Tobacco Screening and Cessation Counseling

Did You Know…

…how to help clinicians meet the quality measure of tobacco screening and use cessation, and place a referring order for the patient to Tobacco Training & Cessation (AHEC) if appropriate? Please document smoking history for patients 13 years of age and older. AHEC referrals are for patients 18 and older only.

Review Patient Tobacco History and Provide Counseling

If the patient's tobacco use hasn't been entered yet, go to the **History** activity in the encounter. Scroll down to the **Substances and Sexuality** section and answer all of the **Tobacco Use** questions. If the patient is a current tobacco user, provide counseling to quit then answer **Yes** to the "Counseling Given" question. If the patient is ready to quit select **Yes** to the "Ready to Quit" question. Once done click the **Mark as Reviewed** button (see *Figure 1*). Once the chart refreshes The Health Maintenance section will reflect this documentation.

Figure 1: Tobacco Use questions in the History section.

Figure 2: Current Tobacco User BPA popup.

To Make a Referral to Tobacco Training and Cessation Create the Order

Using the **Add Order** button on the visit taskbar search for AHEC (ref100a, smoking, tobacco, or amb ref will show the order too). Double click the order **AMB REFERRAL TO TOBACCO TRAINING & CESSATION (AHEC)**. Click **Accept** button to collapse the order. Click on the empty star to add the order to your personal preference list (see *Figure 3*).
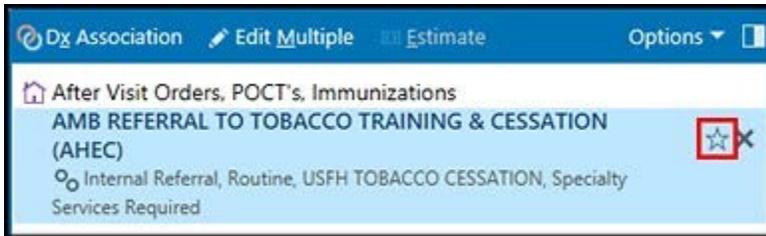
Figure 3: How to add the Tobacco Cessation referral to your preference list.

In the **Add to Preference List** window change the **Pref List:** field to Referrals. Change the **Display Name** field as desired. Click the **Accept** button when finished (see *Figure 4*).

Figure 4: Add to Preference List window.

Select **Yes** to apply details to your current order (*see Figure 5*).

Figure 5: Apply order details window.

Associate the referral with the diagnosis Tobacco Dependence (*see Figure 6*) or a similar diagnosis and sign the order.
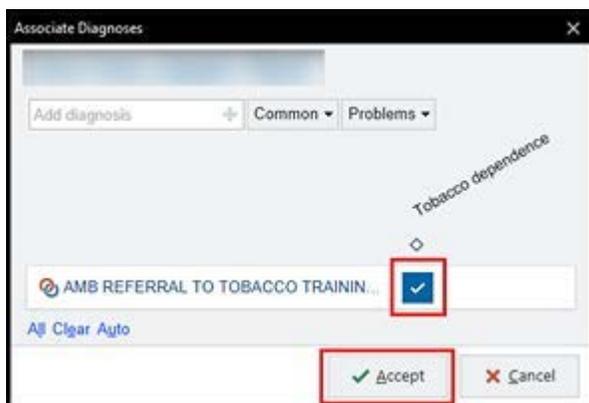
Figure 6: Associate order with the Tobacco dependence (or similar) diagnosis.

In Basket Communication

AHEC Tobacco Cessation program will receive the referral within Epic and follow-up with the patient directly. When the patient completes the program the provider will be notified via an In Basket message that will appear in the Referral Messages folder. The outcome of the tobacco cessation program will appear at the bottom of the referral in the Referral Notes section in descending order.

In your In Basket click on **Referral Message** folder. Select the patient to view the message. Scroll down to the **Referral Notes** section to see the actions taken by Tobacco Free Florida/AHEC. Once finished click the **Done** button on the message toolbar (*see Figure 7*).
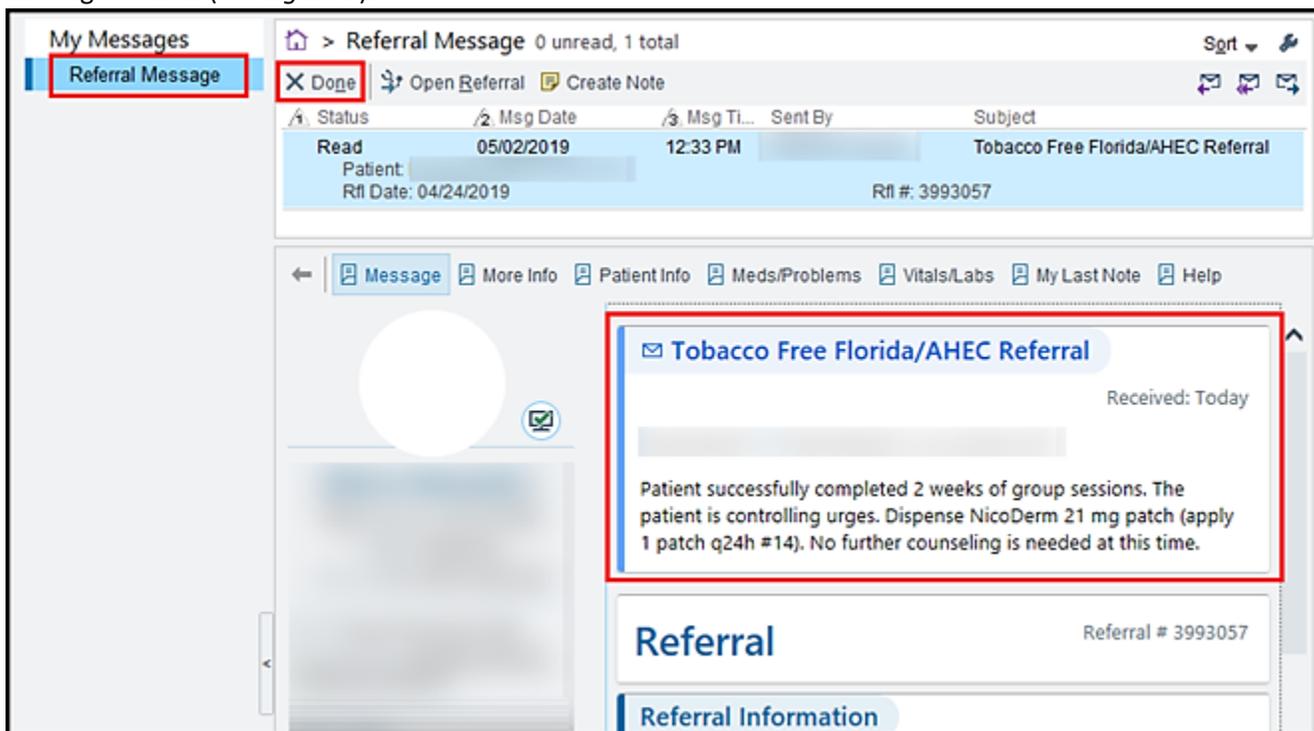
Figure 7: Referral In Basket message from Tobacco Free Florida/AHEC.