tab** is all-encompassing, meaning it shows you everything that happened during that encounter with the patient. This includes notes, orders, medication changes, visit diagnoses, billing codes, flowsheet documentation etc. Navigating Chart Review is really a matter of preference. Some patients have a rich history or perhaps a complex encounter. This might mean finding the exact information in the encounter report might be complicated. If that is the case, use the other categories to find what you need. Looking for a specific Medication detail from that specific encounter? Try navigating to the **Meds** tab instead.
- To get back, click **Back** in the bottom right of your screen:



- Take a few minutes to navigate through a patient's chart on your own.
- 15 If you've followed along, close out of the patient chart by clicking the **X** on the workspace:



- Let us walk through finding a patient by **MRN** or **Name**.
- Click Patient and then click Search All Patients:

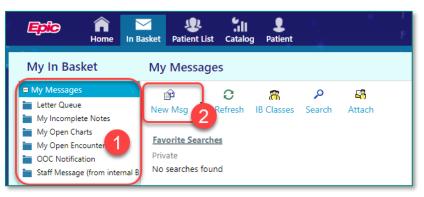


#### In Basket

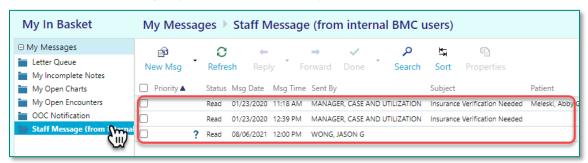


#### TRY IT OUT

- Other navigation tools you may use include In Basket, Patient List, and Catalog. Let us jump into your **In Basket.**
- What is In Basket? In Basket is Epic's communication hub, where you can send and receive messages.
- In the In Basket, you have to main components:
  - 1. **In Basket Folders:** Depending on message type, messages will file into the appropriate folder. For example, messages between you and a BMC provider will appear in the Staff Messages folder
  - 2. **New Message:** This is where you can write a new message to communicate with another provider

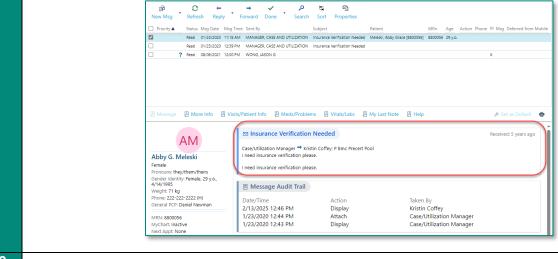


- 4 Keep in mind; it is unlikely you will see all of the message types in the above screenshot.
- In Basket works much like an email but it is internal to Epic. It is not to be used for time sensitive communications.
- Once you click into a **Message Type**, all of your messages in that folder appear:



You are able to see information about the message, such as the status, message date, who it was sent by, what patient it is regarding etc.

- Single click to read the message.
- You are able to see the message in the bottom portion of your screen:



Just how you would reply to an email, if you would like to reply, click **Reply**. If you would like forward, click **Forward**. If you have addressed the message and consider it complete, click **Done**:



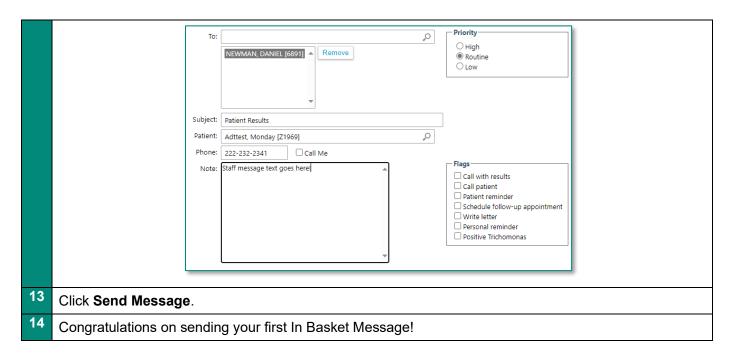
At the bottom of the screen, you are also able to see more information about the patient using the reports:



To create a new staff message, click **New Msg**:

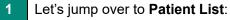


- 12 Complete the fields as needed including:
  - To: Whom the message is being sent to. This looks to a database.
  - **Subject:** Give your message subject so your recipient has a base understanding of what the message is regarding.
  - **Patient:** If the message is about a patient, pull the patient into this field. This is not required. A message can be sent that is not linked to a patient.
  - **Phone:** If there is a call back number or you are expecting the recipient to call back, enter that number in this field.
  - Note: Enter the content of your message.



