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ABBREVIATIONS/ACRONYMS

Transcribe all abbreviations and/or acronyms as dictated.

- Do not expand unless they are dictated in their expanded state.
- Do not abbreviate unless dictated as an abbreviation.

EXCEPTION: Expand all acronyms/abbreviations related to the diagnosis under **ANY** diagnosis, assessment, or impression heading, to include but not limited to, PREOPERATIVE DIAGNOSIS, POSTOPERATIVE DIAGNOSIS, DISCHARGE DIAGNOSIS, ADMISSION DIAGNOSIS, etc. Common lab and radiologic abbreviations along with operative procedures listed under "Procedures Performed" heading in operative notes do not need to be expanded.

Example under DIAGNOSIS heading:

Dictated: COPD. Awaiting results from CT lung, CBC.

Transcribed: Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. Awaiting results from CT lung, CBC.

Example under IMPRESSION heading:

Dictated: EKG evidence of MI

Transcribed: EKG evidence of myocardial infarction.

Example under PLAN heading:

Dictated: Continue IV fluids

Transcribed: Continue IV fluids.

Clinicians often use abbreviations as complete words, such as "sat" for saturation, "vfib" for ventricular fibrillation, or "tox" for toxicity. Do not expand these short-hand indicators. Assume that, if the clinician wants you to expand any acronym or abbreviation, they will speak them in their expanded form.

OP NOTES: On operative notes, dictators will often want to have the PREOPERATIVE DIAGNOSIS text copied to the heading POSTOPERATIVE DIAGNOSIS by dictating: "Postoperative diagnosis, same." **Do NOT transcribe the word "same"** Copy verbiage from PREOPERATIVE DIAGNOSIS and paste the entire contents after the POSTOPERATIVE section, adding anything additional after the word "same."

CC vs. mL: See JCAHO abbrev list. If dictated as cc, transcribe as mL.

Latin acronyms: ALWAYS place periods between each letter in Latin-based abbreviations phrases for the frequencies of medications.

Correct	Incorrect
n.p.o.	npo
p.o.	po
p.r.n.	prn
q.a.m.	qam
q.p.m.	qpm
q.i.d.	qid
t.i.d.	tid
b.i.d.	bid

For all other Latin acronyms not listed above: When a clinician dictates “q.” followed by a complete word, separate the ‘q.’ from the rest of the phrase with a single space. Of note, "q. day" means the same as "daily" and vice versa. Do not type "q. daily," as this translates to "every daily."

Correct	Incorrect
q. noon	q.noon
q. day	q.day

Otherwise, write exactly what you hear the speaker say, even if there is an equivalent abbreviation.

Clinician Dictates	Correct	Incorrect
as needed	as needed	p.r.n.
twice a day by mouth	twice a day by mouth	b.i.d. p.o.

Always expand the following abbreviations (following JCAHO recommendations),

Correct	Incorrect
Daily	q.d. -or- QD -or- Q.D. -or- qd
every other day	q.o.d. -or- QOD -or- Q.O.D. -or- qod
Unit	U
International Unit	IU
morphine sulfate	MSO4
magnesium sulfate	MgSO4

Standard Acronyms:

Write acronyms, which are combinations of letters and numbers, in the usual manner:

- S1
- L4-L5 or L4-5 (Transcribe vertebral spaces **as dictated** using a hyphen)
- CA-125 (Expand to “cancer antigen 125” if clinician speaks it as such)
- FESO4
- 2D (Expand to “two dimensional” if clinician speaks it as such)

Pluralize acronyms and spoken abbreviations by adding a lowercase "s" to the end of the abbreviation or acronym.

Singular	Plural
ADL	ADLs
DTR	DTRs
PVC	PVCs

Use the ampersand (&) as part of an acronym.

Correct	Incorrect
CTA&P	CTA and P
H&H	H and H
H&P	H and P

JCAHO Prohibited Abbreviations

All of the JCAHO required AND optional do-not-use entries will be expanded. See list below.

