

Inpatient ClinDoc: Updating Patients Infection and Isolation Status

The patient isolation status order drives the type of isolation room the patient requires and is based on the type of infection identified. Updating this status timely will accurately identify patient needs and avoid delay in patient movement.

How it Works



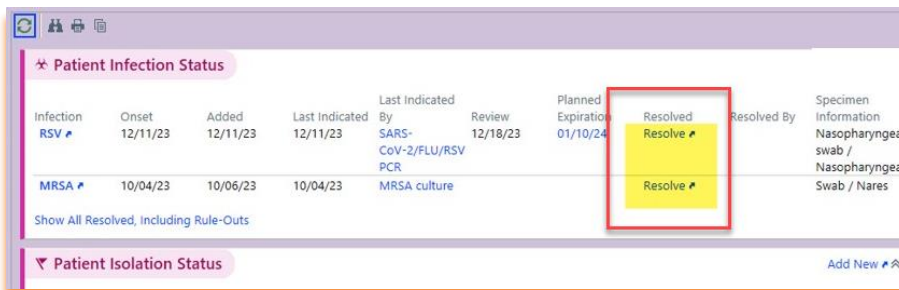
In Epic there are **Infection Status** and **Isolation Status**:

- **Infection Status:** the “reason for isolation” Or “why”
 - It is not an order
 - For example: Why is the patient on contact isolation? MRSA
 - May display automatically by abnormal lab results
 - Infection Status can be added by Infection Preventionist (IP’s) and Providers
 - Infection Status can be removed manually by Infection Preventionist (IP’s), Nurse Managers, Nursing Supervisors and Bed Control RNs.

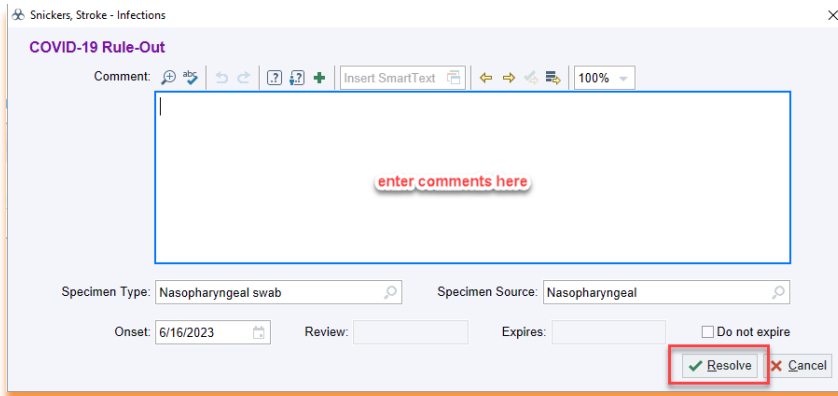
- **Isolation Status:** comes from the “Order” and is the “What”
 - What type of isolation the patient needs, ex. contact, droplet etc., based on their infection status.
 - Licensed Providers place the order.
 - Placing the Isolation order in the Orders activity ensures that the patient has the correct Isolation Status and be visible in the Storyboard
 - Nursing will note the order to isolate the patient.
 - Discontinuing the Isolation order will also update status in the Storyboard
 - Nurse Manager, Nursing Supervisor, Bed Control RNs and IP’s and Providers can add and remove isolation status

