

Unstable Patients

Unstable patients will have monthly unstable care plans completed by the IDT. The status of “unstable” will be based on criteria established in the Conditions for Coverage at Vtag 520. The criteria include but are not limited to the following: extended or frequent hospitalizations, marked deterioration in health status, significant change in psychosocial needs, recurrent peritonitis or concurrent poor nutrition, unmanaged anemia and inadequate dialysis.

The Primary Care Nurse is responsible for changing a patient’s status to unstable or stable in Clarity.

The stability status can be found in Clarity>Registration>Patient Instability History.

Patient Instability History

Patient: [REDACTED] (Age 41)
 Primary Nephrologist: NAKAMOTO, LISA A Change
 Broadway Kidney Center - Inpatient - 3rd Shift Mon-Wed-Fri
 Medical Record#: [REDACTED] Code Status: FULL CODE

Current Status: Unstable


Event Date	Event	Recorded By	Assessment Date
02/24/2020	Hospitalization	Stauffer, Edward Clinical Informatics	
02/24/2020	Unstable CIA	Stauffer, Edward Clinical Informatics	

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The patient’s current status will be “Unstable” if there is an event listed that does not have an Assessment Date. The Assessment Date is the date the IDT determines the patient is no longer unstable.

There are several ways a patient's status can be changed to "unstable."

1. Checking the "Patient is Now Unstable" box in Patient>Hospitalizations & Consultations. The event type will be "Hospitalization" in the Patient Instability Screen.

Notes	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px;"></div>		
Discharge orders received and reviewed	<input type="text"/>		Obtained By <input type="text" value="Select value"/>
Hospital Admission from Dialysis Facility	<input type="text" value="Not Sent to Hospital Directly from Dialysis Facility"/> ▼		
Will the patient continue to be dialyzed at this clinic while their status is Inpatient?			<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Patient Is Now Unstable			
<input type="checkbox"/> Transplant Referral?			

2. Checking the "Patient is Unstable" "Yes" radio button in the CIA Summary of the Comprehensive Interdisciplinary Assessment (CIA) lumpner. The event type will be "Unstable CIA" in the Patient Instability Screen.

CIA Summary	
Patient is Unstable	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Care Team	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Care team members have met as a team to review the assessment and create/update the plans of care.
Nephrologist	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reviewed
Care Manager	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reviewed
Dietitian	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reviewed
Social Worker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reviewed
Patient	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reviewed
Completed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This assessment is complete

3. Entering an unstable event directly into the Patient Instability History screen.
 - a. To add a new event, click on Add New.
 - b. Event Date: Enter the date the patient became unstable.
 - c. Event: Enter short description of instability reason.
 - d. Notes: Enter a summary of the reason the patient is unstable
 - e. Assessment Date: Enter the date the patient has been assessed by the IDT and is now considered **stable** again. This will typically be the date of the POC call when the IDT feels the patient is no longer unstable.

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02/24/2020	Hospitalization	Stauffer, Edward Clinical Informatics	
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Add Patient Instability History	
Event Date	<input type="text" value="02/24/2020"/>
Event	<input type="text"/>
Notes	<input type="text"/>
Assessment Date	<input type="text"/>
Recorded By	<input type="text" value="Stauffer, Edward Clinical Informatics"/>
<input type="button" value="Add"/>	

When a patient has an unstable status, they will appear on the POC/CIA schedule each month until the status changes back to stable.

The IDT will complete their individual CIA “splitters” and discuss at the monthly POC call.

If a patient is expected to continue to be unstable, the monthly CIA needs only to address the issue(s) that make the patient unstable.

If a patient is expected to be determined to be stable again for a POC call, the Primary Nurse (or designee) will communicate this with the rest of the IDT so that a full CIA can be completed by each team member. When the CIA lumper is completed, the Primary Nurse (or designee) will mark the “No” radio button for “Patient is Unstable” and this CIA will become the patient’s most recent annual CIA and another will not be due for 12 months.

CIA Summary

Patient is Unstable

Yes No

Changing a patient's status back to stable.

If the unstable event was created from an Unstable CIA, you will change the status back to stable when you mark the "No" radio button for "Patient is Unstable" in the CIA lumper.

For any other event type, click on the underlined Event to open it.

Current Status: Unstable

<u>Event Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Recorded By</u>	<u>Assessment Date</u>
02/24/2020	<u>Hospitalization</u>	Stauffer, Edward Clinical Informatics	
02/24/2020	<u>Patient recently homeless after losing employment</u>	Stauffer, Edward Clinical Informatics	
02/24/2020	<u>Unstable CIA</u>	Stauffer, Edward Clinical Informatics	

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Enter the Assessment Date: the date the IDT determined the patient is stable again. This will typically be the date of the POC call.

Edit Patient Instability History

Event Date: 02/24/2020

Event: Hospitalization

Notes:

Assessment Date:

Recorded By: Stauffer, Edward Clinical Informatics

The patient will continue to have an unstable status until all the events have an Assessment Date.