



FACT SHEET

The AuSCR Episode Comments Box

The AuSCR now includes a comments box within each acute patient record. This enables AuSCR users to document explanatory notes describing brief details of individual episodes of care which are not otherwise covered by the AuSCR data set.

Why was the comments box implemented?

This comments box was implemented following frequent feedback from AuSCR users who wished to add notes to specific episodes of care for local use.

Where do I locate the comments box?

The comments box is located in the 'Patient record view' screen and has an unlimited character length. Please refer to figure 1 for more information.

Do I have to complete this box?

Completion of this text box is optional, and it will not impact your episode completion statistics in the AuSCR if you do not write any comments.

What information can I document in the comments box?

You can choose to document any information which is pertinent to an individual episode of care. The AuSCR suggests any notes that are useful for local use in the future. This information may support quality improvement initiatives or understanding AuSCR variables that may be missing or inconsistent. For example, if the patient had:

- a haemorrhagic transformation,
- a subsequent stroke
- a reason for not receiving an indicator of care such as mobilisation, reperfusion therapy or discharge medications.

How do I access any notes that I have written in the comments box? Can I export my notes?

You can view your notes from the 'Patient Record View Screen' (Figure 1). Hospitals will be able to export these comments in their AuSCR data extracts. The ability to export this data is anticipated to be available in the second half of 2020.

Will the AuSCR analyse this data?

Data contained within the comments box will not be considered as part of standard AuSCR data analyses. From time-to-time special analyses of targeted information within the comments box may be undertaken by the AuSCR, following advice from the AuSCR Clinical Quality Improvement Committee.

Procedure for entering and viewing text in the “comments” field of an individual record

The following procedure and figures demonstrate how to enter and save text in the comments field.

1. In the 'Patient record view' screen, click on 'Edit'.
2. The text box will now be visible. Enter your text and click on 'Update'.
3. This will take you back to the 'Patient record view screen' where your comments will be visible.

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Update comments for patient record ID 194384

Comments Your comments will appear here.

Update Cancel

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