U (unit)	Write "unit"
IU (International Unit)	Write "International Unit"
Q.D., QD q.d., qd (daily)	Write "daily"
Q.O.D., QOD, q.o.d., qod (every other day)	Write "every other day"
Trailing zero (X.0 mg)* (see note below)	Write X mg
Lack of leading zero (.X mg)	Write 0.X mg
<p>*Exception to above: A "trailing zero" may be used only where required to demonstrate the level of precision of the value being reported, such as for laboratory results, imaging studies that report size of lesions, or catheter/tube sizes. It may not be used in medication orders or other medication-related documentation.</p>	
MS	Write "morphine sulfate"
MSO ₄ and MgSO ₄	Write "magnesium sulfate"
ug (for microgram)	Write "mcg"
h.s., H.S., Q.H.S., q.h.s.	Write out "half-strength" or "at bedtime"
T.I.W. (for three times a week)	Write "3 times weekly" or "three times weekly"
S.C. or S.Q. (for subcutaneous)	Write "Sub-Q", "subQ", or "subcutaneously"
D/C (for discharge or discontinue)	Write "discharge" or "discontinue"
cc (for cubic centimeter)	Write "mL" for milliliters
A.S., A.D., A.U. (Latin abbreviation for left, right, or both ears)	Write: "left ear," "right ear" or "both ears" Write: "left eye," "right eye" or "both eyes"
O.S., O.D., O.U. (Latin abbreviation for left, right, or both eyes)	

ALLERGY STATEMENTS

Uppercase for positive allergy statements; lowercase otherwise.

Example:
ALLERGIES:
No known drug allergies.

ALLERGIES:
PENICILLIN CAUSES A RASH.

CAPITALIZATION OF DEPARTMENT NAMES

Department names are not capitalized, with the exception of "Emergency Department." This would also include reference to "Emergency Room."

Examples:

- The patient will be sent to the radiology department for further imaging.
- The patient was admitted through the Emergency Room.

Of note, specialties which are referred to as an entity would be capitalized.

- The patient has been referred to *Orthopedics* for further evaluation.
- Upon arrival to the Emergency Room, the on-call physician from the orthopedic department was consulted and suggested the patient be cleared by *Cardiology* prior to surgery.

CONTRACTIONS

Transcriptionists should expand contractions when they are spoken unless in a direct quote.

Examples:

Dictated: He’s a vegetarian.

Transcribed: He is a vegetarian.

OR

Dictated: The patient was murmuring, “I’m a diabetic.”

Transcribe: The patient was murmuring, “I’m a diabetic.”

DATES

Use concise numerics as dictated.

Clinician Dictates.....	Transcriptionist Types....
“I saw the patient on one twelve”	I saw the patient on 1/12
“January twelfth”	1/12
“January oh two”	1/02
“Oh one oh two twenty twelve”	01/02/2012
“January second”	1/2
“Last December”	“last December”

FORMATTING INSTRUCTIONS

Of note, samples of old reports are provided for referencing content only. Always follow the instructions below for formatting within the documents.

AUTO-NUMBERING

No. Turn off auto-formatting feature.

FORBIDDEN CHARACTERS

Do NOT use the following characters. They are not accepted in the electronic interface: Pipe |, Caret ^, Backslash \, or Tilde ~

HYPHENATION

Limit the amount of hyphenation that you insert. Always hyphenate a patient's age in the following manner:

Correct	This is a 42-year-old male
Incorrect	This is a 42 year old male
Correct	The patient is a 2-1/2-month old infant
Incorrect	The patient is a 2 and 1/2 month old infant
Correct	The wound was reapproximated
Incorrect	The wound was re-approximated
Correct	A 5 cm lesion was debrided
Incorrect	A 5 cm lesion was deb-bridged
Correct	He is taking nonsteroidal anti-inflammatories
Incorrect	He is taking non-steroidal antiinflammatories

SPECIAL FORMATTING

Do NOT use bold, underline or italicize as requested by speaker. Do NOT change any of the special formatting that is part of a normal template you have pulled into your document.

TABS

Do not use TABS.

TIME FORMAT

Times may be spoken in many ways. It is important that they be formatted as uniformly as possible.

- Use the hour:minute format and use military hour time if the provider dictates as such. Note, there is no colon in military time, i.e., 1900, not 19:00.
- If dictated, add "a.m." and "p.m."
- Never include the word o'clock when talking about time. Use o'clock only if dictator is referring to anatomy, i.e., "...a lesion at the 8 o'clock position.)

