

Patient Access APeX Spring Upgrade - Effective 5/31/25

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Beaker/Spring 2025 Upgrade Training Zoom Support

APeX Upgrade support will be available from **Monday**, **June 2**nd **to Wednesday**, **June 4**th, from **7 am to 5 pm**. For assistance, click the **APeX Training Support** button on the Epic toolbar to launch the Zoom training support bridge.



APeX Training Support on Hyperspace toolbar

Submit APeX Tickets Directly from APeX

Audience: UCSF, BCH Oakland, and School of Dentistry

To report an APeX issue, click **Submit a Ticket** on the main Hyperspace toolbar in APeX and select the appropriate incident option. This feature opens ServiceNow and should automatically add your username, login department, and workstation ID to the ServiceNow ticket.



Registration

Reduce RTE Data Mismatch by Using a Payer-Filed Date of Birth

All RTE Users

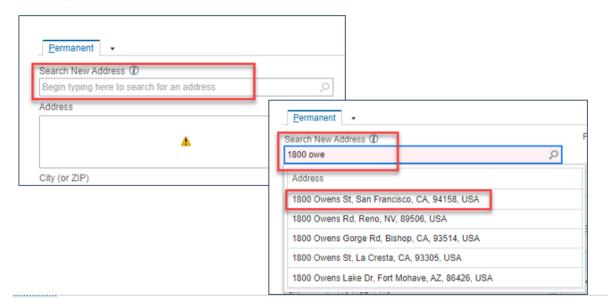
When an RTE (Real-Time-Eligibility) query is sent but returns with a different date of birth than what we have on file in APeX, the system will automatically file the verified DOB under "Payer Filed DOB" in the **Coverage Edit** workflow.



New Way to Search for Addresses in Registration

All Patient Access Users

Use the new address search bar to quickly find and select the address you need. PO Boxes are not supported. For apartments, search for the building address here, then add the apartment number manually.

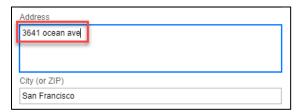


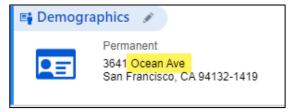
Automatic Formatting for Addresses

All Patient Access Users

To ensure consistency, patient addresses are automatically formatted when saved in Registration.

For example, if an address is entered in all lowercase or mixed case, the system will correct the capitalization. It will also apply standard abbreviations, such as changing "street to "St" and "apartment" to Apt." These formatting rules apply only to U.S. addresses.

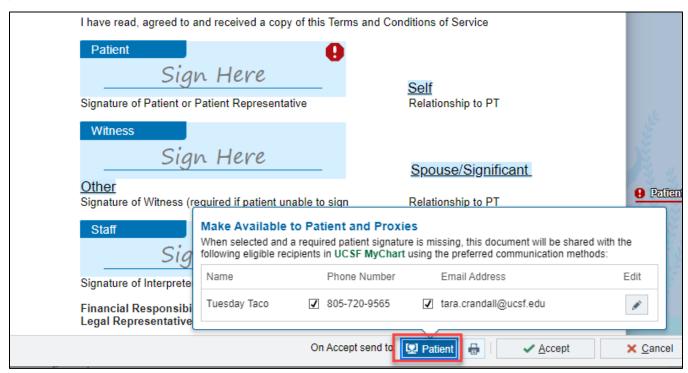




Preview E-Signature Link Recipients

All Patient Access Users

When you select the **On Accept send to Patient** option for an e-signature document, a window appears to show who will receive a link to the document and which contact methods will be used. Use the checkboxes to change where the link is sent, or click the *Edit* pencil to send the link to a different phone number or email address.