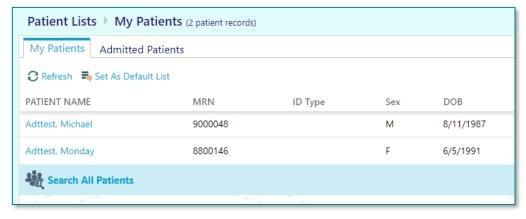
### **Patient List**







You'll be able to see My Patients and Admitted Patients:



My Patients will show any patient you have accessed or that is part of your care team.

Admitted Patients will appear when a patient linked to a provider in your group is admitted to a BMC hospital.

To jump into a patients chart, **click** the patients name:



You are brought into Chart Review to do a full review of the patient's record, if necessary.

### **User Settings**



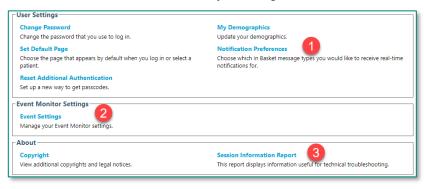
#### **TRY IT OUT**

1 Click **Menu** and open your **Settings**:

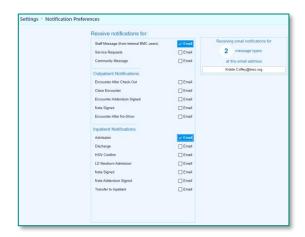


- Three items to highlight:
  - 1. **Notification Preferences:** This is where you can set up a ticker for In Basket Messages. What do we mean by that? Assuming you are not sitting in ChartLink all day waiting for messages, right? By updating your settings, we can send a notification to your email when you get a new In Basket message!
  - 2. **Event Settings:** Adjusting these settings allow you to determine notifications you receive regarding your patient. For example, want to be notified if they are admitted? You can select those preferences here.

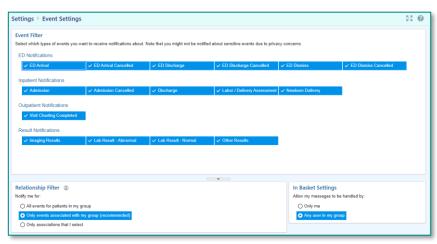
3. **Session Information Report:** Remember at the beginning of this guide we mentioned IT might request session information? Here is where you can gather that for further troubleshooting.



Notification Settings:



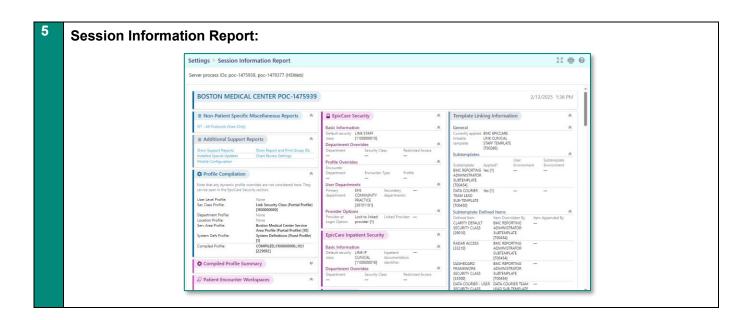
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#### **Recommended Settings**

PCPs: All events for patients in my group

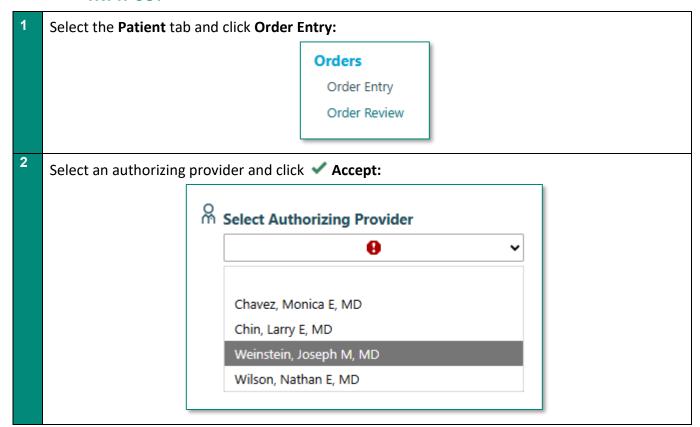
Surgeons: Only events associated with my group

