Anaesthesia - Labour epidural documentation

Digital Health Quick Reference Guide

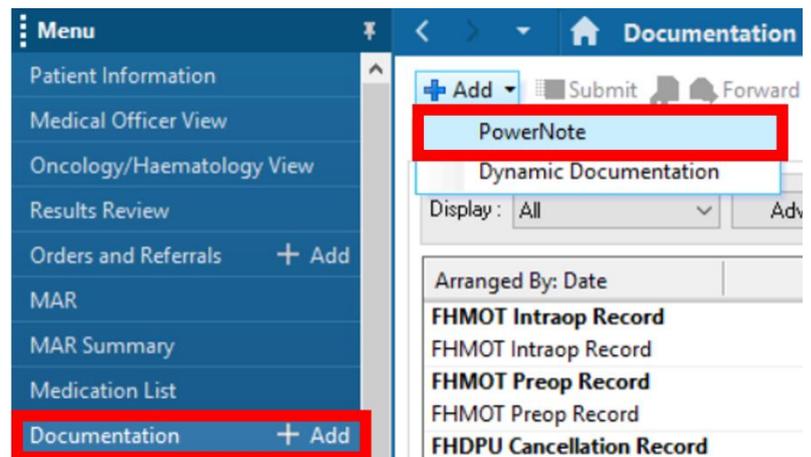
This Quick Reference Guide will explain how to:

Document labour epidural insertion and drug administration for anaesthetists using Powernote and MAR.
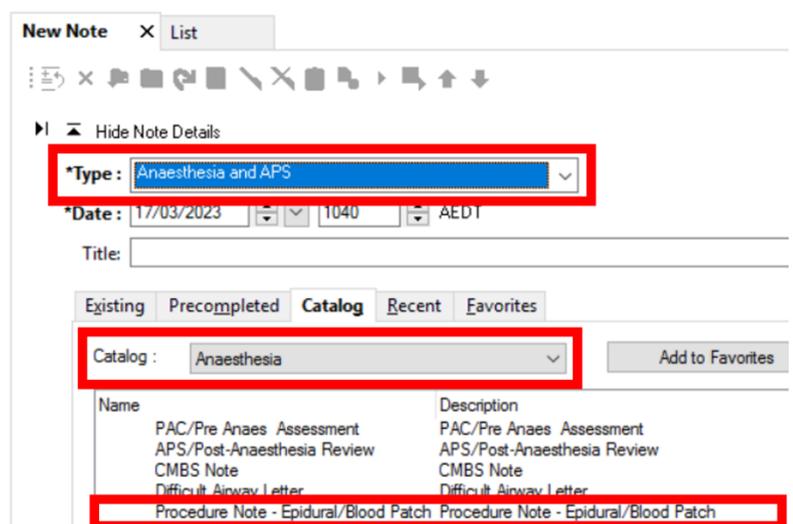
Definitions:

MAR – Medication Administration Record in Powerchart

Documentation of epidural insertion

1. Under Documentation, click the down arrow next to +Add then select PowerNote.

2. Select "Anaesthesia and APS" for Type, "Anaesthesia" Catalog, then "Procedure Note – Epidural/Blood Patch".

3. Select the terms you wish to populate into your Powernote.
    Click "OK" to allow auto population.

4. Complete all necessary fields by clicking and adding any relevant details. Click "Sign/Submit" when complete.

5. Under Title, remove "Blood Patch". Click "Sign" in the popup dialog box
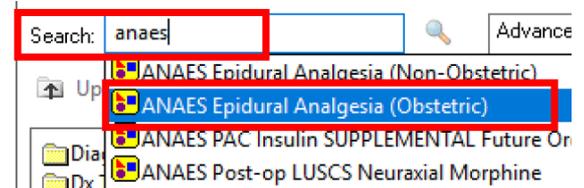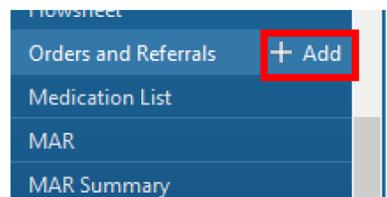
6. Enter your Username and Password and click OK

Documentation of administration of epidural medications

1. Select "+Add" next to "Orders and Referrals". In the Search bar, type "anaes" and click "ANAES Epidural Analgesia (Obstetric)"

2. Ensure all "Communications Orders" are checked.

3. Select the appropriate drug orders then click "Orders for Signature". Note that the PRN orders will only stay active on the MAR for 6 hours after being ordered.

