



ONCOLOGY ENCOUNTERS

What is an Encounter?

An encounter is the account that is associated with the patient. Each department has unique encounters that will be created as the patient moves through the hospital system.

Oncology Encounter Strategy

Oncology is using a recurring encounter strategy. This means that all appointments will be tied to the same encounter for the patient's cancer journey. A new encounter will be created for each medical service and diagnosis.

It is very important that documentation and orders are placed on the correct encounter as it has a direct affect on funding and reporting.

Definitions and Components

Parent encounter: This is the encounter that will be used for all documentation and order entry.

Child encounter: A child encounter or "service interaction" is created for each individualized visit or appointment. The service interaction is not to be used for documentation as it is discharged at the time of creation and is created for the purpose of reporting, and will not be used in the clinical setting.

FIN: This is the encounter number. The FIN will remain the same for each parent *and* child encounter created.

Visit ID: This is a unique ID that will be different for each parent and child encounter.

Patient type: This is the encounter type

PreReg: pre registered encounter for a single encounter

PreRecurring: pre registered encounter for a recurring encounter

Recurring: recurring encounter that has been registered

Outpatient: outpatient encounter

Inpatient: inpatient encounter

History: historical encounter that was pulled from Meditech

Service Interaction: Child encounter

Medical Service: Medical Service

Location: Location the encounter is associated with.

Attending physician: Attending physician associated with the encounter

Reason for visit: During encounter creating the diagnosis will be entered here for oncology



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Choosing the correct Encounter

When choosing an encounter ensure that you are reviewing the following components; Facility, Patient Type, Medical Service, Location, Attending Physician, Reason for Visit

Facility	Patient Type	Medical Service	Location	Attending Physician	Reason For Visit	MRN	FIN	Visit Id
SCS	PreRecurring	Oncology	SC ONSYS	Wasserman, David Warren	Lung Cancer	11054760	22-006430	22-007660
SCS	PreRecurring	Oncology	SC ONSS	Conen, Katrin Lisa	Breast Cancer	11054760	22-006429	22-007659
SCS	PreRecurring	Oncology	SC ONRPP	Hallock, Abhirami	Breast Cancer	11054760	22-006428	22-007658
SCS	PreRecurring	Oncology	SC ONSYS	Bisson, Jennifer Noele Pauline, FRCPC	Breast Cancer	11054760	22-006427	22-007657

Oncology will always have recurring or pre-recurring type. There are 3 main locations used for registration in oncology;

- SC ONSYS – Medical Oncology
- SC ONRPP – Radiation Oncology
- SC ONSS – Supportive Care

Appointments will be tied to these encounters. Appointments for social work, dietician etc. will be tied to the encounter that the referral came from.

***Each new referral and diagnosis will have a new encounter created. For the example above this patient is seeing medical oncology for 2 diseases; Lung cancer and Breast cancer. They have a different physician following each of these diagnoses, but there may be a scenario where the same physician is treating both diagnoses. In this case it would be very important to view the “Reason for Visit” since the other fields would be the same.

Example: A patient of Dr. Vandermeer is on Anastrozole for right breast cancer. The patient is now referred to oncology with a new diagnosis of Lung cancer and has been assigned to Dr. Vandermeer. There would be 2 encounters created for the location SC ONSYS under Dr. Vandermeer as the attending physician, however the “reason for visit” would differentiate which encounter should be chosen for the breast cancer vs the lung cancer.