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Patient Armband Scanning & Barcode Label Printing Update

Scan the armband on the patient - printing changes to one scannable armband label

Beginning October 6, patient-label printing will change from four scannable patient barcode labels per sheet to ONE scannable armband barcode label per sheet. Continue to scan the identification armband physically attached to the patient at the point of care.

What is changing

OLD WAY

4

scannable patient barcode labels per sheet

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NEW WAY

1

scannable armband barcode label per sheet

Point-of-care scanning

DO

- Scan the identification armband physically attached to the patient during medication administration, blood administration, and other bedside workflows.

DO NOT

- Do not use a loose or duplicate patient barcode in place of bedside armband scanning.

What is not changing: Lab specimen barcode labels continue to print separately after the patient armband is scanned and the specimens are selected.

SCAN THE ARMBAND ON THE PATIENT - not a loose or duplicate patient barcode label.

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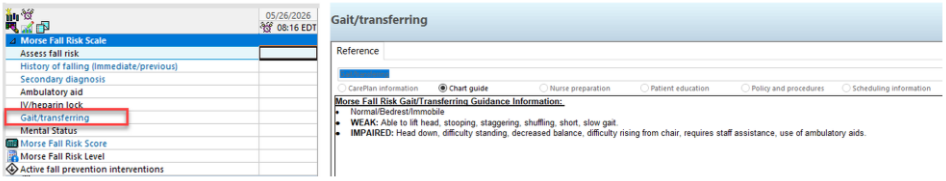
Cerner 2026 Changes

Quick summary of upcoming Cerner changes - go live October 6, 2026

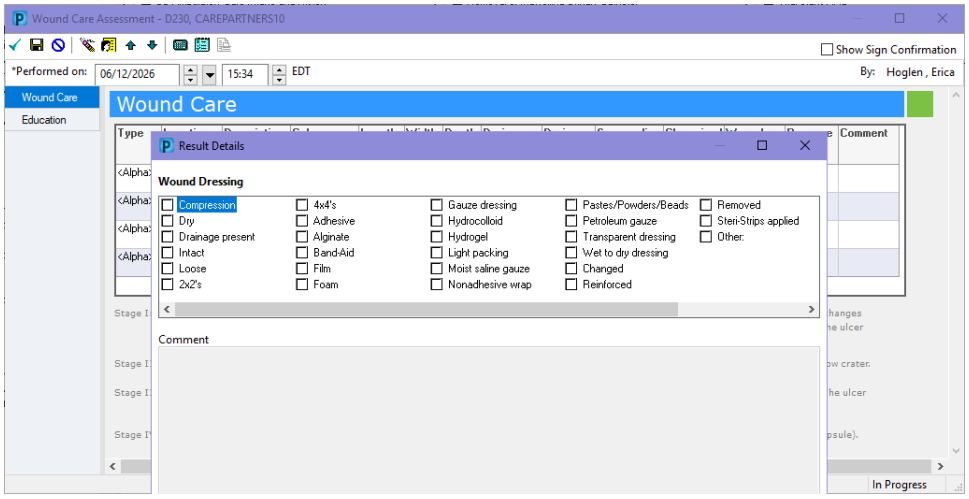
Morse Fall Scale - Gait/Transferring

Reference text is added to the Gait/Transferring field to help nursing distinguish weak from impaired, supporting more accurate Morse Fall Scale scoring.



Wound Dressing Type

Ambulatory wound documentation adds Compression as a discrete dressing type, reducing the need to free-text this treatment modality.