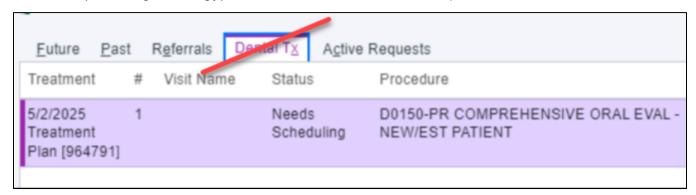
Dental Tx Tab Decommissioned

Audience: School of Dentistry/SOD

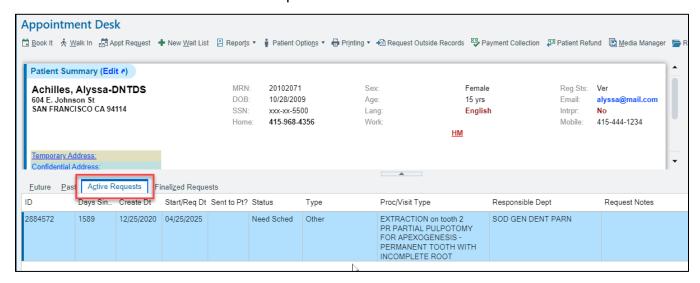
Reason for Change: Automatic Change

Description & Workflow: The 'Dental Tx' tab has been decommissioned, and going forward,

all orders (including radiology) will be found on the 'Active Requests' tab.



All orders will now be in the Active Requests tab.



New 30-Day Reminder for Scheduled Appointments

Audience: Enterprise-wide

Reason for Change: Since appointments are often made far in advance, leadership has decided to send an appointment reminder 30 days prior to the appointment.

Description & Workflow:

Patients who have opted in to receiving automated appointment reminders will now receive a 30-day reminder of their appointment. Patients will not be able to confirm their appointment via the message and will be asked to contact the clinic to make changes.

B9A2:UCSF Health
Mary, you have an upcoming
appointment on 05/25 at 2:00 PM
PDT. To make any changes, please
call 415-514-6420. Details: https://
mchrt.io/30wsSioHTX4m0ErC7bA.

Reply STOP to opt out.

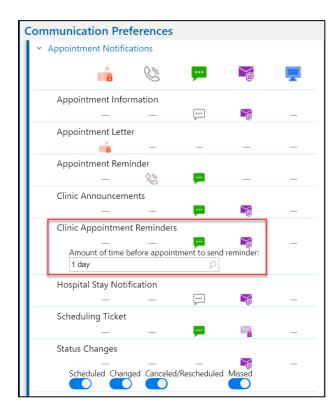
Name of Build Analyst: Tiffany Messer

Clinical Appointment Reminders

Audience: Enterprise-wide

Reason for change: Upgrade

Description & Workflow: The 'Clinic Appointment Reminders' communication preference, which governs when and how Quick Reminders are sent, will now default to 1 day instead of 2 hours.



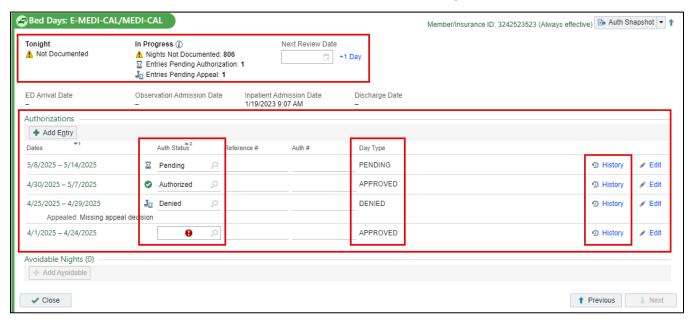
Name of Build Analyst: Tiffany Messer

Financial Counselors

Auth/Cert: Bed Day Report has a New Look

Financial Counselors

You can see more information in the Bed Days section, including a combined table of approved and denied days, including pending days and days that don't require authorization. Use the History link to see an audit trail of information about the authorization's status changes.



