

# Updating the Problem List

## What is the Problem List?

- Expanse utilises a centralised routine across all care settings to house and share a patients' problem list within the electronic record.
- This list can be accessed and managed by users in all care settings to promote continuity of care, and as a communication tool amongst clinicians.

## What should be added to the Problem List?

- The Problem List and Past Medical & Surgical History displays in a combined overlay. When a diagnosis is added, it can be as 'Active' or 'History'. Diagnoses can be moved between these categories e.g. if a patient with history asthma is admitted with an acute exacerbation, 'Asthma' can be moved from 'History' to 'Active'.
- Confirmed diagnoses should be added to the Problem List, and suspected diagnoses or a differential diagnosis should not be entered.
  - As with allergies, Problem List data flows across all patient encounters, increasing its value over time as patients remain within HCA and eliminating the need for doctors to repeatedly re-enter the same information.
  - Once recorded, even as 'suspected', a problem/diagnosis may erroneously resurface in a patient's record in the future.

## Problems & History List overlay

- Key Problem List sections are Active Problems, Resolved/Inactive/Ruled-Out, Deleted, Rank Problems.
- Surgical procedures will automatically appear in the Surgical History, but many surgical conditions e.g. pancreatitis default to Medical History. When entering, you can manually change the category to Surgical.

Problems & History List

PCMMedCharles,TEST DNE 45 M 01/01/1980 Allergy/Adv: bee venom allergen

(More ▾)

Cancel

Save

Search for: 

New Problem

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Filter

Sort By: 

Rank Order

Rank Problems

Mass Edit

▼ Active Problems

Description

Onset

> Community acquired pneumonia

> Urinary tract infection

E. faecalis on culture

▼ Resolved/Inactive/Ruled-Out (R/I/R)

No Resolved/Inactive/Ruled-Out Problems to Display.

▼ Deleted

Description

Deleted By

Deleted On

> BPH (benign prostatic hyperplasia)

McCabe,Ruth

17/06/24

> GORD (gastro oesophageal reflux disease)

McCabe,Ruth

17/06/24

▼ Medical History

Description

Onset

> Hypertension

> Transitional cell carcinoma of bladder

Incidental finding at TURP for BPH

> BPH (benign prostatic hyperplasia)

▼ Surgical History

Description

Onset

> Ruptured infrarenal abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA)

> Hx of transurethral resection of prostate

# Problem List

## Terminology

Term	Expanse Definition
Active Problem	Displays active, non-past medical/surgical history, patient problems
Active Problem Subcategories	Acute, Chronic, Suspected, Resolved, Ruled-Out, Inactive
New	Upon launching the Problems & History List, if a problem has not been viewed yet by the current user from the overlay, a “New” flag displays next to the problem name. Once the overlay has been closed, the “New” icon disappears.
Resolved/Inactive/Ruled-Out (R/I/R)	Problems that are part of the patient’s past history, but no longer require active management remain accessible on the Problem list under the Resolved/Inactive/Ruled-Out grouping (R/I/R). If an R/I/R Problem were to recur, its status can be reactivated as any of the Active categories. Only Active Problems (of any status) will display in the Problems Widget.
R/I/R Problem Subcategories	Resolved, Ruled-Out, Inactive, Deleted
R/I/R Subcategory: Deleted Problem	A deletion could be required because of a mistaken entry – entry of a reason for deletion is required.
Rank Order	Ability to sort the problem list to match clinical picture, rather than by order added to the list e.g. a new important diagnosis can be moved to the top
Onset	The date or approximate date a problem occurred or was diagnosed. The user can select “Unknown” when appropriate.
Resolution Date	The date or approximate date a problem was resolved. The user can select “Unknown” when appropriate.
Problem Comment	Free text comments associated to a specific problem for pertinent details that are not able to be captured by a more qualified problem e.g. ‘Treated with clips’ added to ‘Nontraumatic subarachnoid haemorrhage from left anterior communicating artery’
Reconcile Problems	Problem list management and maintenance at discharge in acute setting. This prompts clinicians to keep active, move to the R/I, or delete the visit problems entered during the acute stay to facilitate maintaining a clean Problem List post discharge.