MEDITECH Expanse is designed to fully accommodate a variety of care provider types and their specialties across the continuum of care, including physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, and respiratory therapy. Our clinically-rich, diverse functionality ensures care providers across your therapy and rehabilitation facilities and departments have access to a complete patient record; the necessary tools to administer and document patient care. Our integrated therapy workflow also includes registration, scheduling, and billing functionality, as well as full patient engagement with our patient portal. And when your patients move through different hospitals or physician practices using disparate EHRs, MEDITECH’s interoperability capabilities will provide your therapists with relevant clinical information for a complete picture of the patient’s journey. Using MEDITECH Expanse, your patients will benefit from seamless transitions of care, while your staff will benefit from an intuitive, flexible system that is device and browser agnostic.

At the center of MEDITECH’s integrated therapies functionality is our Patient Care and Patient Safety (PCS) solution. PCS streamlines each therapist’s workflow by providing standard content and a centralized patient management tool that launches user-friendly, point-and-click documentation to save time and increase productivity. We provide 30 standard status boards, including specialty-specific status boards (e.g., physical therapy, speech therapy, occupational therapy, and respiratory therapy), as well as over 800 standard assessments, including teaching, education, and exercise assessments. Our standard content is completely customizable, allowing you to meet your documentation needs, while also saving you valuable time during the implementation process. Using MEDITECH’s documentation capabilities for both outpatient and inpatient therapies, you can:

- Access the same documentation tool as other clinical departments to standardize responses.
- Document assessments, interventions, and medication administrations on your point of care device.
- Trend documentation and pull formatted data into reports.
- Electronically sign and co-sign documentation.
- Automatically send procedure and time-based charges by care provider type to billing.
- Efficiently capture G-codes and modifiers, demographics; insurance data for clean claim submissions.
- Track therapy minutes in real time to stay in compliance with the CMS 3-hour rule for rehab patients.
- Push therapy cap data from billing to the status board, ensuring awareness of reimbursement thresholds.

MEDITECH provides the same PCS functionality through our Point of Care software, an additional mobile tool that’s optimized for the small form factor of smartphones or handheld mobile devices. Point of Care allows therapists to remain efficient with increased caseloads by documenting at the patient’s bedside or on the go.
Ancillary therapies and other specialized nursing disciplines can also streamline their workflows with multi-disciplinary status boards, patient lists, customizable flowsheets, clinical documentation, and increased mobility.

**Patient-Focused Care Coordination**

With MEDITECH Expanse, your therapists can readily coordinate patient care and efficiently manage their workloads. From their point-of-care devices, including smartphones, therapists are able to view their patient lists on specialty-specific status boards and patient lists consisting of all relevant patient data within one interactive, centralized display. Therapists have quick access to review therapy consults, document care, administer medications, complete outcomes, and update care plans. Therapists can also generate therapy notes from within the patient’s electronic health record, making them available to other members of the care team.

Status boards, containing predictive surveillance capabilities, provide a centralized, discipline-specific view of consultations, as shown below, for physical therapy consults. Status boards can also display the surveillance column with indicators for patients at risk of certain conditions or precautions, such as fall risks. From this status board, therapists can quickly prioritize patients and manage their caseload. In addition, color-coded alerts are pushed to therapists, enabling them to immediately identify abnormal (yellow highlights) or critical (red highlights) values as well as any condition changes. Rules-based surveillance logic can suggest assessments, interventions, orders, and problems based on documented queries to further guide the patient’s care.
To save managers time, Surveillance Watchlists serve as a single location for viewing all patients with therapy consults (e.g., occupational therapy, physical therapy, respiratory therapy, and speech therapy), as seen in the screen below:

Therapists treat patients in a variety of care areas and require a sophisticated mobile tool that allows them to go where they’re needed. Point of Care provides therapists with a list of assigned patients, their patients’ location throughout a facility, and relevant information — all on their point-of-care device. Directly from the patient list, therapists can view the patient chart, perform tasks, and document care.

