

Social Determinants of Health [SDOH] Screening

Why is the SDOH Screen Important?

Non-medical factors like income, education, employment, childhood development, food security, access to health services, housing, gender, race, and disability can significantly impact patient outcomes. Identifying patients who screened high-risk for SDOH may need additional resources and services that Children's Health can provide.

Below is an example of how the SDOH screen positively impacted a family from the Dallas Campus.

- o "An RN identified that her patient had no clothes for their baby, only a diaper. This likely would not have been caught until discharge, if at all. The RN felt she was able to "get ahead of the game" in a more proactive manner through the SDOH screening."

Screening Tips

To be respectful to all families, it is important to explain the reasoning behind the SDOH screening.

Below are some script examples for introducing the screening tool to families.

- o "Children's Health screens all patients for varying factors that could impact the child's care. The SDOH screening provides an opportunity for Children's to provide needed resources to families in a variety of situations."
- o "Upon admission, we like to screen all our patients and families for any additional resources they may need during or after hospitalization. The following questions help us determine which patients could benefit from Children's services."

There are multiple ways the family can fill out the screening i.e., bedside tablet, printed handout, or with the admitting nurse.

The admitting nurse should initiate the SDOH screening, but it is the primary nurse's responsibility to ensure that the screening is completed. Additionally, if the screening was unable to be completed on your shift (i.e., caregiver not at bedside), please pass along the responsibility to the oncoming nurse.

How do I tell when SDOH is completed?

There are multiple ways to ensure the screening has been completed in Epic.

- o Patient Lists

The screenshot shows the 'My Lists' section with 'Sidney's list' selected. The table lists two patients. The first patient, Aster, Ellie (15 y.o. / F), has an 'SDOH Complete' status of 'No' (indicated by a red X). The second patient, Zzmasterfo... (22 y.o. / F), has an 'SDOH Complete' status of 'Yes' (indicated by a green checkmark). A red circle highlights the 'SDOH Complete' column.

Patient	Patient Photo	Admission Info	Redirection of Care	Private Encounter if Starred	Attending/Service	Orders/ Overdue Meds/ Specimen	Flow Cosign/ RX Message/ New Result	Req Doc Adm	Treatment Team	Bedside Table Status	SDOH Complete
Aster, Ellie		B4 Po... Acute ...	—	—	Martin Stitch, MD Surgery		—		Martin Stitch, MD - Admitting Martin Stitch...	—	✗
Zzmasterfo...		BP3 P... Acute ...	—	—	Martin Stitch, MD Surgery		—		Martin Stitch, MD - Admitting Martin Stitch...	—	✓

- o Storyboard

Completed

The 'Completed' storyboard shows a grid of icons representing various social determinants of health: food, housing, employment, transportation, family, and education. All icons are filled with a solid color, indicating that all factors have been screened.

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No concerns present

Incomplete

The 'Incomplete' storyboard shows the same grid of icons. Some icons are empty, indicating that not all social determinants have been screened.

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How do I add the SDOH column to “Patient Lists”?

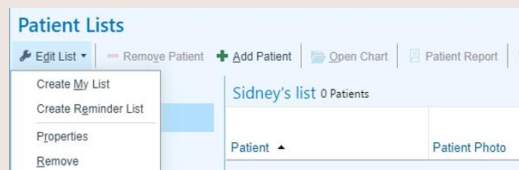
Go to “Patient Lists” in Epic

The screenshot shows the 'My Lists' sidebar on the left with 'Sidney's list' selected. The main area displays 'Sidney's list 2 Patients'. The table below shows patient details and various clinical data points.

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Aster, Ellie 15 y.o. / F		B4 Pool... Acute a...	—	—	Martin Stitch, MD Surgery		—		Martin Stitch, MD - Admitting Martin Stitch,...	—
Zzmasterfou... 22 y.o. / F		BP3 Po... Acute a...	—	—	Martin Stitch, MD Surgery		—		Martin Stitch, MD - Admitting Martin Stitch,...	—

Below the table are buttons for 'Summary', 'Notes', 'Manage Orders', 'Flowsheets', and 'MAR'.

Select “Edit List” > “Properties.”



Search for “SDOH Complete” and click “Add Column” then “Accept.”

The screenshot shows the 'Available Columns' dialog box for 'Sidney's list [263316]'. The search bar contains 'SDOH'. The 'Available Columns' section shows a table with one match: 'SDOH Complete' with the description 'Displays an icon if SDOH Questionnaire is complete'. The 'Selected Columns' section shows a table with four columns: 'Patient', 'Patient Photo', 'Admission Info', and 'Redirection of Care'. The 'Column to sort by' field is empty. The 'Accept' button is highlighted.

Available Columns	1 matches for 'sdoh'
Caption	Description
SDOH Complete	Displays an icon if SDOH Questionnaire is complete

Selected Columns	
Caption	Description
Patient	Contains patient name (if preferred name, also displays legal name), age/gender
Patient Photo	This column displays the patient's photo or a generic silhouette for restricted and confidential pa...
Admission Info	This column provides the room, bed and primary problem
Redirection of Care	Used to display that Redirection of Care has been initiated

You have successfully added the SDOH Complete Column to your epic lists!