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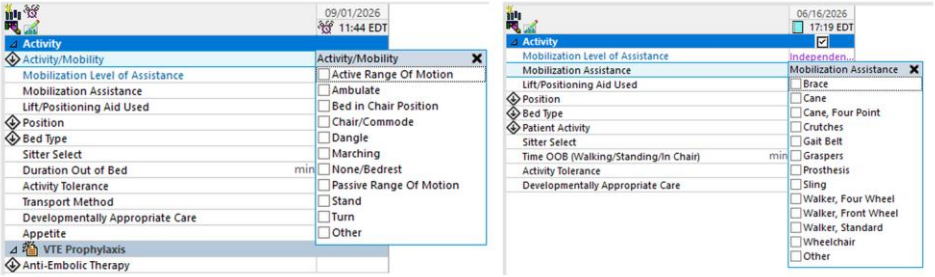
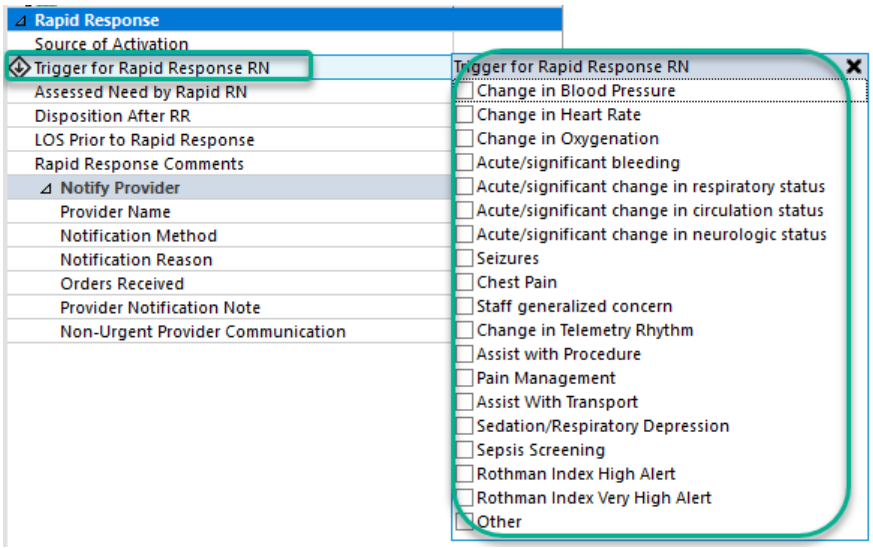
Mobility Documentation

Patient Activity is renamed Activity/Mobility and moved to the first position. Options and assistance selections are refined, reference text is added, Head of Bed Angle becomes a dropdown, and new/renamed fields improve standardized mobility capture.



Rapid Response Documentation

Cerner gains a more dedicated rapid response workflow. New Activated, Arrival and End Date/Time fields are added; trigger and disposition choices are updated; several older fields and the Notify Provider section are removed.



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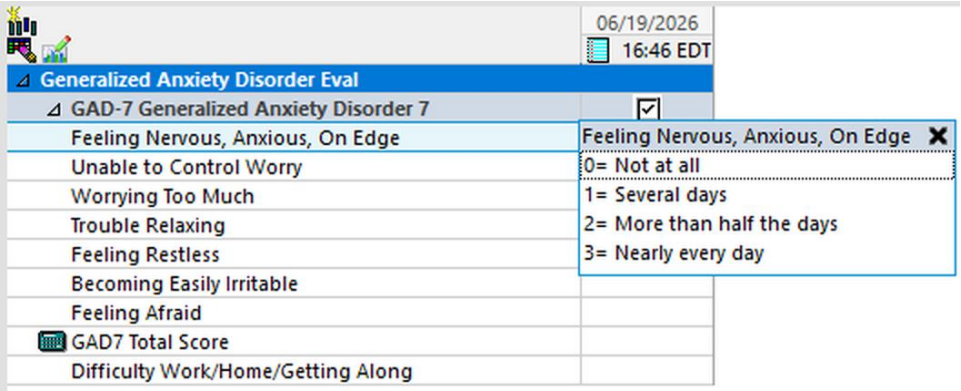
GAD-7 Screening

A new electronic GAD-7 nursing intervention supports inpatient and outpatient Behavioral Health workflows. Initial/subsequent scores flow into the BH Recovery Plan, and response labels include numeric values for easier score awareness.



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SUPPLY UPDATE
TEMPORARY

Supply Update: Defibrillator Pads

Zoll R-Series pads on back order - return date TBD

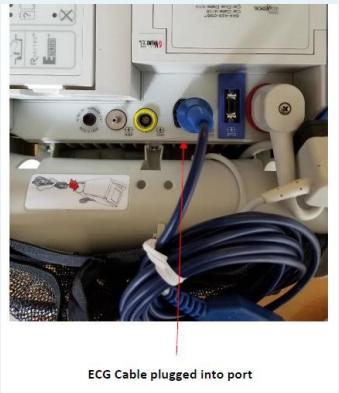
Zoll R-Series defibrillator pads are on back order. Conmed defibrillator pads will be used until Zoll pads are available again.

Code cart self-test with Conmed pads

- **1.** Detach the Conmed pads and connect the defibrillator therapy cable into the side port on the right side of the defibrillator.
- **2.** Run the self-test.
- **3.** Reattach the Conmed pads to the defibrillator therapy cable.

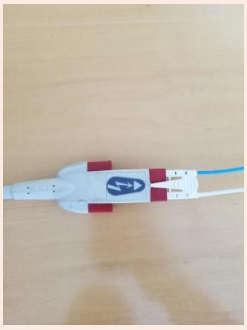
Therapy cable side port

Pacing / cardioversion & CPR feedback



PACING / CARDIOVERSION

Use the standard 3-lead ECG cable compatible with the Zoll R-Series defibrillator.



