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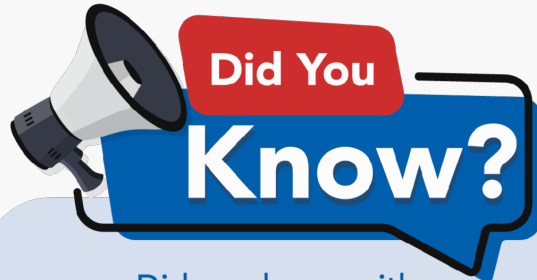
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### Upcoming Webinars



### Documenting Assessments

**Session Date:**  
Wednesday, May 22nd  
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### ECS Updates and Industry News

## New & Notable Clinical Features

### RIOSORD Assessment

The RIOSORD Assessment or the Risk Index for Overdose or Serious Opioid-Induced Respiratory Depression Assessment has been added to ECS. This assessment allows a facility to see if a resident is at risk for opioid overdose. It is a screening tool to monitor residents for opioid dependency. This assessment can score the risk index as well as the OIRD probability (Opioid Induced Respiratory Depression Probability) of the resident. It has been added as an option to the Nursing to Do List to use as an initial screening, monthly monitoring, or part of the quarterly review.

RIOSORD										
ASSESSMENT DATE:	In the past 6 months, has the patient had a health care visit (outpatient, inpatient, or ED) involving:	OPIOID DEPENDENCY?	CHRONIC HEPATITIS OR CIRRHOSIS	BIPOLAR DISORDER OR SCHIZOPHRENIA?	CHRONIC PULMONARY DISEASE?	CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE?	ACTIVE TRAUMATIC INJURY?	SLEEP APNEA?		
		yes no	yes no	yes no	yes no	yes no	yes no	yes no		

Risk Index for Overdose or Serious Opioid-Induced Respiratory Depression  
Current as of 2015

Finalize /  OK /  Cancel /  Print /  Refresh /  Help /  Home /  Logout /  Sign Out /  Report /  Sign

is a current / ibid opiod dose	>100 MG MORPHINE PER DAY?	>50 MG MORPHINE PER DAY?	>20 MG MORPHINE PER DAY?	is the past 6 months, has the patient:	BEEN HOSP FOR 1 OR MORE DAYS?	BEEN HOSP FOR 1 OR MORE DAYS?	TOTAL SCORE	RISK INDEX SCORE
yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes		60-66	0-24
no	no	no	no	no	no		25-32	25-32
							33-37	33-37
							38-42	38-42
							43-48	43-48
							47-49	47-49
							50-54	50-54
							55-59	55-59
							60-66	60-66
							> 67	> 67

Directions: 

	Opioid	Conversion Factor
# of doses/day X Morphine = X	Codone	0.15
# of doses/day X conversion factor = Y	Fentanyl Transdermal	2.4
X = Y = morphine milligram equivalent	Hydrocodone	1
	Hydromorphone	4
	Methadone 1-20mg/day	4
	21-40 mg/day	8
	41-60 mg/day	10
	>= 61-80 mg/day	12
	Morphine	1
	Oxycodone	1.5
	Oxymorphone	3

PRESCRIPTION ANTIDEPRESSANT? yes  
 PRESCRIPTION ANTIDEPRESSANT? no  
 A PRESCRIPTION ANTIDEPRESSANT? yes  
 A PRESCRIPTION ANTIDEPRESSANT? no  
 >100 MG MORPHINE EQUIVALENTS PER DAY? no  
 >50 MG MORPHINE EQUIVALENTS PER DAY? no  
 >20 MG MORPHINE EQUIVALENT PER DAY? yes  
 HAS 1 OR MORE ED VISITS? no  
 BEEN HOSPITALIZED FOR 1 OR MORE DAYS? yes  
 TOTAL SCORE: 60-66  
 RISK INDEX SCORE: 60-66  
 OPIOID INDUCED RESPIRATORY DEPRESSION PROBABILITY (%): 75%

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# 2024 Spring Release

If you missed the April "Spring Release: What's New Clinical and Financial" webinar, you can access the handout below. You can also watch the webinar video through the Client Sign On portal.

