

# Add problem from ICPC

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Use the Problems module to record an encounter's diagnosis using the ICPC list. ICPC is an International Classification method for Primary Care encounters.

Alternatively, you can record a problem by **manually entering it** or selecting one from the **existing or recent problems** list. The method used is determined by the doctor or the practice's guidelines.

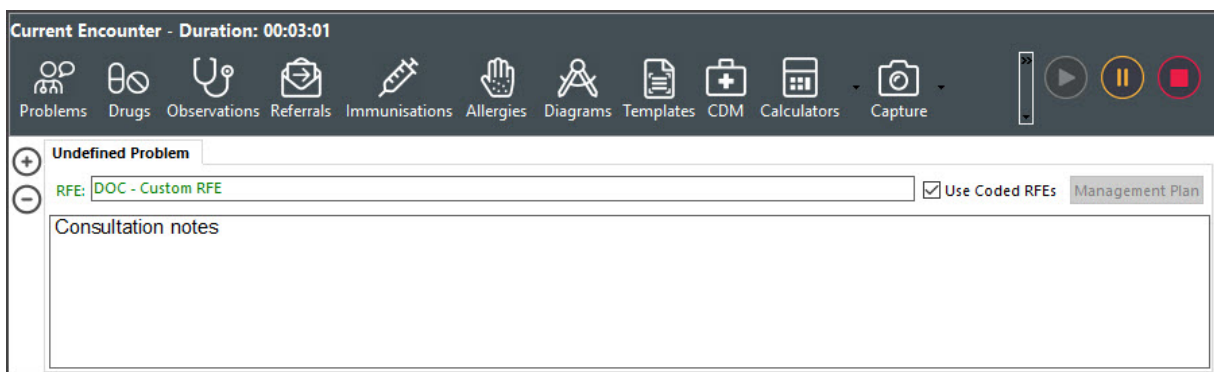
To add a problem from the ICPC list:

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** section will open and display the clinical modules.

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



The **Define Problem/REF** screen will open (screenshot below).

3. In the **Problems** section, select **Predictive Search (ICPS and Common)** or **ICPC Search**.
  - **For Predictive Search**, enter the problem's name in the **Filter Current List** field to display the problems to choose from.
  - **For ICPC Search**, use the **Keyword**, **Code** and **Chapter** fields provided to display the problems to choose from.
4. Select the problem.
5. As an optional step, you can use the **Extra Text** field to add a note, for example, "left side" or "Head".
6. Select the **Select Problem** button (You can also double-click the problem).

This adds the problem to the tab above RFE that previously said **Undefined**.

To add additional problems, select the blue + icon on the top left and repeat the steps above.

Optional selections:

- **Add to History** adds the problem to the patient's history.
- **Add to Common** adds the problem to the practice's **Common Problems** list.
- **Onset Date** records when the problem started.
  - This is required for My Health Record **Shared Health Summary uploads**.
- **Accurate To** notes the approximation of the onset date.
- **Criticality** can be used to sort a patient's problems in **Summary Views**.

7. Select **Close** to save the problem.

When you select Refresh, the problem will appear in the patient's **Summary Views > Problems** tab.

The screenshot shows the 'Current Encounter' interface for a patient. At the top, the current encounter is labeled 'Head Cold' with a red arrow pointing to it. Below this, there is a section for 'Problem/RFE Selection'. The 'Selection Method' is set to 'Predictive Search (ICPC and Common)'. A search filter 'head' is applied, resulting in a list of related terms. 'head cold' is highlighted in blue. Below the list, the 'Problem' field contains 'head cold' and the 'ICPC Code' is 'R74 004'. The 'Select Problem' button is highlighted in red. Other options include 'Add to History' and 'Add to Common'. The 'Problem Details' section shows 'Include in Correspondence' checked, 'Onset Date' as '05/10/2021', 'Accurate To' set to 'Day', 'Criticality' as 'Important', and 'Current' checked. At the bottom, there are 'Help' and 'Close' buttons.