4. Click "Sign"

5. Enter Username and Password and click ok

6. Click MAR and refresh the chart

7. To sign off the fentanyl administration, click on the tile

8. Ensure the administration time is accurate then click the green tick

9. To sign off the local anaesthetic administration, select the PRN order tile.

> **PRN**
>
> ropivacaine (ropivacaine 0.2% injectable solution (ANAES))
> 0 - 5 mL, Epidural, Ampoule, every 5 minutes, PRN, for obstetric use, for 6 hr(s),
> First dose 29/12/2023 18:35:00, Stop date 30/12/2023 00:34:00
> Give 0 - 5 mL. Max dose for order: 15 mL. ANAESTHETIST BOLUS ONLY.
> ropivacaine
>
> PRN | **0 - 5 mL**
> Not given within 5 days.

10. Fill in the volume given

> ropivacaine (ropivacaine 0.2% injectable solution (ANAES))
> 0 - 5 mL, Epidural, Ampoule, every 5 minutes, PRN, for obstetric use, for 6 hr(s), First
> dose 29/12/2023 18:35:00, Stop date 30/12/2023 00:34:00
> Give 0 - 5 mL. Max dose for order: 15 mL. ANAESTHETIST BOLUS ONLY.
>
> *Performed date / time : 29/12/2023   1856   AEDT
> *Performed by :
> Witnessed by :
>
> No record of last documented administration.
>
> *ropivacaine: mL   Volume : 0   ml

⚠ Please select mL as the unit

11. Ensure the administration time is accurate then click the green tick

> ✓
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> *Performed date / time : 29/12/2023   1856   AEDT

12. For subsequent doses given to load the epidural, please repeat steps 9-11

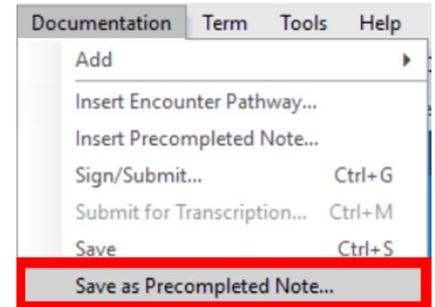13. You can view the doses given after refreshing the MAR Summary

> Results Review
> Flowsheet
> Orders and Referrals   + Add
> Medication List
> MAR
> **MAR Summary**
> Documentation   + Add
> Activities and Interventions
> Allergies/Sensitivities   + Add
>
> **Scheduled**
> fentanyl (fentanyl for injection)
> 100 MICROg, Epidural, Ampoule, ONCE only, Fir... | 100 MICROg @1847
>
> **PRN**
> ropivacaine (ropivacaine 0.2% injectable solution (ANAES))
> 0 - 5 mL, Epidural, Ampoule, every 5 minutes, PRN, for obstetric use, for 6 hr(s), First dose 29/12/2023 18:35:00, Stop date 30/12/2023 00:34:00
> | 5 mL @1845
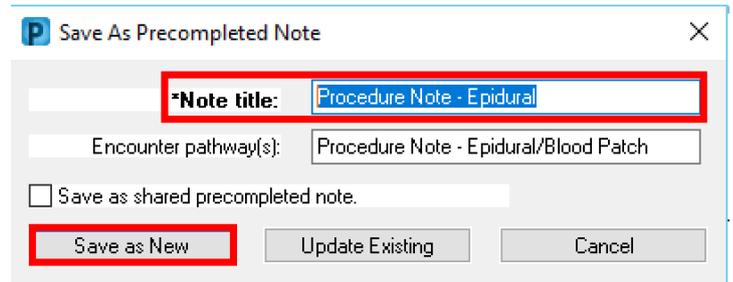> | 5 mL @1850
> | 5 mL @1856
> | PRN

Saving the Epidural Powernote as a Precompleted Note

This allows you save pre-filled Powernotes for future documentation where certain fields are commonly selected.

1. After starting a Powernote and click the options that you wish to prefill. On the menu bar, select "Documentation" then click "Save as Precompleted Note…"

2. Enter the Note title and click "Save as New"

3. The note can be found when adding a new Powernote, ensuring the type is "Anaesthesia and APS" and selecting the "Precompleted" tab. Select the pre-completed Powernote and click "OK" to load. The pre-completed Powernote should load with the pre-filled options saved.