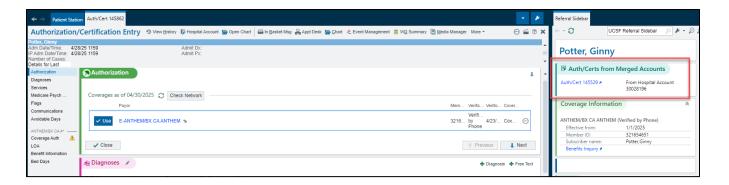
The Auth Status field is new and used to record the authorization status for each bed day entry. It is a required field, but both the **Auth Status** and the **Day Type** fields should be filled out. The Auth Status field can be updated directly from the table, instead of going into the entry itself.

See Auth/Certs from Merged Hospital Accounts in the Referral Sidebar

Inpatient Financial Counselors

You can now open and view previous auth/certs from merged hospital accounts in the Referrals sidebar, helping you find notes from previous authorization requests and make more informed decisions about how to handle the new authorization.

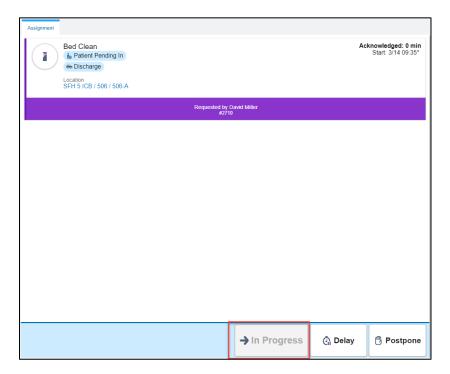
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Hospital Logistics & EVS

Avoid Accidental Advancement of a request Status in Logistics Technician View UCSF EVS Staff

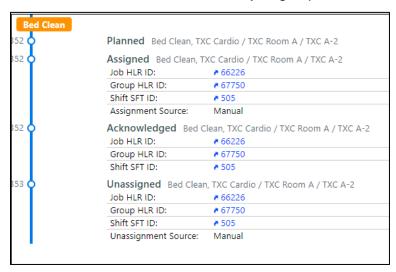
The status progression buttons in Logistics Technician View now have a brief delay between clicks as the user progresses the status. This change is intended to reduce the number of accidental clicks that advance requests. Since the In Progress and Complete buttons are in the same position on the screen, when a technician clicks **In Progress**, the system advances the status and temporarily disables the Complete button from being clicked for one second.



View Additional Information in the Logistics User Productivity Log

All Sites EVS and Transport

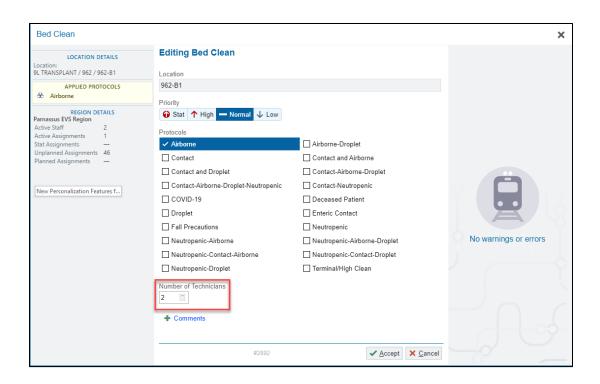
Click on a job's status in the Logistics User Productivity report to see the assignment or unassigned source and the IDs of the associated job, group, and shift.



Edit the Number of Technicians on In Progress Jobs

Transport Supervisors

If needed, you can change the number of technicians required on an in-progress job using the Request Editor, provided the job doesn't have any completed assignments and the required technicians aren't changed to fewer than originally requested.

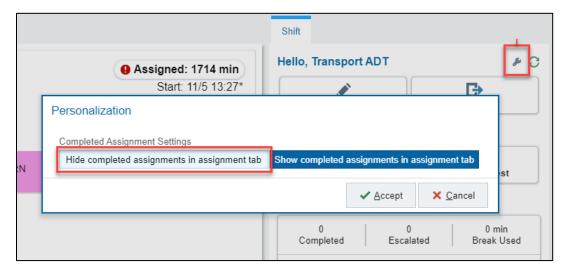


Hide Completed Assignments in Grouped Jobs

Marin Logistics Users

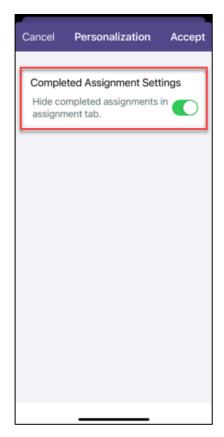
Logistics users can use a new personalization setting to hide completed jobs in a group to help them focus on active jobs and see more relevant information at a glance. This setting is available in the Technician View, My Jobs in Rover, and the Command Center.

