



Diagnosis

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Diagnosis

In this lesson you will learn the steps an administrator uses when entering a diagnosis in Avatar. This feature is only used in locations where the clinicians do not use Avatar.

Lesson Objectives

- State the reason an administrator would enter a diagnosis in Avatar
- Learn the four types of diagnoses and understand the purpose for each type

LESSON SCENARIO

Omar Vitalo is an administrator in a clinic where the clinicians are not using Avatar. Omar enters diagnoses in Avatar for his clinicians. Omar makes sure to enter the diagnoses on a timely basis since Avatar will not bill for services without a diagnosis.

Clinicians submit their diagnoses in paper form, and Omar copies the information into Avatar as shown here.

The screenshot displays the Avatar PM software interface for a patient named SAGE, SAM (000000461). The window title is "AVPMTST (SAMPLE) - SAGE, SAM (000000461)/Diagnosis". The interface includes a menu bar (File, Edit, Favorites, Avatar PM, Avatar CWS, Avatar M50) and a toolbar with navigation icons. The patient information section shows "SAGE, SAM (000000461) Episode: 1 Date Of Birth: 08/13/1964; Sex: Male".

The main area is divided into tabs: "Diagnosis", "Supplemental Diagnosis Axis I", "Supplemental Diagnosis Axis II", and "Supplemental Diagnosis Axis III". The "Diagnosis" tab is active, showing the following fields:

- Type Of Diagnosis:** Radio buttons for Admission (selected), Discharge, Onset, and Update.
- Date Of Diagnosis:** A date field set to 10/10/2009, with "T" and "Y" buttons.
- Time Of Diagnosis:** A time field set to 05:18 PM, with a "Current" button and AM/PM dropdown.
- Diagnosis - Axis I - 1:** A text field containing "31381" and a "Process Search" button. A dropdown menu shows "31381 OPPOSITIONAL DEFIANT DISORDER".
- Diagnosis - Axis I - 2:** A text field containing "ATTENTION" and a "Process Search" button. A dropdown menu shows "31400 ATTENTION-DEFICIT/ HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER P...".
- Diagnosis - Axis I - 3:** A text field containing "3004" and a "Process Search" button. A dropdown menu shows "3004 DYSTHYMIC DISORDER".

On the right side, there are three sections for supplemental diagnoses:

- Diagnosis - Axis II - 1:** A text field containing "SCHIZO" and a "Process Search" button. A dropdown menu shows "30122 SCHIZOTYPAL PERSONALITY DISORDER".
- Diagnosis - Axis II - 2:** An empty text field and a "Process Search" button.
- Diagnosis - Axis II - 3:** An empty text field and a "Process Search" button.
- Diagnosis - Axis III - 1:** An empty text field and a "Process Search" button.

UNDERSTANDING DIAGNOSIS

An administrator enters diagnosis information into Avatar in locations where the clinicians are not using Avatar. A diagnosis is required for billing purposes. Clinicians provide the administrator with a paper version of the diagnosis.

There are several types of diagnoses, which are listed here:

- Admission Diagnosis
 - Every client must have an Admission Diagnosis—the first diagnosis
 - The initial assessment is the source of this diagnosis
- Update Diagnosis
 - Enter an Update Diagnosis when there is a change in the client's diagnosis
- Discharge Diagnosis
 - Enter a Discharge Diagnosis when a client is discharged from an episode
 - The Discharge is the source of this diagnosis
- Onset Diagnosis—not used at BHRS

NOTE: Administrators/Clinicians will file paper diagnosis-related documents in the paper chart until their location goes live in Avatar.

WHO CAN PERFORM THIS FUNCTION?

Administrators perform diagnoses via the Avatar PM menu in clinics/organizations where clinicians are not using Avatar. Administrator rights to enter a diagnosis will be revoked if the clinicians in that organization start using Avatar.

MENU PATH

Avatar PM→Client Management→Client Information→Diagnosis

NOTE: Be sure to use the Diagnosis feature that appears in the Avatar PM menu. There are Diagnosis commands in the Avatar CWS menu, but only clinicians use those.

DIAGNOSIS TAB PAGE 1

Use this page to enter the Type, Date, and Time of the diagnosis and to begin entering the paper-based diagnosis information provided by the clinician.

Field	Description
A) Type of Diagnosis	BHRS does not use the Onset diagnosis option.
B) Date of Diagnosis	This is the date of the signature on the form the clinician provides.
C) Time of Diagnosis	Use the current time.

DIAGNOSIS TAB PAGE 2

Enter the diagnosis information provided by the clinician.

DIAGNOSIS TAB PAGE 3

Enter the diagnosis information provided by the clinician.

SUPPLEMENTAL DIAGNOSIS AXIS I – III

Use these tabs if the clinician entered more than three diagnoses for an axis.

EDIT A DIAGNOSIS

You should only edit a diagnosis if you need to correct an error. If a client's diagnosis changes, it is not considered a correction to the original diagnosis. You enter a new diagnosis and specify Update as the Type of Diagnosis.

To edit a diagnosis, re-open the diagnosis, make the change, and re-submit the diagnosis.



Exercise 1: Enter a Diagnosis

In this exercise you will enter a diagnosis based on a paper admission assessment one of your clinicians submitted.

1. Choose Avatar PM→Client Management→Client Information→Diagnosis from the Menu Frame.
2. Follow these steps to begin the diagnosis:


A Choose Admission as the Type of Diagnosis.

B The Date of Diagnosis autofills with the current date. If necessary, change the date to the date of the clinician's signature on the submitted form.


C Click the Current button to enter the current time.


D Choose 296.33 as the Axis I -1 diagnosis.

E Choose 301.83 as the Axis II -1 diagnosis.

3. Click the Forward  icon on the Option toolbar to go to page 2.

- Complete page 2 as shown in the following illustration.

- Click the Forward  icon on the Option toolbar to go to page 3.
- Complete page 3 as shown in the following illustration.

- Click the Submit  icon to save the diagnosis information.



CONCEPT REVIEW

See appendix for answers.

1. Which of the following types of diagnoses is not used by BHRS?
 - a. Admission
 - b. Discharge
 - c. Onset
 - d. Discharge

2. In locations where the clinicians are not using Avatar, the administrator enters the diagnosis into Avatar using a paper-based diagnosis provided by the clinician.
 - a. True
 - b. False

3. When a client's diagnosis changes, the administrator should edit the original diagnosis to reflect the change.
 - a. True
 - b. False

APPENDIX—CONCEPT REVIEW ANSWERS

1. c
2. a
3. b