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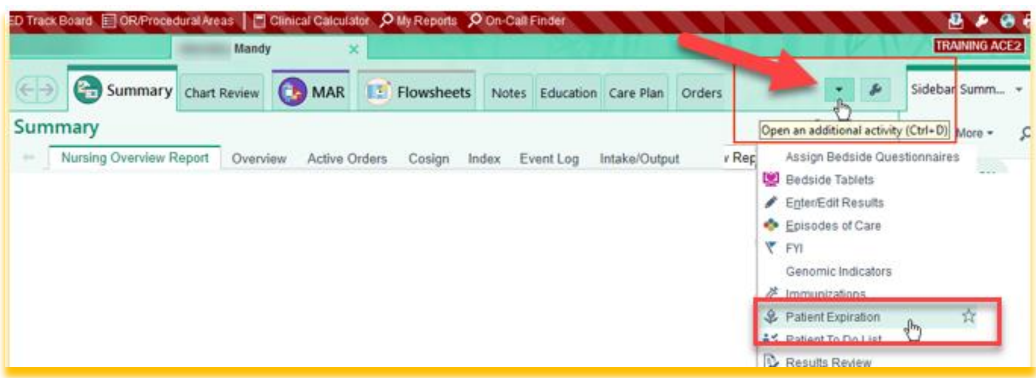
Inpatient Clinical: Discharge Deceased Patient Documentation

This tip sheet will show the discharge workflow of a deceased patient. Provider documentation is required to begin the deceased documentation workflow.

How it Works

1. Provider will enter date and time of death in their discharge Navigator. [Provider Discharge Navigator Workflow Tipsheet].

2. RN will Open the patient chart and complete postmortem documentation in the Patient Expiration Activity.
    a. To add the Patient Expiration activity, <u>click the **More button**</u> at the upper right corner of the activity tabs (next to the wrench icon) and <u>select **Patient Expiration**</u>.



    b. Follow the table of contents at the left side to complete the required information for a deceased patient.

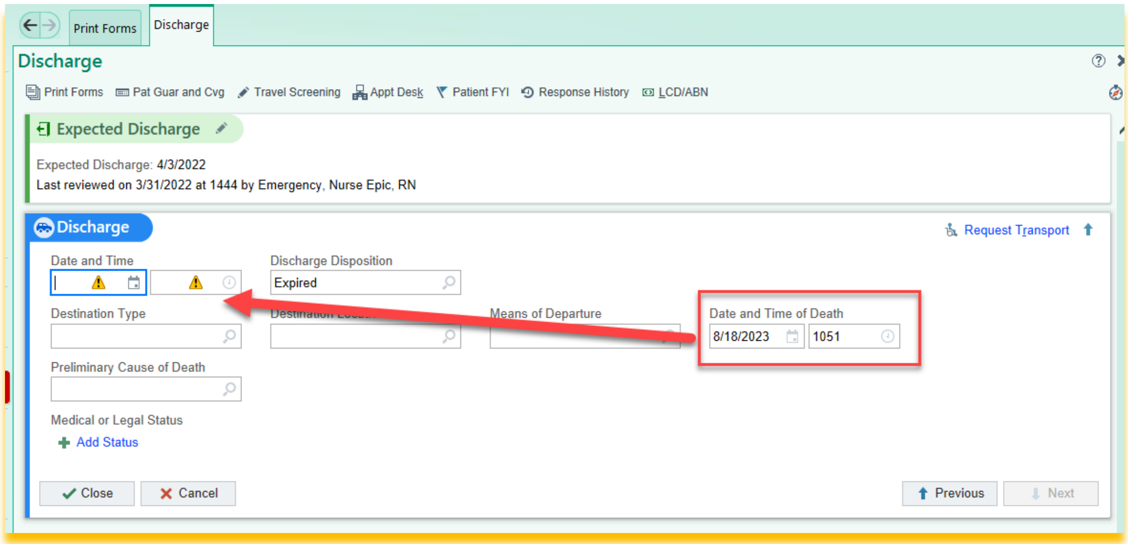
<u>**NOTE:**</u> Donor Status sections for the NJ Sharing Network notification and Body Disposition section for the Communicable Disease are included in this navigator. Communicable Disease form that goes with patient to morgue will remain on paper.

3. When the patient is ready for pick up to the morgue, the RN or Unit Clerk will open the **Unit Manager** activity.
4. Select the patient and <u>right-click to select **Discharge**.</u>

5. <u>**Click the Discharge** section header</u>

    a. Note the discharge disposition automatically populates as Expired from physician's documentation as well as the Date and Time of Death.

    b. Enter the same date and time in the date and time field as noted by the provider in the date and time of death fields.



IMPORTANT TO NOTE for Organ Donation:

- When a patient is an organ donor, the date and time of discharge will differ from the pronouncement date and time. This discharge date and time field will need to reflect the actual date and time the patient was removed from the ventilator in the OR.

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