What's New 10.2.1.x

# New VA PDPM Analyzer

We have created the VA PDPM Analyzer tool to accurately calculate reimbursement based on the VA's Variable Per Diem schedule. The VA PDPM Analyzer is included in the Spring Release. If your facility has this type of VA contract, after the update, reach out to [financial@american-data.com](mailto:financial@american-data.com) to get setups in place.

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# Accounts Receivable, Accounts Payable & General Ledger

Do you need to see American Data's Accounts Receivable, Accounts Payable, and/or General Ledger modules? The benefits of having one integrated system are priceless. View a presentation on the Client Sign On portion of our website or reach out to [financial@american-data.com](mailto:financial@american-data.com) to discuss.

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## FEEDBACK REQUEST



### 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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## NEW DISCUSSIONS



### 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 .

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1001 B.x Issues & Solutions Client Access Report (Viewer Only)

Primary	Category	Description	Solution or Work Around	Date Fix Released Anticipated	Discussed in Version	Fixed in Version
<b>COSIGN</b>						
3885	COSIGN	When you view a new group of work on the COSIGN page, you are not able to see the work items that are assigned to you.	N/A			10.1.0.0
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<b>MDS</b>						
3847	MDS	NDDI Transferring as intended when it should be otherwise. This can affect the assessment when NDDI or NDDI are marked unknown.	Contact Clinical Support to have the NDDI or NDDI file transferred to the correct location when available.			10.1.7.4
						10.1.0.0

## 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

## Inclusivity in ECS

American data is making efforts to be inclusive throughout our programming. Here's how:

### Regulatory Compliance:

- MDS regulations were updated last October with some changes from "he/she" language to "they/them". Those updates are reflected on the MDS assessments in sections D, GG and J.
- Documentation words for prior surgeries have been changed from "Involving male or female organs" to "involving genital systems" to match updated CMS verbiage.

### Customizable Topics

- Documentation is meant to include all residents and is rarely gender specific, however, any examples of gender specific verbiage that a facility currently has in use can be updated with a simple phone call.
- Documentation supporting inclusivity can also be added to existing topics. For example, in the Face Sheet section, Personal Information, a "Preferred Pronoun" heading could be added near the "Preferred Name: heading to document these preferences.

### Resident Demographics

- The gender options in ID/Demographics have not changed. MDS Assessments do still require item A0800. This federally required item only includes options for male and female and cannot be left blank or marked unknown. As this MDS item pulls information from the demographics screen to assessment, we will continue to match the CMS verbiage for our default demographics options, however, additional options can be added on a facility-by-facility basis by contacting American Data.

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Name(s) Nixon, Dwight A | Topic(s) Face Sheet / Personal Information / All

Birthplace		Education	
<b>BIRTHPLACE</b>	<b>PREFERRED PRONOUN:</b>	<b>EDUCATION LEVEL:</b>	
<b>CITY:</b>	<b>PREFERRED NAME:</b>	yes	no formal schooling
<b>STATE:</b>	(how client prefers to be addressed)	no	8th grade or less
<b>FOREIGN COUNTRY:</b>	<b>PRIOR NAME:</b>	<b>REGISTERED TO VOTE:</b>	high school diploma
	(including maiden name or previous name that was legally changed)	yes	GED
		no	technical / trade school
			some college

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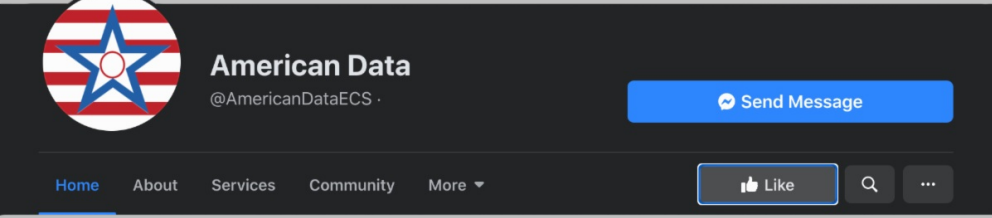
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