RECORD VITAL SIGNS
(Core Objective #4)

OBJECTIVE: Record and chart changes in the following vital signs: height/length and weight (no age limit); blood pressure (ages 3 and over); calculate and display body mass index (BMI); and plot and display growth charts for patients 0-20 years, including BMI.

MEASURE: More than 80 percent of all unique patients seen by the EP have blood pressure (for patients age 3 and over only) and/or height and weight (for all ages) recorded as structured data.

EXCLUSION: Any EP who:

(1) Sees no patients 3 years or older is excluded from recording blood pressure.

(2) Believes that all 3 vital signs of height/length, weight, and blood pressure have no relevance to their scope of practice is excluded from recording them.

(3) Believes that height/length and weight are relevant to their scope of practice, but blood pressure is not, is excluded from recording blood pressure.

(4) Believes that blood pressure is relevant to their scope of practice, but height/length and weight are not, is excluded from recording height/length and weight.

CMS Website for Clinical Summary Measure:

http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/EHRIncentivePrograms/downloads/Stage2_EPCore_4_RecordVitalSigns.pdf
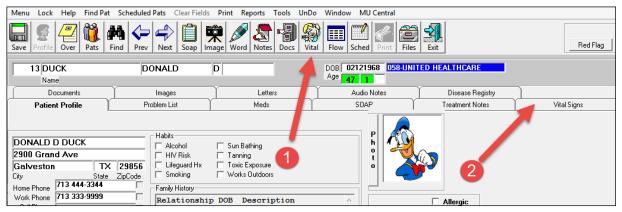
PowerSoftMD Video Link:

http://www.powersoftmd.com/FlashMU/VitalSigns.htm

NUMERATOR: (Patients Credited) Matching patients with at least one entry for height, weight, and/or blood pressure (BP only required if 3 years of age or older) recorded.

DENOMINATOR: (Patients Considered) Total Number of Unique Patients seen in the Reporting Period.

HOW TO:

Method 1) From the Patient's EMR Profile screen, click the "**Vital**" Icon or the "**Vital Signs**" tab and enter the vitals.
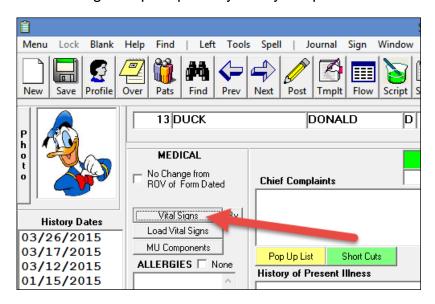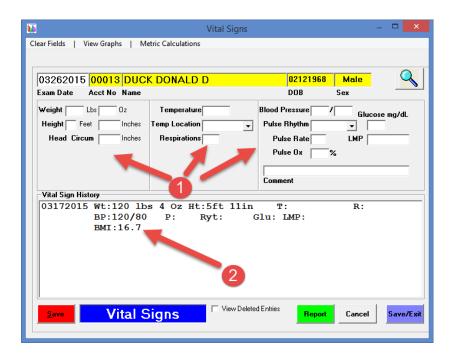
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Method 2) Open a patient's SOAP Note screen and use the Vital Signs button.
NOTE: You can set vital signs to prompt every time you open a new SOAP note.

PLEASE NOTE: You must enter height, weight and/or blood pressure for the item to count. When you do this the BMI will automatically be calculated and recorded for you.