Provider dictates:	Transcriptionist types:
I saw the patient at one fifteen.	I saw the patient at 1:15.
... quarter past one.	... 1:15.
... one fifteen p.m.	... 1:15 p.m.
... thirteen fifteen.	... 1315.
... thirteen hundred fifteen.	... 1315.
... around one o'clock.	... around 1:00.
... around thirteen hundred hours.	... around 1300.

VERBATIM VS. NON-VERBATIM

Verbatim. Small changes to grammar are expected, but keep to verbatim as much as possible. Any obvious discrepancies in dictation should be corrected or, if in doubt, should be flagged and pended to client for verification.

HEADINGS

Do NOT use "/" or "&" as any part of headings, i.e.,

CORRECT:

LABORATORY TESTS PROCEDURES AND RESULTS:

PAST FAMILY AND SOCIAL HISTORY:

INCORRECT:

LABORATORY TEST/PROCEDURES & RESULTS:

PAST FAMILY/SOCIAL HISTORY:

Section headings are followed by colon with text immediately underneath the heading. Do not double space between the section heading and the content.

SOCIAL HISTORY:

The patient denies history of alcohol use.

MEDICATIONS:

None.

ALLERGIES:
No known drug allergies.

REVIEW OF SYSTEMS AND PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

Use drop-down (stacked left) format with subheadings capitalized. Sometimes providers dictate the subheading followed by linking verbs "is" or "are" followed by the positives or negatives for that body system. Omit the linking verb and replace with a colon.

Sometimes providers dictate limited ROS or limited exams in which they dictate only a few short sentences or the dictate numerous body systems in a comma separate listed. In these cases, subheadings are not able to be extracted and the dictation should be transcribed as dictated in paragraph format. This will happen more frequently with the review of systems.

Example of correct format when subheadings are dictated or able to be extracted from the dictation:

REVIEW OF SYSTEMS:
CONSTITUTIONAL:
RESPIRATORY:
GASTROINTESTINAL:
GENITOURINARY:
ENDOCRINE:
HEMATOLOGIC:

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION:
VITAL SIGNS:
HEENT:
NECK:
LUNGS:
HEART:
ABDOMEN:
EXTREMITIES:
NEUROLOGIC:

Do **NOT** abbreviate subheadings, i.e.,

INCORRECT: GI:
CORRECT: GASTROINTESTINAL:

Do not type any text that the clinician dictates which repeats the meaning of the heading.

Example:

DICTATED: Past medical history. The patient's past medical history is significant for asthma.

TRANSCRIBED: PAST MEDICAL HISTORY: Significant for asthma.

EMPTY (UNUSED) SECTIONS/HEADINGS

Delete any section or heading for which the dictator does not dictate information.

VAGUE SECTION HEADINGS

If speaker dictates "HISTORY," expand to "HISTORY OF PRESENT ILLNESS" or PAST MEDICAL HISTORY", PAST SURGICAL HISTORY as appropriate.

HEADER AND FOOTER INFORMATION

Do not repeat information in text that already appears in the header such as DATE OF BIRTH.

DO type pertinent information not listed in the header when dictated such as Requesting Physician, Referring Physician, Admitting Physician, Primary Care Physician, etc.

LISTS

For any lists:

Do not enumerate lists of items unless dictator explicitly requests so.

Instead, enter the sequence into a comma-separated list, as you would when listing a series of words in a sentence.

Example:

PAST MEDICAL HISTORY: Diabetes mellitus, hypertension and hypercholesterolemia.

Listen for the following common phrases that a clinician uses to ask you to enumerate a list such as "Number two", "Number Next", "Next" or "Next item."

Enumerated lists will have the number, a period and 2 spaces. Do NOT use tabs.

When only one item is dictated, do not number. If there is no #2, then remove the #1.

PAST MEDICAL HISTORY:

1. Hypertension.
2. Diabetes mellitus.

NUMERICS

Quantities: Write all quantities as Arabic numerals (0-9). Apply this rule equally to both large and small numbers, with the following exceptions:

Example:

"Two small cysts were removed."

"There was another one on the left side."

"I observed hundreds of particles."