CPR FEEDBACK

CPR feedback is not available while using the Conmed defibrillator pads.

TEMPORARY SUPPLY: Conmed pads in use until Zoll R-Series pads return. Return date TBD.

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UPCOMING CHANGE
OCTOBER

Exam Glove Standardization: Tronex → Medline

NC Division transition expected mid-to-late October - exact go-live TBD

HCA Healthcare is standardizing exam gloves across the enterprise. NC Division will transition from Tronex New Age Nitrile gloves to Medline FitGuard Prime Nitrile gloves.

CURRENT	FUTURE
East Coast divisions currently use Tronex New Age Nitrile exam gloves.	Medline FitGuard Prime Nitrile will become the enterprise sole-source exam glove by the end of 2026.

What staff should know

- Same mil strength as the current product.
- Textured fingertips support grip.
- Powder-free nitrile exam glove.
- Color-coded boxes help identify glove size.
- No action is required yet - additional rollout details will be shared when the NC Division go-live date is finalized.

AWARENESS NOW: Tronex → Medline FitGuard Prime Nitrile | NC Division go-live date TBD.

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EDUCATION BOOST
SAFETY ALERT

Medication Preparation and Administration Expectations

Safe medication preparation, route verification and administration

1 Read back verbal or telephone orders

- Repeat back patient, drug, dose, route, frequency/time and indication to the provider when receiving verbal or telephone orders. Note: Verbal orders should only be used in urgent/emergent situations, and providers should enter their own orders whenever possible.
- Clarify anything you are not sure about. Confirm you heard and understood all instructions before medication preparation or administration.

2 Prepare safely

- Pull and prepare medications for one patient at a time in a distraction-free zone.
- **Stop and question the preparation when:**
  - Excessive manipulation or multiple components are needed. For example, putting an oral medication in an IV syringe.
  - More than 3 individual products (e.g., vial, bottle, pill) are required for one dose. You will rarely need 3 or more vials of a medication for a single dose.

3 Use the correct device for the route ordered

- Prepare oral medication in a graduated medication cup or amber ENFit™ syringe only.
- Use amber ENFit™ syringes for oral and per-tube doses that require a syringe.
- Never administer non-sterile products intravenously, including oral formulations, non-sterile water-based preparations, topical products, or tap water.

4 Administer safely

- The administering nurse should prepare the medication - handoffs are discouraged.
- Administer medications promptly after preparation.
- Scan both the patient and medication before administration.
- Apply the five rights of medication administration every time.

PAUSE POINT: When preparation, route, volume, device, or order details are unclear, stop and consult pharmacy before administering.

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ROLLING GO-LIVE
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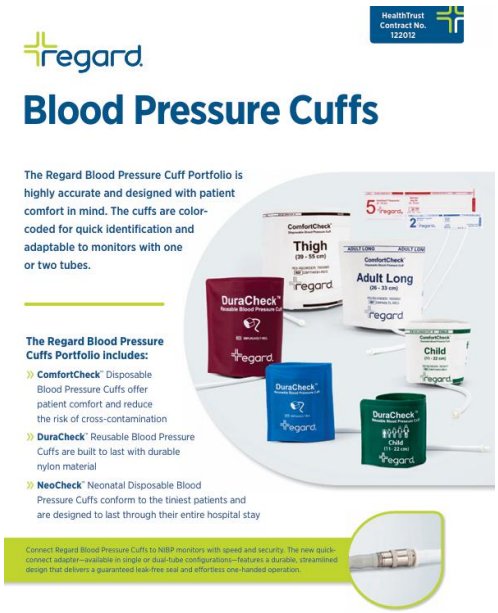
Disposable BP Cuff Conversion: GE -> ROI/Regard

NCDV go-live throughout October with rolling facility start dates

HCA is transitioning all GE disposable blood pressure cuffs to ROI/Regard disposable cuffs across the North Carolina Division. Facility conversions will occur on rolling dates throughout October.



ROI/Regard disposable blood pressure cuffs

CURRENT STATE

BP monitors/hoses have distal GE BP cuff connections.

FUTURE STATE

Current hose connections will be changed/converted to accommodate ROI/Regard cuffs. GE and ROI cuffs are not interchangeable; both use proprietary connectors.

What staff and leaders should know

- Airlife/ROI will support each facility conversion and change the BP cuff adaptors on affected monitors on the scheduled go-live day.
- Supply Chain will implement PAR-location changes as monitors are converted.
- Stock ROI cuffs are available through the NCD warehouse for go-live staging.
- Non-stock cuffs should be ordered directly through ROI/Regard as needed.

BED-SIDE TAKEAWAY: GE and ROI/Regard cuffs are not interchangeable. Use the cuff/connector appropriate for your facility after conversion.

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