Record respiratory functions

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Use the Observations module to record a patient's respiratory functions. Entering this information allows you to monitor changes over time, and the module can display these changes graphically.

For other observation options, see INR measurements, pathology results and physical measurements. You can also record 14 different examinations using the Templates module.

The Observations module can be used to:

- View measurements from earlier encounters by changing the Date of Observations field.
- Enter backdated results by changing the Date of Observations field before entering the data.
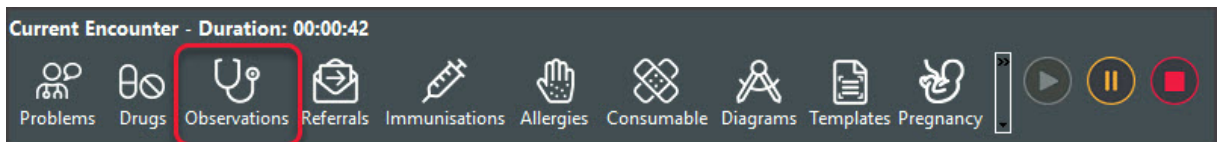- Update past measurements and results using the Summary Views.

To record respiratory function observations:

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** menu will open and display the clinical modules.
2. Select **Observations** from the **Current Encounter** menu.

   The **Observations and Measurements** screen will open.
3. Select the **Respiratory Functions** tab.
4. If the measurements were taken prior to the encounter, change the **Date of Observations** field to the appropriate date.
5. Use the fields provided to record the observations.

   Graphs

   Select the graph icon next to a measurement to display the results over time.

   Current Encounter notes

   Use the Current Encounter section at the bottom to record additional clinical notes.
6. To record another set of observations, select the **Add Another Set of Observations** button at the top.

   This saves the current observations and clears the fields so you can enter more. You can use the same date again or select a different date using the **Date of Observations** field.
7. Select **OK** to save and exit.

   The results will be saved to the **History View.** When you refresh, they will also appear in Summary Views under **Measurements**.

Current Encounter field

When you enter measurements, they are added to the **Current Encounter** field at the bottom of the **Observations and Measurements** screen. When you close the Observations module, you can still change this information in the clinical notes field, shown in the screenshot below under Undefined Problem.