**Intuitive, Mobile Documentation Tools**

To simplify each therapist’s documentation process, MEDITECH provides intuitive, point-and-click documentation templates, as seen in the below screen for therapy evaluations. Depending on the type of therapy, MEDITECH’s Specialty Care flowsheet can also be used to view and document all clinical data on one centralized display, as well as incorporate data from hemodynamic monitors and ventilators. And using MEDITECH’s Annotation Tool, therapists can embed and annotate any jpeg, digital, or schematic body images taken from their point-of-care devices or uploaded to the system. Therapists can document on an annotated image from assessments or structured notes.
Our mobile documentation tools feature query-based data capture capabilities, standardizing responses to improve the speed of documentation, the sharing of patient information, and the accuracy of data. By using the same query, therapists can gather clinical information from across the continuum of care, so that previously documented responses carry forward. In addition, embedded rules-based logic can require or suppress queries based on previous responses, ensuring more personalized care. Data captured via query-based documentation can also be readily extracted for analytical reporting purposes.

Using Point of Care, therapists have immediate access to the same intuitive documentation capabilities as our Patient Care System, through an easy, modern user interface on a device that fits in their pocket. As therapists tap on a response, the screens advance, directing therapists through documentation and reducing the amount of tapping that is actually needed. Therapists can make edits at any time. Upon saving documentation, they can return to their therapy patient list.

**Real-time, Dynamic Clinical Analysis Tools**

For improved patient care and more precise decision-making, therapists can access a patient's complete medical record, including orders, test results, medications, allergies, PACS images, vital signs, and clinical documentation. Using customizable flowsheets, therapists can trend and graph all quantifiable data for a visual view of the patient’s progress, providing seamless access to the patient’s care plan where they can document and modify the patient’s short-term and long-term therapy goals.
Interoperable Data

MEDITECH Expanse is fully interoperable, so therapists can quickly become familiar with a patient's history through CCDs collected from various locations in the community during admission. Our CCD exchange capabilities help to ensure therapy care plans are continued during transitions of care; Expanse allows for therapy summaries to be shared with another facility or the patient's next level of care through point-to-point interfaces, a record locator service, or Direct Messaging. Our CCD capabilities also support the clinical reconciliation of medications, allergies, and problems received as part of a transition of care electronic summary.

Integrated Revenue Cycle Processes

At the time of scheduling, your front office and administrative staff can collect registration data, including all demographic and billing information, as well as enter visit-specific information (e.g., physician and reason for visit). By collecting this information up front, you will be able to submit complete claims for timely reimbursement. Therapists can also quickly access MEDITECH's centralized, enterprise-wide scheduling grid to easily book appointments directly from their schedules.

Our integrated therapies functionality supports simultaneous charging while charting and full G-code documentation capabilities, enabling you to meet all regulatory reporting mandates. To comply with CMS mandates, MEDITECH provides standard documentation assessments that therapists can use, based on discipline, to capture the required G-codes and modifiers in the patient's electronic health record. Once documented, they are automatically transmitted to MEDITECH's Revenue Cycle and General Ledger products. In addition, you can properly capture and calculate therapy cap reimbursement for outpatient physical therapy, speech therapy, and occupational therapy services as well as eligible therapy services provided in skilled nursing, long-term care, and rehabilitation facilities. You can track therapy charges for yearly cap limitations, and use auto-proration rules to accurately calculate the expected reimbursement for each patient account.

A Full Patient Engagement Experience

While your therapists will benefit from our fully integrated, interoperable MEDITECH Expanse for optimal workflow, your patients will benefit from the highest level of coordinated care, more face-to-face time with their therapists, and access to their own personalized patient portal. Using our Patient and Consumer Health Portal, patients can message their care providers, view visit histories, download medical summaries, read/print therapy educational materials and care instructions, schedule appointments, respond to questionnaires, request medication renewals, and pay bills. By engaging your patients to actively participate in their care, they will ultimately lead healthier lifestyles and have better outcomes.

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