Technician View:



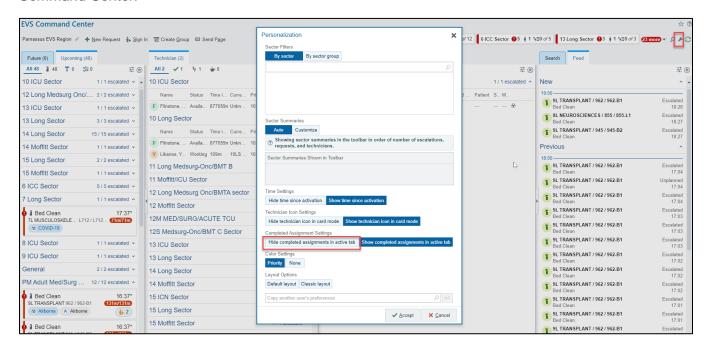
My Jobs in Rover





With this setting turned on in the Command Center, managers see an eye icon that indicates there are completed jobs that are hidden in the group. This helps managers narrow down which jobs are outstanding in the Command Center.

Command Center:

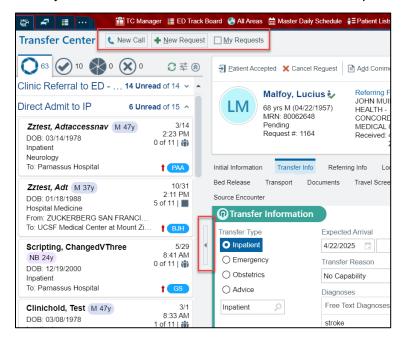


Transfer Center

Refreshed Transfer Center Request List

Pediatric and Adult Transfer Center Staff

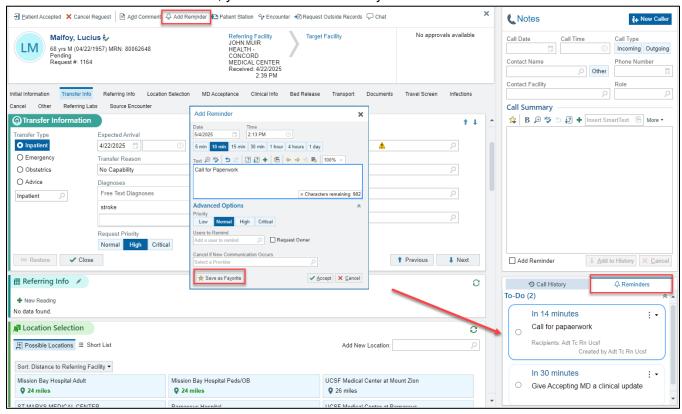
Find information about a transfer request more easily in the updated Transfer Center request list. The request list has been changed to a sidebar report that can be easily expanded or collapsed entirely. The main action buttons: New Call, New Request have been moved to the top of the screen.



Save Time with Timed Reminder Favorites

Pediatric and Adult Transfer Center Staff

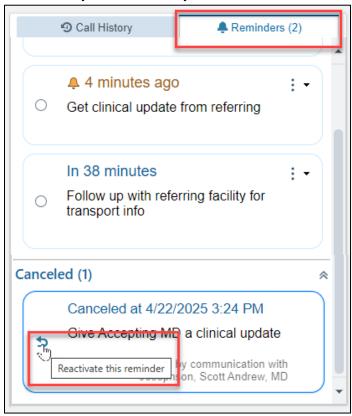
Transfer center users can now set timed reminders to help track and follow up on important tasks. To make documentation even faster, you can save commonly used reminder details as favorites.