Numeric Units: Separate the number from its unit with a space.

Example 5 mg

Numeric Ranges: Identify numeric ranges by placing the word "to" between both numeric values

Example:

The patient will return for followup in 3 to 4 months.

Frequencies or number of times: Indicate frequencies or number of times by placing the 'x' abutted to the number.

Example:

The patient was alert and oriented x3.

Dimensions: Indicate dimensions by using the 'x' with spaces, as follows.

Example:

CORRECT: The lipoma was 2 x 3 cm in size.

INCORRECT: The lipoma was 2x3 cm in size.

OB/GYN: When dictated as words, use commas to separate OB/GYN histories.

Example:

The patient is gravida 1, para 2.

When dictated as an abbreviation, leave a space.

Example:
The patient is G1 P2.

Roman Numerals vs. Arabic Numerals:

- Use Arabic for “grades” of conditions and diseases
Example “Grade 2/6 systolic murmur”
- Use Roman numerals for “stages” of conditions and diseases
Example “Stage II cancer”
Of note, use Arabic numerals for SLEEP stages.
- Use Roman numerals for cranial nerve numbering
Example “CN II-XII”
- Use Arabic numerals for “types” of conditions or diseases
Example “diabetes mellitus type 2”

Vertebral Spaces: Transcribe vertebral spaces literally, using hyphens: "L5-S1," "S1-2."

LABORATORY DATA AND VALUES

Platelets: Transcribe platelets as dictated, i.e., 236 or 236,000. No need to expand if not dictated.

Trailing zeros: Please see JCAHO Abbreviation List. Trailing zeros in laboratory values are acceptable to transcribe if dictated.

PATIENT NAME

If the clinician dictates the patient’s actual name, transcribe as dictated. Do NOT change to “the patient.”

If a sentence begins with "patient" always insert the article "the". Do NOT begin sentence with "Patient..."

NOTE: Any other identifying information, such as family names, phone #s or room #s, is completely fine to transcribe as dictated.

SIGNING CLINICIAN

Every report should have a Speaker and a Signing Clinician. If the Speaker can sign his/her own reports the Speaker and Signing Clinician fields will populate as the same person. If the Speaker and Signing Clinician fields do not populate as the same the Speaker should state the name of their attending or who they are dictating for and this name should be selected from the dropdown menu. If the Speaker does not identify a signer, then first attempt to locate the Speaker's name from the dropdown options, as he/she may have signing rights and can be entered as the Signing Clinician. If the Speaker's name cannot be located on the dropdown menu, then they cannot sign their own reports and the report must be pended if no Signing Clinician is given or located.

Discharge Summary
Echocardiogram
Electrical Cardioversion
Electroencephalogram
Electromyogram
Event Monitor
History and Physical
Holter Monitor Report
Initial Consult
MUGA Study
Operative Report
Pre-Operative History and Physical
Pulmonary Function
Radiation Oncology History and Physical
Radiation Oncology Procedure Note
Radiation Oncology Progress Note
Simulation Note
Sleep Study
Stress Echo
Stress Test Report
Summary
Tilt Table Study
Transesophageal Echo
Treatment Planning Note
Wound Center

Discharge Summary
Electrical Cardioversion
Electroencephalogram
Electrophysiology Report
Event Monitor
History and Physical
Holter Monitor Report
Loop Recorder
Methacholine Challenge
Operative Report
Pacemaker Procedure
Persantine Sestamibi Stress Test
Pre-Operative History and Physical
Progress Note
Pulmonary Function
Short Stay Summary
Stress Test Report
Tilt Table Study
Tissue Doppler
Transesophageal Echo
Visual Evoked Response

**(L) COLISEUM PSYCH
(COCCO)**

Psych Admission History and Physical
Psych Consultation
Psych Discharge Summary
Psych Medical History and Physical
Psych Progress Note

**(L) COLISEUM NORTH
(COCCO)**

Consultation
Discharge Summary
Electroencephalogram
History and Physical
Holter Monitor
Operative Report
Pre-Operative History and Physical
Progress Note
Pulmonary Function
Short Stay Summary
Stress Test Report
Tilt Table Study
Transesophageal Echo
Wound Center

