

Newsletter Tip – Assessment Scores

Welcome to American Data CARES, the online resource for all your ECS needs. This handout may be read independently or in conjunction with the corresponding video [Newsletter Tip – Assessment Scores](#) in our American Data CARES library. This handout reviews options for screen totals as well as setup required. If after reviewing this material, you need further assistance, please contact cares@american-data.com or 800-464-9942.

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about the [Screen Total functionality](#). Please check out our other videos and documentation for more information about ECS!

Why You Should Utilize This Feature

The Screen Total feature adds up the values of the risk assessment responses as you document them. Gone are the days of previewing the corresponding report to see the score and risk category of the completed assessment. Once each of the assessment items has been documented, ECS will calculate and chart the total score right into the assessment. You can then use the documented scores to improve processes.

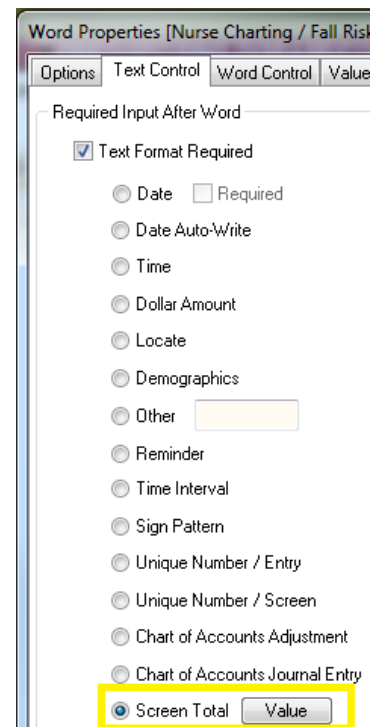
If your ECS system does not already have this feature setup this means your system was installed prior to creation of this functionality or the ECS system administrator was unaware how to set this up.

Testing: Are you already using this feature?

Not sure if Screen Totals are already set up in your ECS? Here is how to check:

- Select the American Data – ECS logo, Setup, Topic/Word, Properties.
- Choose the Nurse Charting tab.
- Double click the Fall Risk Assessment, or another scored assessment.
- Look for the word Total Score. If found, right click on it and choose **Properties**.
- Select the Text Control tab.

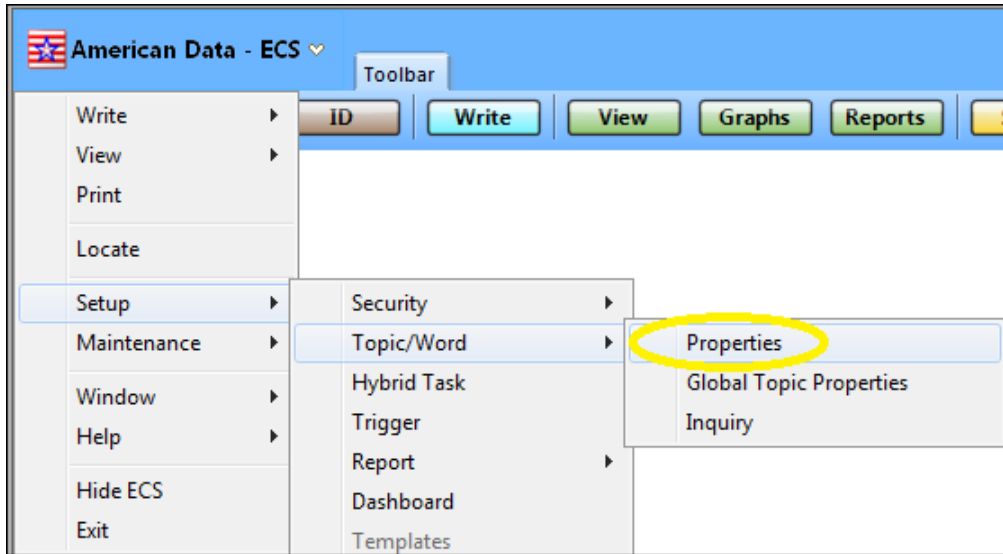
If a Total Score word is found, and the Text Control tab shows a check mark in Text Format Required and a dot by Screen Total, you are using the Screen Total feature. If Screen Total is not selected, your system is likely not setup with Screen Totals.



The Details – Setup

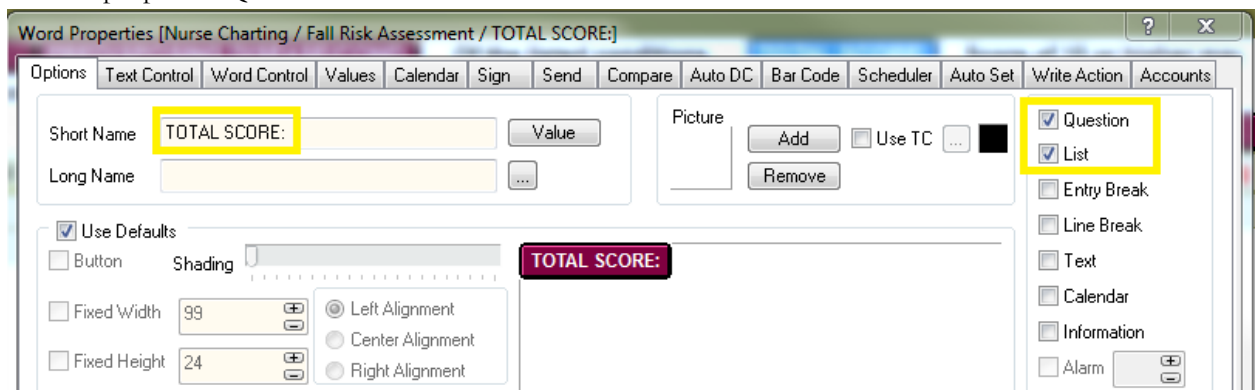
The good news is the setup for this functionality is super easy! The ECS System Administrator who has rights to topic/word setup is the perfect person for the task of implementing this functionality.