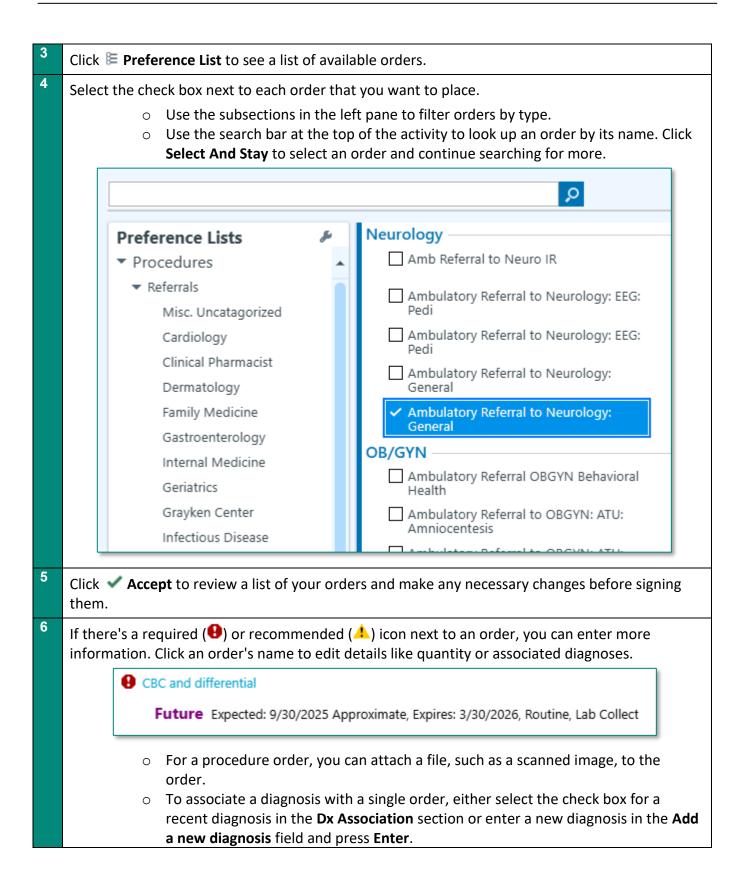


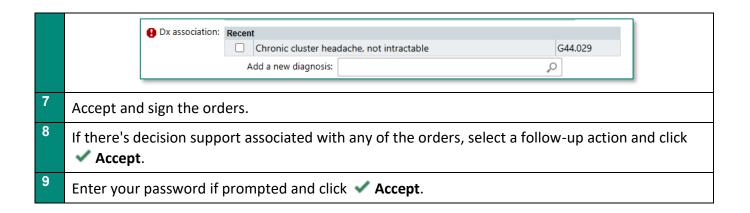
# **Placing Orders**



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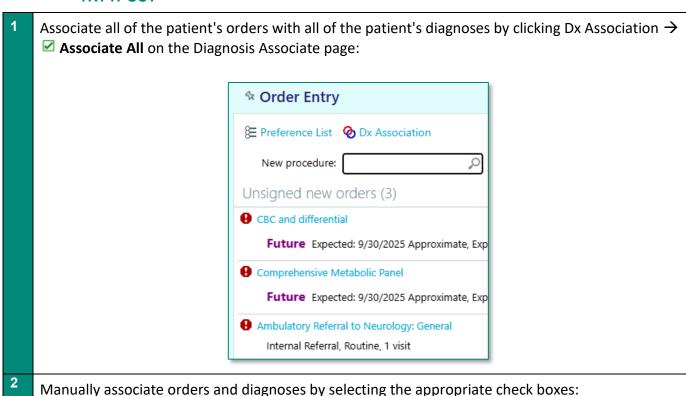