MRN & ACCT PREFIXES / SPEAKER SUFFIXES

Facility Common Name	Business Entity in eS Header	MRN # Prefix	Acct # Prefix	Speaker/Signer Suffix	Speaker/Signer Prefix (Burn Unit)
Fairview	(FV) FAIRVIEW (COCFV)	FV	FV	FV	
Doctors Hospital	(G) DOCTORS HOSP (COCAG)	G	G	G	A
Coliseum Medical Center	(L) COLIS MED (COCCO)	L	L	L	
Coliseum North	(L) COLIS NORTH (COCCO)	L	L	L	
Coliseum Psych	(L) COLIS PSYCH (COCCO)	L	L	L	
Colleton	(CM) COLLETON (COCDAB)	CM	CM	CM	
Grand Strand	(F) GRAND STRAND (COCOV)	F	F	F	
Trident Summerville	(D) SUMMER MED (COCSUM)	D	D	D	A
Trident Medical Center	(D) TRIDENT MED (COCTR)	D	D	D	A
Eastside	(E) EASTSIDE (COCES)	E	E	E	
Redmond	(M) REDMOND (COCRM)	M	M	M	
Cartersville	(V) CARTERSVILLE (COCCA)	V	V	V	

Providers sometimes key in their ID incorrectly and the MLS must find the correct provider from the drop down menu for Speaker and Signer, or providers do not provide the correct patient information and the MLS must find the correct patient in the database.

The letter associated with the facility must be the same for the Business Entity, the Speaker code suffix, the Signer code suffix and the Patient MRN and Acct #. For example, a dictation for Fairview must have a Fairview speaker and signer such as Nelson, Donald M.D. (58**FV**).

Please note for Doctors Hospital and Trident Med Ctr and Trident Summerville, the Burn Unit providers might be using a handheld to dictate. In these cases, their speaker and signer codes will also be prefixed by the letter A. For example, Ryan, Leigh PA-C (**A**6495G). The suffix of G must still match as above.

PENDING RULES and UPLOAD PROTOCOL Non-DSP MLS

NOTE: Please do not include personal notes or opinions in pend notes. Keep all comments direct, professional, and to the point.

Pend all notes to QC by choosing the pending reason below:

#	Pending Reason
1	NTS_NonDSP

ADDENDUMS

Transcribe **Addendum** as first line of text. Pend by choosing both pending reasons below:

#	Pending Reason
1	NTS_NonDSP

BLANKS

Pend all notes to QC by choosing pending reason below:

#	Pending Reason
1	NTS_NonDSP

CARBON COPIES:

Add CC dictated by creating a new contact with all provided information. Choose pending reason below:

#	Pending Reason
1	NTS_NonDSP

- Do NOT copy the speaker or the signing clinician, even if requested. They automatically will receive a copy. Of note, any physician names in the "visit grid" do not automatically receive a copy and should be CC'd when requested.
- If the provider to receive the CC is referenced only by last name and there is more than one provider with the same last name, create a new contact with the dictated information, entering "Dr." as the first name. The MLS cannot assume the recipient in the database is correct. Sending a copy to the wrong provider is a HIPAA violation.
- If the CC recipient name cannot be verified but can be spelled phonetically, then create a New Contact and spell phonetically. Use "Dr." as the first name if only a last name is dictated.
- If the CC recipient cannot be deciphered at all, do not add a new contact.
- For NEW CONTACTs - Do not use Prefix field. Type the Business Entity (Eastside, Trident, Coliseum, etc) in the First Name Field. Type CC recipient's entire name in the Last Name field.

INCOMPLETE DICTATIONS

If dictation is incomplete, transcribe "DICTATION ENDS HERE" as last line of text and choose both pending reasons below:

	#	Pending Reason
	1	NTS_NonDSP
▶		HCA ATL Incomplete Dictation
*		

NO DICTATION

MLS/QC: Choose pending reason below:

	#	Pending Reason
	1	NTS_No Dictation/Cancelled

RISK MANAGEMENT (Discrepancy in dictation)

1. MLS to pend to NTS for discrepancies that cannot be resolved with complete confidence/competence.
2. Type comments that are pertinent to the dictation.
Example: "This is a re-dictation."
3. Omit comments that are NOT pertinent to the dictation.
Example: "This is the third time I have dictated this chart! I won't dictate it a fourth time!"
If in doubt, pend to NTS.

