

### Three Epic EHR Workflows for Tobacco Use Screening

Team Member (Medical Assistant or Nurse) begins rooming process at clinical encounter

Reviews tobacco use status in **Rooming Tab/ Vitals**. Note. this section may not pull in all forms of tobacco use (e.g., vaping).

This may require custom build if not already adopted.

OR

Opens **Social History / Substance & Sexual Activity** via History Tab or via the Social Determinants Storyboard.

This is available in all Epic EHRs

OR

Addresses EHR Best Practice Alert (BPA) prompting tobacco use assessment (and treatment referral)

This requires custom EHR build.

**VITAL SIGNS**

Tobacco Use [Edit tobacco use \(link to Social History\)](#)

Smoking: **Some Days** Passive exposure: **Past** Smokeless: **Never**  
Cigarettes (20 Pack Years)

Ready to quit?  Yes  No

Counseling given?  Yes  No

**Mark as reviewed**

History

**Tobacco Use**

Smoking status: Heavy Tobacco Smoker Types: [ ]

Start date: 2/5/1990 Packs/day: [ ] 0

Quit date: [ ] Years: [ ] Pack years

Smokeless tobacco: Never Used Types:  Snuff  Chew

Quit date: [ ]

Source:  
<http://www.oregon.gov/oha/analytics/MetricsTAG/Tobacco%20Tobacco%20Prevalence%20using%20EHRs%20Summary.pdf>

This patient uses tobacco. Tell them: **One of the best things you can do to treat your cancer is to quit using tobacco, and I can help you. I will order you medication that will help and refer you to a tobacco treatment coach.**

**Open Order** Do Not Open Consult Tobacco Treatment

[Update Smoking](#)

Not using tobacco Already in treatment Patient refused

Asks "In the past 30 days, have you smoked cigarettes or used any other forms of tobacco (cigars, pipe, smokeless tobacco, electronic cigarettes)?"

Asks for details on products used and frequency of use (if uses some days/every day) or date quit (if no longer using) and updates fields as needed in **Social History / Substance & Sexual Activity** (via [link from BPA](#), [link in Vitals Tobacco Use](#), [Social Determinants Storyboard](#), or [History tab](#))

Asks if patient is ready to quit (Yes/No) and notes this, and documents if counseling was given (Yes/No) (in [BPA](#), [Vitals Tobacco Use](#), or [History tab](#))