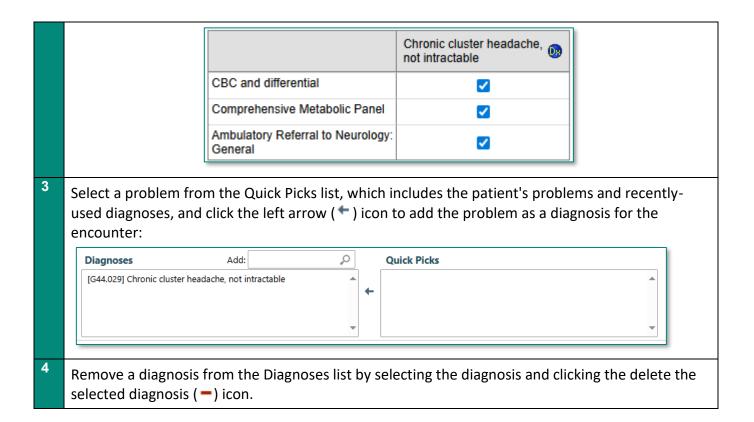
### **Associating Diagnoses**



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### **Documenting a Case for Scheduling**

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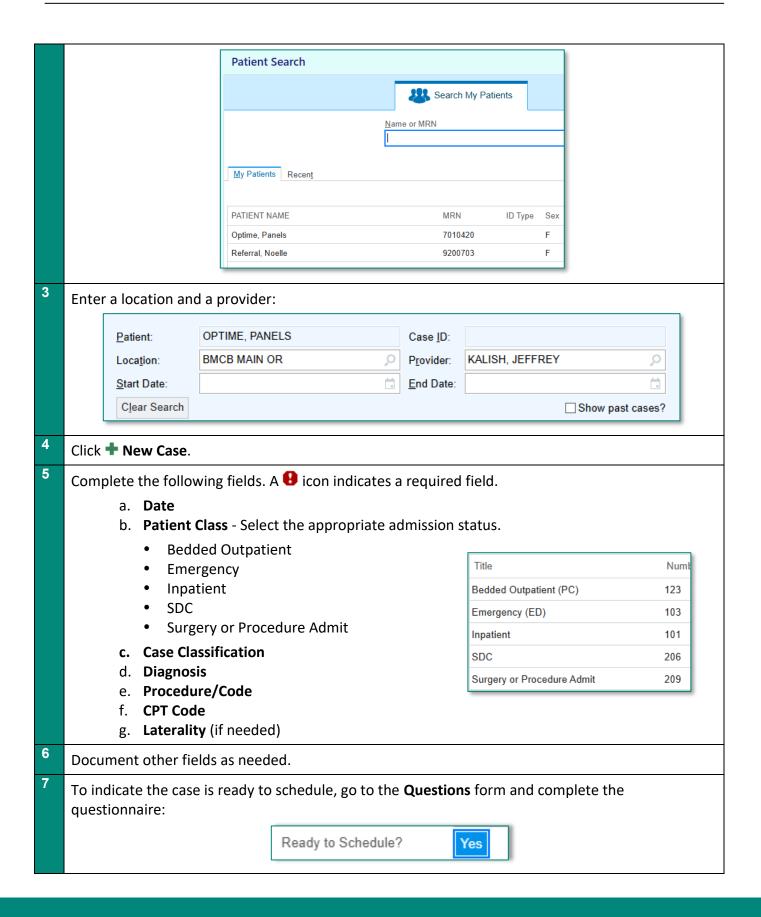


#### **TRY IT OUT**

Select the Patient tab and click Case Entry (found under the Scheduling section):

Scheduling
Case Entry

Select a patient from your list:



# **View or Modify an Existing Case**

Use Case Entry to create surgical or invasive cases to document information in an organized and discrete way and reduce the need to clarify details with BMC over the phone.



#### **TRY IT OUT**

Select the Patient tab and click Case Entry (found under the Scheduling section).
 Select a patient from your list.
 A list of the patient's cases appears. Use the Location, Provider, and Date fields to filter the list.
 To open a case, select it from the list and click Open Case.