American Data – ECS ⇒ Setup ⇒ Topic/Word ⇒ Properties

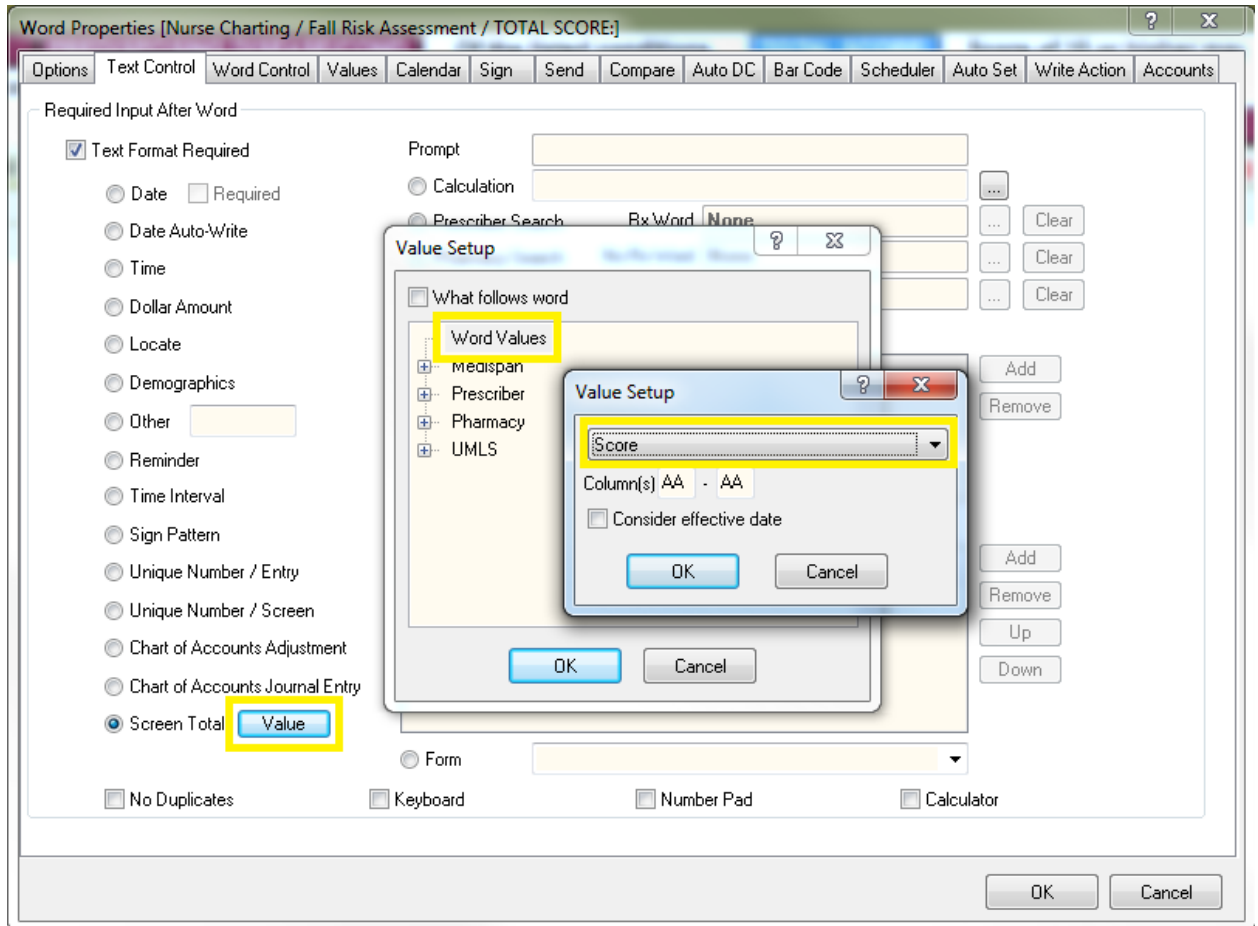


SHORTCUT – Select the Setup icon instead of navigating the drop-down menu

1. Select the desired Section (Nurse Charting), then double-click on the desired Topic (Fall Risk Assessment).
2. If the word Total Score does not exist, select an appropriate location and right-click to make a new word.
 - Double click on the New Word and enter “TOTAL SCORE” in the short name. Apply the properties Question and List.



3. Select the Text Control tab. Place a checkmark into Text Format Required, and a dot into Screen Total.



4. Select the Value button, click on Word Values, and use the drop-down arrow to select Score. The column(s) setting should be set to AA – AA. Click OK to each screen to save the changes.
 - It is possible that the phrases within the Fall Assessment topic have the risk scores set up in a value other than Score (e.g. Graph). In this case, match the Screen Total Value setting to the value used for the scored phrases.

Potential Screen Total Locations

Any topic that contains phrases that result in a total score is an ideal location for this feature. Typical locations for Screen Totals as listed below.

- Nurse Charting
 - AIMS Assessment
 - Dyskinesia Assessment
 - Elopement Risk Assessment
 - Fall Risk Assessment
 - Skin Breakdown Risk Assessment
- Department Notes
 - Nestle MNA
 - BIMS
 - PHQ-9