

Record physical measurements

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Use the Observations module to record a patient's physical measurements. Entering this information allows you to monitor changes over time, and the module can display these changes graphically.

For other observation options, see [INR measurements](#), [pathology results](#) and [respiratory functions](#). You can also record 14 different examinations using the [Templates module](#).

The Observations module can be used to:

- View measurements from earlier encounters by changing the Date of Observations field.
- Enter backdated results by changing the Date of Observations field before entering the data.
- Update past measurements and results using the [Summary Views](#).

Recording Measurements

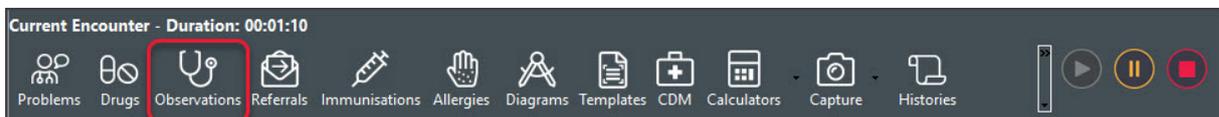
To record physical measurements:

1. Start an encounter with the patient.

For a detailed explanation of how to do this, see the [Start an encounter article](#).

When the encounter starts, the **Current Encounter** menu will open and display the clinical modules.

2. Select **Observations** from the **Current Encounter** menu.



The **Observations and Measurements** screen will open, with the **Physical** tab selected by default.

3. If the measurements were taken prior to the encounter, change the **Date of Observations** field to the appropriate date.
4. Use the fields provided to record the observations.

Graphs & Tables

Select the graph icon next to a measurement to display the results over time.

Current Encounter notes

Use the Current Encounter section at the bottom to record additional clinical notes.

Heart Health Check

This section provides a link to a cardiovascular calculator, which is used to calculate the risk. Enter the result into the field provided.

5. To record another set of observations, select the **Add Another Set of Observations** button at the top.

This saves the current observations and clears the fields so you can enter more. You can use the same date again or select a different date using the **Date of Observations** field.

6. Select **OK** to save and exit.

The results will be saved to the History View. When you refresh, they will also appear in **Summary Views** under Measurements.

Observations and Measurements

Date of Observations: 26/10/2021 Add Another Set of Observations

Physical INR Pathology Respiratory Function

Blood Pressure

Sitting: /
 Standing: /
 Lying: /

General

Pulse:
 Temp:
 Resp. Rate:

Measurements

Height (cm):
 Weight (kg): 72
 Body Mass Index:
 Waist Measurement (cm):
 Head Circumference (cm):

Eye Exam Completed

Visual Acuity

	Right	Left
Without Glasses:		
With Glasses:		

Foot Exam Completed

Heart Health Check

Risk(%):

Calculated as per: <http://www.cvdcheck.org.au>

Double-click on any entry box to automatically populate with the last observation value

Current Encounter

Undefined Problem

RFE: Use Coded RFEs Management Plan

Physical: Weight: 72;

Patient Care Item: 721 - GPMP 721

Physical: Height: 72;

? Help OK

Child growth (WHO)

In the **Physical** tab's **Measurements** section, the graphs have a **Graph Type** for **WHO 0-2 Years**, which displays the length, weight and head circumference chart for children 0-2 years old. This is useful for Paediatricians



Current Encounter field

When you enter measurements, they are added to the **Current Encounter** field at the bottom of the **Observations and Measurements** screen. When you close the Observations module, you can still change this information in the clinical notes field, shown in the screenshot below under Undefined Problem.

History View

Once the consultation is closed, the information in the **Current Encounter** notes is added to the **History View**. You cannot edit the information in the History View, but you can right-click the date of the consultation, select **Add further Notes** and add an addendum.

Current Encounter - Duration: 00:10:56

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Undefined Problem



RFE:

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History View

Search History Billing Wizard Oldest Encounter: 12/10/2018 Visible: Last 10 Consultations Include MHR

14/08/2024 (Wed) 3:35pm with Dr Davis Phillip at MED, for 2h 1m 33s

No RFE

12/08/2024 (Mon) 11:26am with Dr Davis Phillip at MED, for 1h 16m 11s

No RFE

Add Further Notes

05/08/2024 (Mon) 1:51pm with Dr Davis Phillip at MED, for 1h 50m 42s

No RFE

02/08/2024 (Fri) 10:51am with Dr Davis Phillip at MED, for 3h 15m 12s

No RFE

Rx: Temazepam 10mg Oral Tablet 10mg [25] x 2 - Qty: 2*25 Rpts: 3 - TAKE 2, 4 TIMES A DAY PRN

Rx: Temazepam 10mg Oral Tablet 10mg [25] x 2 - Qty: 2*25 Rpts: 3 - TAKE 6 TID

02/08/2024 (Fri) 8:48am with Dr Davis Phillip at MED, for 0m 09s

No RFE

29/07/2024 (Mon) 3:01pm with Dr Davis Phillip at MED, for 3h 36m 54s

anxiety Custom RFE

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26/07/2024 (Fri) 10:00am with Dr Davis Phillip at MED, for 3h 1m 17s

No RFE