

New from Existing Encounter – Established Patient

As explained in the Encounters document, “New from Existing” encounters have some specific scenarios that determine their usage. Please remind yourself of that information so you are well equipped to enjoy the features of the EMR.

Once you have completed your initial visit examination, you **will not** return to the exam portion under NEW PATIENT unless you are recording a re-examination. At that point, you would want to load the initial exam screen and indicate any results that have changed by choosing “New from Existing,” on the initial examination. It is usually simple to find your initial evaluation since it corresponds with the first or second encounter on the encounter screen.

The majority of your encounters will be conducted through the Established patient screens; this is where you will record the ongoing encounters. This is a powerful screen as it was built to satisfy Medicare’s Pain, Asymmetry, Range of Motion, and Tissue or Tone changes (PART).



This Daily Note screen is really divided into two parts.

On the left there is the Chief Complaint followed by a Pain Scale, an optional description of the condition change (Results), and a table to record Frequency. Following that, to the right, is the Body Area affected by the complaint along with the Palpation Exam findings. Working left to right, indicate your patient's complaint along with their pain scale and if you wish to record a change of condition, this is the most practical time to do so. Start with one complaint and record the remainder of the findings, if there is another complaint to record, repeat this left to right process.

Once you have recorded the subjective findings by using the Pain Scale, then you will want to record your examination findings. In this case, you would click on the corresponding level of subluxation; indicate your findings at that level, and the severity of that level. Again, you are building your encounter from left to right, starting with the level of the spine.

The EMR is completely customizable and you may find this screen an excellent area to begin to change your EMR to reflect the style of practice you provide.

There is a "Question / Answer" box at the bottom of the screen that opens up a memo field. You can type in up to 1000 characters in the memo field. This box is an excellent way to customize your verbiage to avoid some of the repetition of computer generated notes. As part of your customization, you can add launch buttons to this Daily Screen and quickly navigate to other screens to complete the encounter notes.

The Daily Note screen is shipped with these launch buttons:

Muscles	Add more detail about muscle testing or muscle involvement. Once you navigate to this page, add your detail, click "Save," and you will come back to the Daily Note screen.
Functional	Launch to the add details about limitations and pain regarding daily activities.
Adjustment	You have the ability to record your adjustment after indicating the Daily Visit note.

Arm yourself with information we have provided at www.clinicprosupport.com. Spend some time viewing the tutorials we have produced to assure a more thorough and Medicare compliant report. The "Passing a Medicare Audit with Flying Colors" tutorial will prove helpful with PART compliance and encounter building.