	#	Pending Reason
	1	NTS_NonDSP
	2	NTS_Contradiction/Inconsistency in dictation

SIGNING CLINICIAN

If the speaker is someone who requires signing clinician for their dictations, then the speaker will state the name of the clinician they are dictating for and the MLS should fill in the signing clinician field in the header with that dictated clinician's name. If the speaker does not dictate a signer or if the signer cannot be found then the MLS/QC should choose the pending reason below:

	#	Pending Reason
	1	NTS_NonDSP
✎	2	NTS_Signing Clinician Unknown

Please always follow MLS instructions regarding surrogate speakers if one exists for the dictation you have open!

MULTIPLE REPORTS ON 1 DICTATION

Transcribe/Speech Edit and pend by choosing pending reason below

	#	Pending Reason
▶	1	NTS_NonDSP

WRONG WORKTYPE

If job uploads with wrong work type, change to correct the worktype and pend by choosing pending reason below:

	#	Pending Reason
▶	1	NTS_NonDSP



The information listed below in this document pertains to MLS/QCs who have been granted Direct Send Privilege status. If you are not yet DSP'd, please follow pending rules and upload protocol instructions that are outlined above.

PENDING RULES and UPLOAD PROTOCOL ALL DSP MLS & QCs

NOTE: Please do not include personal notes or opinions in pend notes. Keep all comments direct, professional, and to the point.

ADDENDUMS

Transcribe **Addendum** as first line of text and upload. Do not pend.

BLANKS

ALL blanks from MLS level should be pending to NTS.

MLS: For **ALL** blanks pend to QC by choosing pending reason below:

#	Pending Reason
1	NTS_Blanks

QCs (2nd level): TWO blanks remaining after 2nd level can be uploaded to the client. THREE or more blanks should be pending to **Sr. QC Review** as below.

#	Pending Reason
1	NTS_Sr QC Review

QCs (2nd level) continued: **STAT (priority 1 or 2)** reports should be handled according to remaining TAT. If a **STAT** has 3 or more remaining blanks after QC review, then only pend to Sr. QC review if time allows. If time does not allow for Sr. QC review then change blanks to 4 underscores and UPLOAD to client – do **NOT pend STATs** to client or to NTS for remaining blanks when TAT is at risk.

QC Sr. Reviewers (3rd level): Two blanks can be uploaded to the client without pending by changing to 4 underscores. More than 2 remaining blanks which can be heard but the term cannot be verified should be pending to another Sr. QC or supervisor for review. Blanks which cannot be heard should be changed to 4 underscores and **uploaded to the client without pending**.

Follow same instructions as for QC for **STAT** reports and only pend internally for additional assistance with blanks if time allows.

CARBON COPIES:

Do not pend to client for verification of CC.

- Do not copy the speaker or the signing clinician, even if requested. They automatically will receive a copy. Of note, any physician names in the "visit grid" do not automatically receive a copy and should be CC'd when requested.
- If the provider to receive the CC is referenced only by last name and there is more than one provider with the same last name, create a new contact with the

dictated information, entering "Dr." as the first name. The MLS cannot assume the recipient in the database is correct. Sending a copy to the wrong provider is a HIPAA violation.

- If the CC recipient name cannot be verified but can be spelled phonetically, then create a New Contact and spell phonetically. Use "Dr." as the first name if only a last name is dictated.
- If the CC recipient cannot be deciphered at all, do not add a new contact.
- For NEW CONTACTs - Do not use Prefix field. Type the Business Entity (Eastside, Trident, Coliseum, etc) in the First Name Field. Type CC recipient's entire name in the Last Name field.

INCOMPLETE DICTATIONS

If dictation is incomplete, transcribe "DICTATION ENDS HERE" as last line of text and pend to client by choosing pending reason below:

#	Pending Reason
1	HCA ATL Incomplete Dictation

NO DICTATION

MLS/QC: Change work type to Cancelled Dictation (992) and upload. Do not pend.

