## **Tufts**Medicine

## **EpicEdge** Tips & Tricks

## **Documenting Preferred Names**

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Would you like to document a patients preferred name? There is a place just for that.

1. If you are looking to document a patient's preferred name, on the interactive facesheet in either Home Health Intake or Hospice Intake, you first need to click on the Demographics hyperlink.



2. Next, click the cursive N next to the patient's name.

Demographics X						
P <u>u</u> ll Info	Click here.					
Patient Demographics						
Name:	Dembert Schminkey	7/ SSM	N: xxx-xx-9733			
Sex: (1)	Male Sinth date: 9/7	7/1953 📩 Alia	ises: 1			
<u>1</u> -Permanent <u>2</u> -Temporary		<u>3</u> -Confidentia	al			
Address:	12345 Rantoul Ave #0	Contact information:	Number Type Number   1 Home Phone 541-555-1212   2 Work Phone			
City (or ZIP):	BEVERLY		3 Mobile			
State:	MA 🔎 ZIP: 01915	Email:	Patient Does Not Have Email			
County:	ESSEX 🔎	Comments:				
Country:	United States of America 🖇					
Housing Information						

3. Enter the preferred name, and the preferred type will fill in automatically.

α Name Edit		×			
Dembert Schminke	у				
Title:	0				
First name:	Dembert				
Middle name:					
Last name:	Schminkey				
Suffix:	Q				
This name often appears throughout the patient's chart to clinical, access, and billing staff so they can use it to address the patient. It can also appear to patients and others on external communications, documents, and online health records.					
Preferred name:	Bertie	Preferred type: First Name, F,O			
		Accept <u>C</u> ancel			

4. After you click Accept, the updated name will show the preferred name in quotation marks. In other parts of Epic, the patient's name will appear as just the preferred name and last name.



If the quotation marks are manually added to the name field instead of using this workflow, the punctuation will break real-time eligibility, CAHPS extracts, and some other workflows.

**NOTE:** Since updating the patient's name unlocks the OASIS and flags it to be resubmitted to CMS, the patient name should not be changed unless you know that you are changing the name to exactly what Medicare has on file.