Update the Infection status

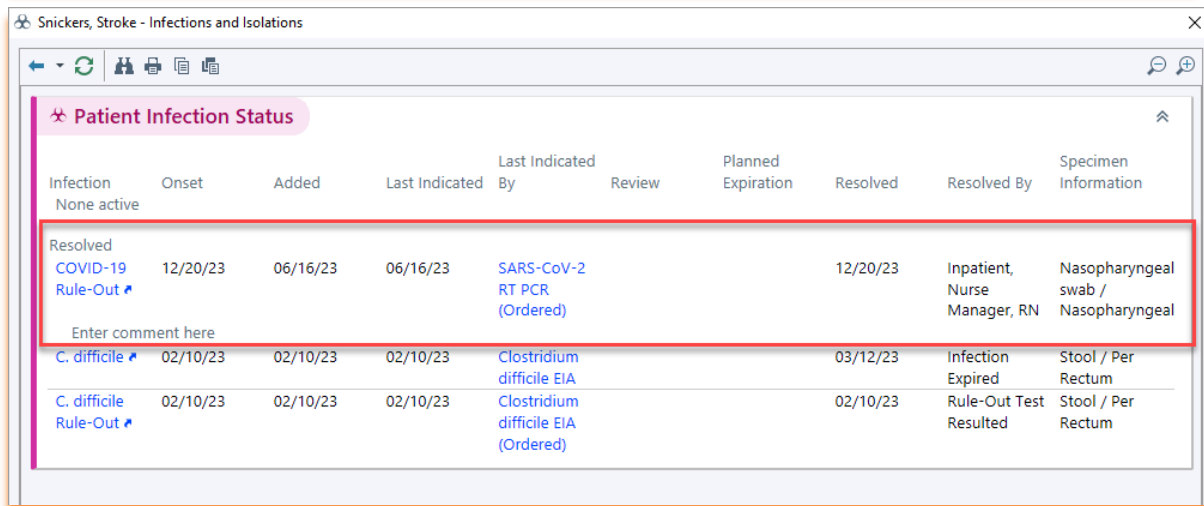
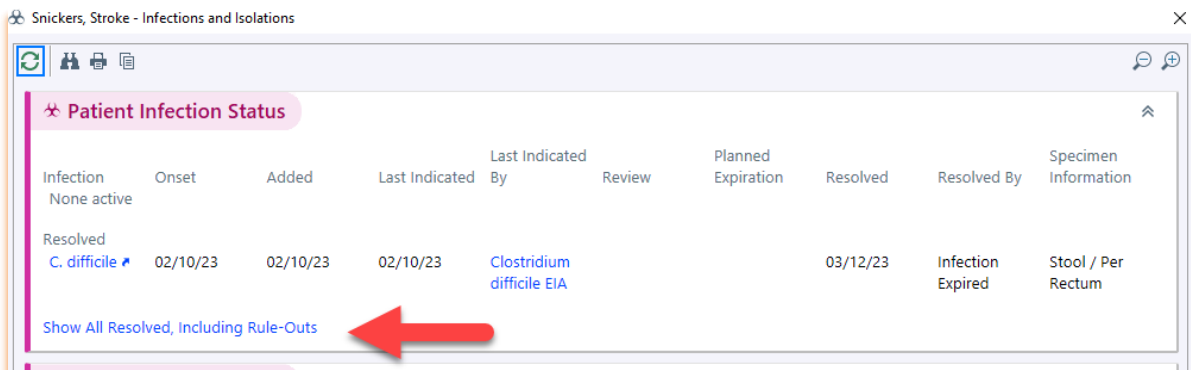
1. Click on the Infection Status from the Storyboard
2. Click on the Resolve Hyperlink to open infection form.



3. Enter comment regarding the infection resolution and Click **Resolve** on the bottom right

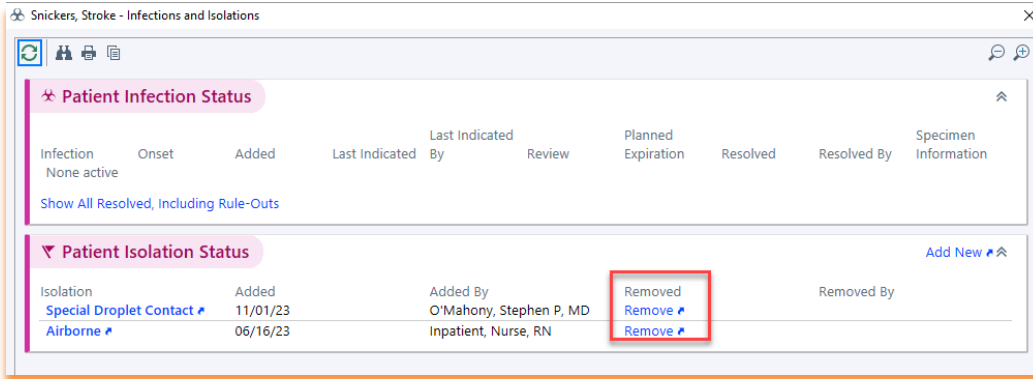


4. Infection Status is removed from the storyboard
5. To review resolved Infections, Click to **Show all** hyperlink for more details:

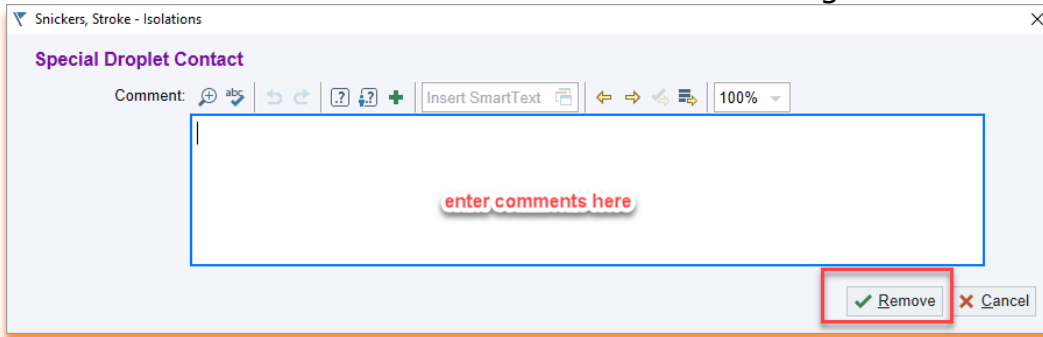


Update the Isolation status

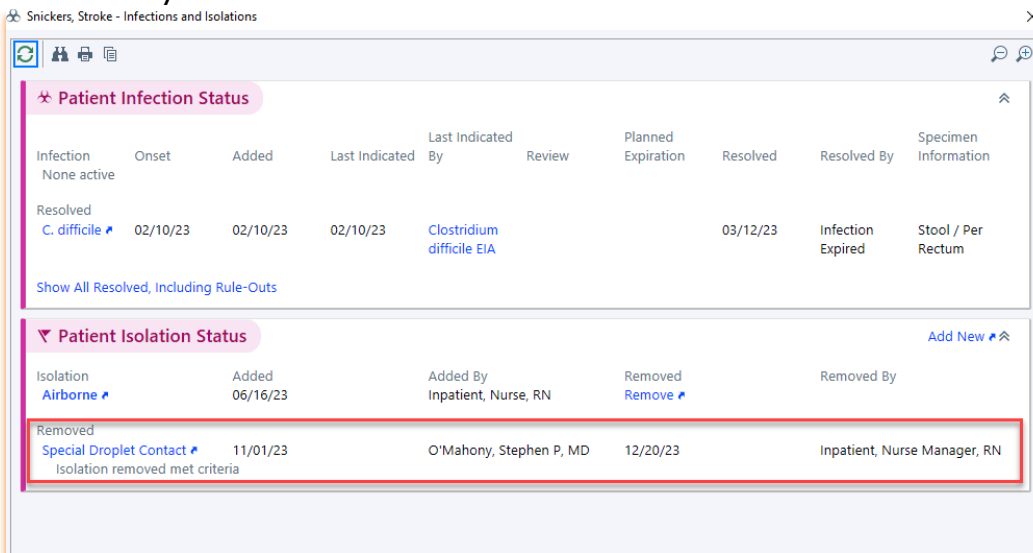
1. If there is an active order, select discontinue in the orders activity which will remove this isolation status from the storyboard.
2. When there is no active order, however the patient has an isolation status that needs to be removed, Click on the **Isolation Status** from the Storyboard
3. Click on the Remove Hyperlink to open infection form



4. Enter comment on reason for isolation status change and **Click Remove**



5. Isolation status update is noted in the Isolation form and the status is removed from Storyboard



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