Reduce Clicks when Reactivating Automatically Canceled Timed Reminders

Pediatric and Adult Transfer Center Staff

Automatically canceled reminders now show up in the **Reminders** tab in Transfer Center. If automatically cancelled, they can be reactivated to save time and avoid re-entering the same.

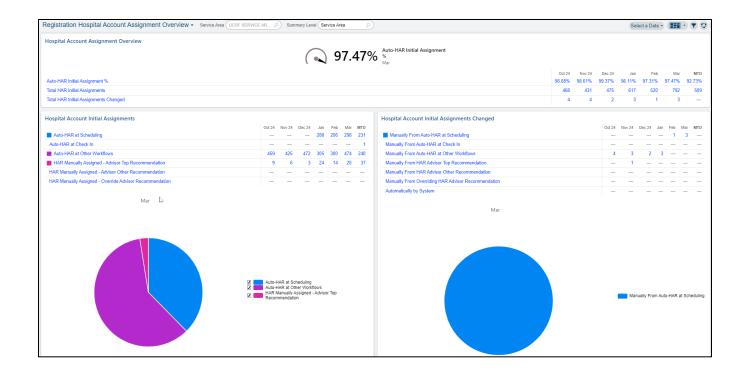


Reporting

Monitor Hospital Account Assignment Metrics with New Dashboard

Patient Access Managers and Admin Staff

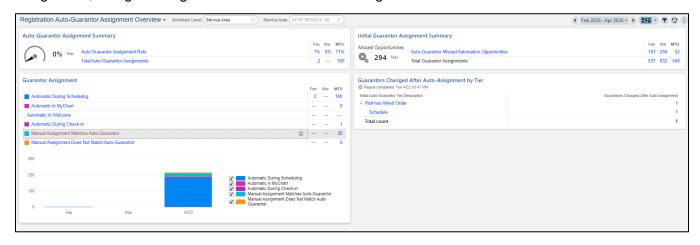
Check how efficiently hospital accounts are being assigned using the Registration Hospital Account Assignment dashboard. See how many hospital accounts are assigned automatically or using hospital account advisor recommendations.



Monitor Guarantor Assignment Metrics with a New Dashboard

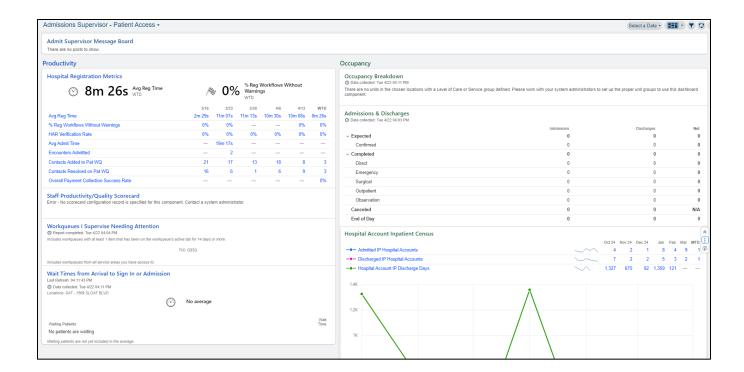
Patient Access Managers and Admin Staff

Track how guarantors are being assigned and identify opportunities to improve auto guarantor assignment, using the Registration Auto Guarantor Assignment Overview dashboard.



Stay Updated on Your Patient Access Productivity with Registration Dashboards Patient Access Managers and Admin Staff

Monitor auth/cert completion, workqueue volume, and productivity using the updated Auth/Cert Overview dashboard.



Track Your Registration, Scheduling, and Referrals Stagg Productivity with Scorecards

Patient Access Managers and Admin Staff

Check on the efficiency of front-end workflows with new user and manager scorecard dashboards for Hospital Registration



Analyze Registration Verification Users with New SlicerDicer Filters (Slice and Dice By Registration User)

Patient Access Managers and Admin Staff

Dig in to find the last user to verify information, check in a visit, or check out a visit using new SlicerDicer filters in the Patients, Hospital Accounts (HB & PB), Visits (Professional Billing), Hospital Admissions, and Visits data models.



