



# ECS Monthly Newsletter

The latest in ECS news, technology, and industry updates.

June 2024



## American Data Hosting

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Wednesday, June 12th  
(1:00pm-02:00 pm CST)

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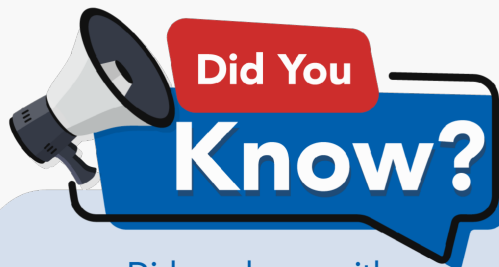
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*Deficiency-Free Surveys*

### Quick Links:

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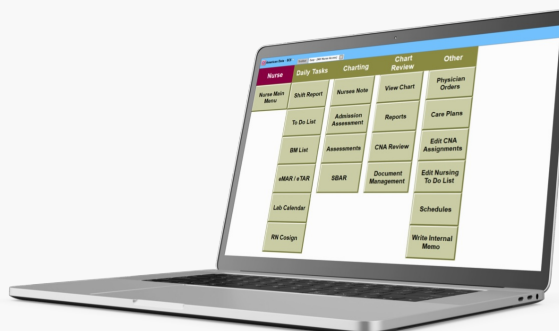
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you can access your ECS medical and financial data securely through a laptop from anywhere with a browser?

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Upcoming Webinars



ECS Financial Month End Review

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Wednesday, June 12th  
(01:00 - 02:00 pm CST)

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ECS Updates and Industry News

New & Notable Clinical Features

Antibiotic Time-Out Assessment

This assessment re-evaluates the antibiotic after the initial administration. It looks at the reason/need, the appropriateness, and if there are any risk factors. It helps to know whether changes may be required.

72 Hour Antibiotic Time-Out		Reason for Antibiotic				Antibiotic Appropriateness		
72 Hour Antibiotic Time-Out	ANTIBIOTIC PRESCRIBED:	START DATE:	PREScriBER LOCATION:	REASON ANTIBIOTIC PRESCRIBED:	CULTURE:	MEETS MCGREER CRITERIA?	RISK FACTORS/CONCERNS?	
ASSESSMENT DATE:	DOSE:	STOP DATE:	ER	Skin/Wound/Celulitis	Yes	Yes	PVD	
ROUTE:			Medical Office	Urinary Tract Infection (UTI)	No	No	Wound	
PREScriBER:			Hospital	Lung Respiratory Int. (LRI):	Yes	STILL HAS SYMPTOMS?	Diabetes	
			LTC Facility	Other:	Yes	Yes	Catheter	
			Other:		No	No	Penicillin Allergy	
						SIGNS/SYMPTOMS IMPROVING?	Other:	
						Yes		
						No		
						*McGreer Criteria		

72 Hour Antibiotic Time-Out  
Minnesota Department of Health  
[www.health.state.mn.us](http://www.health.state.mn.us)

Red Flags	ACTIONS TO TAKE:	RESPONSE FROM PROVIDER:	ISOLATION:	PROVIDER COMMENTS:	Sign
RED FLAGS: Select all that apply.	ASKESSMENT DATE:	STOP DATE:	Standard	*View/Print Report	
Ordered for more than 7 days;	Ask about pending diagnostics;	Appropriate	Contact		
Inconsistent w/org sensitivity	Remove catheter;	Discontinue	Droplet		
No stop date on order;	Update provider;	Change Antibiotic	Airborne		
No labs are available;	Notify nurse manager or sup;	Change Route	None		
IV route;	No action needed.	Change Duration			
Catheter;	Other:	Other:			
Penicillin allergy;					

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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.

## 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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### 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

#### What's New & Upcoming

If you are ever curious about upcoming enhancements in the next update, you

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!

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* .



Primary	Category	Description	Release or Work Around	Date to Release/Availability	Scheduled in Version	Fixed in Version
<b>COSIGN</b>						
3000		Write and View in "Your Own Entries" will no longer display a "Hold" button.	N/A			10.1.0.0
3000	COSIGN	A user can no longer hold an entry.				10.1.0.0
3000	COSIGN	When a user holds an entry, the "Hold" button is no longer visible.			10.1.0.0	10.1.0.0
3000	COSIGN	When a user holds an entry, the "Hold" button is no longer visible.			10.1.0.0	10.1.0.0
<b>MDS</b>						
3047	MDS	Notes: "Hold" button is no longer visible when a user holds an entry. The user after 15-day timeout can no longer hold an entry.	Control Clinical to allow user to hold an entry. Incentive for user to hold an entry.		10.1.7.0	10.1.0.0
<b>MDS 3.0 REPOF</b>						

## 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.



## ECS Tip of the Month

### Held Entries

If users have the appropriate rights, they can "hold" an entry during documentation. This makes the entry available for further editing before it is saved into the clinical record. A "Held Entry" can be viewed on the View screen. The entries appear with the watermark "Held Entry," making them easy to identify so that they can be completed. Some facilities may also use it when one staff member creates a note, but another user must review and sign it before it is complete. To create a held entry. Click on the "More" button on the left side of a Write Screen, and then choose "Hold" from the buttons that appear. To complete the held entry, right-click on it and choose "Load for Editing" to have it write in the write pane as a normal entry that you can then complete and save as with any other entry. To remove the held entry, right-click on it and choose "Discard."

Note: the user who holds the entry will have his or her initials connected to the held entry until it is edited and saved as a real entry. At this point, only the initials of the user saving the entry will be connected to it.



Name(s) Turner, Jesse J Topic(s) Nursing / NH Nurse Note / All

### NH Nurse Note

PURPOSE FOR NOTE:	VITAL SIGNS	ACUTE NOTE (MISC.):	SKIN STATUS:
new or sudden onset/change	BP:	Lab results:	no skin issues
ongoing change in condition	Ortho BP:	Fever:	NEW Skin Impairment:
follow-up	Pulse:	Mood:	Surgical Wound:
progress note	Respirations:	Behavior:	Abrasion/Bruise:
	Temp:	^ Additional behavior	Rash:
	Weight (lbs):	Infection/ABT:	Blister:
INTERACT Tools	Height (inches):	Isolation:	Wound:
^ Change in Cond. File Cards	Pulse Oximetry:	Medication:	Pressure Area:
^ Care Paths	Blood Glucose:	COVID-19:	Other skin issue:
	Pain (0-10):		
	Pain (descriptor):		
	Fluid Intake (mL):		
	Fluid Output (mL):		

Location: Treatment: Dressing:

^ Non-Pressure Wound C ^ Pressure Injury Assess

Exit Name(s) Topic Tasks Date From Date To Control Go Edit Next Full More...

Turner, Jesse J 06/06/1949 74 Yrs F Site 1 East 107-2 Load For Editing  
05/31/2024 10:56:57 RSS PURPOSE FOR NOTE: new or sudden onset Discard breath  
BP: 124/87  
Pulse: 76  
Respirations: 20  
Temp: 101.4  
RESPIRATORY: Respiratory Complaint: Having trouble breathing

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## Deficiency-Free Survey Awards



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