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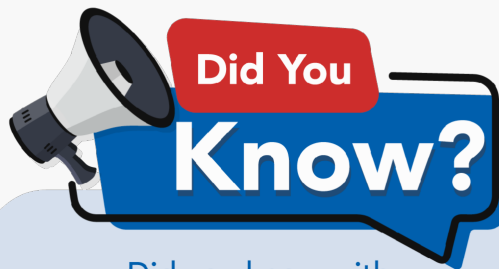
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Celebrating 40 Years



American Data celebrates **four decades** of innovation and client success since the inception of **American Data ECS on February 29, 1984**. A heartfelt thank you to our clients for your unwavering support on this remarkable journey. Here's to many more years of shared achievements and milestones!

Upcoming Webinars



CNA Access and Charting Review

Session Date:
Wednesday, March 20th
(01:00 - 02:00 pm CST)

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ECS Updates and Industry News



New & Notable Clinical Features

Dialysis Communication/Assessment

Part One:

- The Nursing To Do List can be used to order monitoring of residents who receive dialysis on every shift during their stay. Standard documentation includes Thrill, Bruit, and Dressing Checks.

DIALYSIS Q SHIFT CHECKS:	DIALYSIS DAY ASSESSMENT:
THRILL:	Complete assessments on:
BRUIT:	
DRESSING:	Pre-Dialysis
	Post-Dialysis
start date	
end date	start date
	end date

- The To Do List can also be used to order Pre and Post dialysis documentation for the specific days that the resident receives dialysis. Nurses click in the cell for the assessment on their To Do List and are taken to the Dialysis Communication / Assessment topic.

Part Two:

- The Dialysis Communication /Assessment topic is designed to facilitate communication between the nursing facility and the dialysis center for residents receiving dialysis outside of the facility.
- Pre-Treatment information can be completed within ECS and printed out on a Dialysis Communication form to be sent with the resident and completed by the dialysis center.
- Information from the dialysis center can be entered into the Dialysis Communication topic using the provided words or scanned into the resident's record.
- Post-treatment assessments can also be completed in the Dialysis Communication topic.

Pre-Treatment						Save
TREATMENT DATE:	ACCESS SITE:	BLEEDING P LAST TX?	S/S OF INFECTION?	B/P:	TIME OF LAST MEAL:	Save and Print
	TRANSPORTATION:	Yes	Yes	TEMP:	TRANSFER STATUS:	Back to Beginning
		No	No	PULSE:	CONTACT PRECAUTIONS:	
				PRE-TX WT:	WOUNDS:	
					SKIN PROPHYLAXIS:	
					MEDS PRIOR TO DIALYSIS:	
					CHANGES IN CONDITION:	
					None or not applicable	

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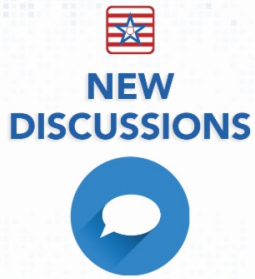
American Data News



Feedback Request: Help Us Improve Our ECS Software!

We are constantly striving to improve our ECS software to better meet your staff and facility's needs. We would love to hear any feedback or concerns you may have encountered while using our software. Additionally, if you have any enhancements or features you would like to see, please don't hesitate to let us know. Your input is extremely valuable to us and we look forward to hearing from you!

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ECS User Forum Discussion Threads:

Current Issues & Solutions

If you have ever wondered, "Is American Data aware?" when running into an issue with the latest version of ECS, now you can confirm for yourself! Join our new "Current Issues & Solutions" discussion thread on our ECS User Forum. Follow the Smartsheet in the comments to view the real-time progress of known issues in ECS, discover temporary solutions, and be aware of estimated repair dates. Stay as informed about these issues as our own staff!

What's New & Upcoming

If you are ever curious about upcoming enhancements in the next update, you can now be one of the first to know! Join our new "What's New and Upcoming in ECS?" discussion thread on our ECS User Forum. Follow the Smartsheet in the comments to view a list of enhancements ready to roll out in the Fall of 2023 with version 10.2.0.0. Additionally, you can find a link to our ECS Wish List. We want to hear your software suggestions!

How do I find the discussion threads?

1. Log into the [Client Sign On](#).
2. Locate the *ECS User Forum* under the *User* tab.
3. Click on *Sign In with American Data User* in the right-hand corner .

LOG IN

10.1 ECS Issues & Solutions Client Access Report (View Only)

Primary	Category	Description	Release or Work Around	Fix or Release Anticipation	Discovered in Version	Fixed in Version
COSIGN						
3000	COSIGN	Will not view in...	N/A		10.1.0.0	10.1.0.0
3000	COSIGN	Will not view in...			10.1.0.0	10.1.0.0
3000	COSIGN	Will not view in...			10.1.0.0	10.1.0.0
3000	COSIGN	Will not view in...			10.1.0.0	10.1.0.0
MDS						
3047	MDS	Not in...	Current Clinical...	Support to have...	10.1.7.0	10.1.0.0
MDS 3.0 REPOF						

Issues & Solutions Client Access Report

View the [smartsheet](#) for the latest information on known issues, including planned dates of repair, and how you can work around them until then.

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ECS Tip of the Month

Verify Your Backup and Retention Policies to protect your ECS data

American Data's ECS relies on a backend database engine to store the configuration and resident data saved within the program. All customizations, users, groups, reports, and tasks are often unique to the customer, so in addition to protecting ePHI, ECS database backups are also critical for protecting the current state of your ECS configuration.

If you host your instance of ECS through our optional American Data Cloud services, your backups are already taken care of by American Data Technical Support and our hosting partner(s) here in the US. However, clients who host their own instance of ECS on their own servers (either managed on premises or hosted elsewhere by another party) are responsible for the protection of their own data.

The linked ECS Backup Guide will outline some important backup items and suggestions to protect your ECS data from common causes of loss.

If after reviewing the information you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to American Data Technical Support for more individualized assistance with your backup planning.

ECS DATABASE BACKUP GUIDE

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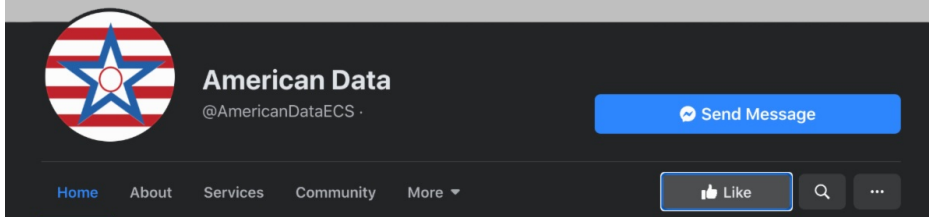
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