Good to Know

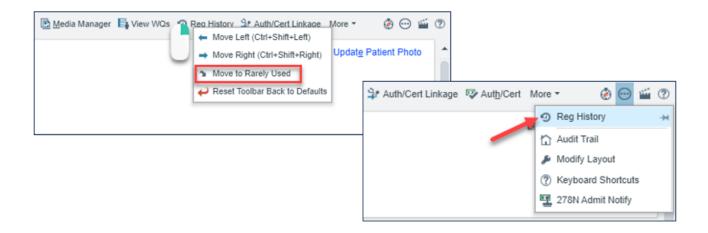
Tuck Away Rarely Used Buttons in the Dots Menu

All Patient Access Users

Simplify your toolbars by moving buttons that you don't typically use to the Dots menu. Right-click on a toolbar button and select Move to Rarely Used to move it to the Dots menu.

Not all toolbars have a Dots menu, but many common activities do, including Registration and Billing Information activities.



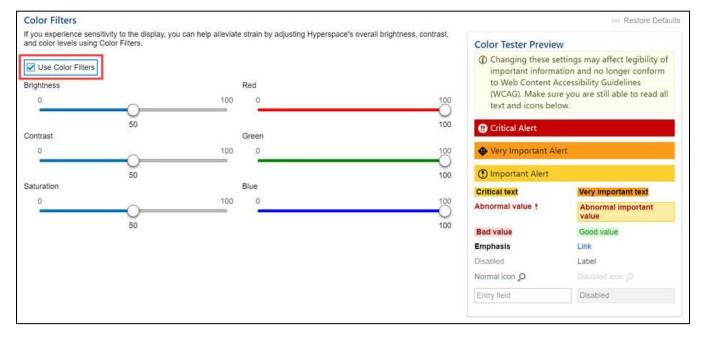


Change the Color of Your APeX Display

All Users

If you are colorblind or sensitive to certain shades or contrasts, you can now adjust the brightness, contrast, saturation, and red, green, and blue values that you see in APeX. To adjust the settings, open the Accessibility activity (search: Accessibility), select the checkbox to enable Color Filters, and then drag the sliders to modify the way that APeX appears. If you want to return to default values, click Restore Defaults.

If you change your colors substantially, be sure to double-check your key workflows to ensure the system appears as expected.

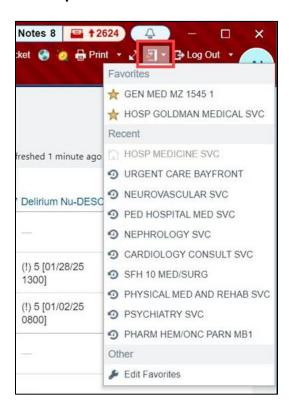


Fewer Clicks to Switch Departments

All Users

Switch departments from the Recent and Favorites Departments menu in APeX.

To modify your list of favorite departments, click Edit Favorites and drag departments from the Recent Departments list into the Favorite Departments list, or search for other departments using the Department Search field. Add or remove a favorite department by clicking its star icon or using **Shift+Space**.



APeX New Hire Training Schedule

Need to see when the next APeX Training class offering? <u>Click here</u> to see a list of all upcoming Apex classes.

For Newcomers, Join our LISTSERV!

If you were forwarded this announcement and you want to receive the Patient Access Monthly Updates directly, join our <u>Patient Access ListServ.</u>

The APeX Knowledge Bank- Website

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Always Remember Your Responsibilities for Use for the Electronic Health Record

Apex is the legal electronic health record for patients at the UCSF Medical Center. All users have the following responsibilities:

- Assure that all information is entered correctly and accurately and within your scope of practice.
- Stay up to date on changes in Apex.
- Follow all UCSF Policies & Procedures on use of the electronic health record.
- Report any issues or problems to your manager and/or IT Service Desk at (415) 514-APeX (2739).