RISK MANAGEMENT (Discrepancy in dictation)

- MLS to pend to client for discrepancies that cannot be resolved with complete confidence/competence.
- Type comments that are pertinent to the dictation.
Example:
"This is a re-dictation."
- Omit comments that are NOT pertinent to the dictation.
Example:
"This is the third time I have dictated this chart! I won't dictate it a fourth time!"
- If in doubt, pend to customer.

#	Pending Reason
1	HCA ATL Contradiction/Inconsistency in Dictation

SIGNING CLINICIAN

If the speaker is someone who requires a signing clinician for their dictations then the signing clinician field in the header will be blank. The MLS should fill this in based on who the speaker states they are dictating for. If the speaker does not dictate a signer or if the signer cannot be found then the MLS/QC should pend to client by choosing pending reason below:

#	Pending Reason
1	HCA ATL Confirm Signing Clinician

Please always follow MT instructions regarding surrogate speakers if one exists for the dictation you have open!

STATS PENDED TO CLIENT

If it becomes necessary for an MLS or QC to pend a STAT report (priority 1, 2, 3) to the client due to missing demographics, unknown signing clinician, or other legitimate reasons listed above, please be sure to use the STAT pending reason, as this will enable the client to process these priority reports in a timely fashion.

#	Pending Reason
	HCA ATL_STAT 911

WRONG WORKTYPE

If job uploads with wrong work type:

Change worktype and upload directly. Do not pend.

HCA ATL

ACCOUNT SPECIFICS SUPPLEMENT

APPENDIX A

DOCTORS HOSPITAL AUGUSTA/ JOSEPH M. STILL BURN CENTER

Site Link: <http://doctors-hospital.net/our-services/burn-care/josephmstillburncenter/>

Prerequisites: HCA-Atlanta Burn Center Training Module

ACCURACY

Close attention to detail is required and the highest standard of quality is expected to be maintained at all times. It is extremely critical that all wound measurements be accurate, as these measurements play a vital role in assessing the healing process and providing documentation necessary for the billing department. Verify all terms relating to procedures, medications, dosages, dressings, etc.

All reports are reviewed by the medical records management staff at Joseph M. Still Burn Center, with specific attention paid to wound size measurements, procedure names, medications, and complete names and credentials of all medical professionals named in reports.

ATTENDING vs. PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANTS

Signing Clinician: When the speaker is a PA, he/she should state **their** attending or supervising physician. This will be the signing clinician. This isn't always the same as the attending listed in the visit grid. Therefore, do not assume the attending in the visit grid will be the signing clinician. If unable to determine the signing clinician based on information given by speaker the report should be pended for signing clinician.

Attending Statement: Sometimes the PAs dictate operative reports for procedures they have performed. These will require a signing clinician plus a special notation on the report indicating the person who performed the procedure along with the attending's name. Type as shown below:

ATTENDING SURGEON: (signing MD's Name)

PERFORMED BY: (PA's Name)

BLANKS

Pend ALL blanks.

CREDENTIALS

Always type the full credentials for all medical professionals within the body of the report, i.e., Warren Marc Pitts, Jr., DO. Do not misspell the names. **Use Alt+I to select the names from a list.** If unable to verify correct spelling, the report should be pended.

DATE OF SERVICE

All Wound Care notes need a Date of Service. If not dictated, leave blank and pend to NTS.

DISCHARGES

Patients being discharged to rehab are most often discharged to a "Select." Rehab facility.

OPERATIVE NOTES

- ANESTHESIA will be dictated but the anesthesiologist will not be dictated.
- Refer to "Attending Statement" instruction above.

SPEAKERS (D=Trident ID; G=Doctors ID; Do not use "A" IDs for CCs, as these are IDs used only for dictation with handheld units):

- Brandigi, Claus MD (1279G)
- Brandigi, Claus MD (1479D)
- Brandigi, Claus MD (A1279G)
- Brandigi, Claus MD (A1479D)
- Buchanan Enter, Alison MD (1807G)
- Campbell, Lisa NP (1839G)
- Campbell, Lisa NP (A1839G)
- Carpenter, Francine M. FNP (A5731G)
- Carter, Callie PA-C (1621G)
- Carter, Callie PA-C (A1621G)
- Cartie, Richard R. MD (1390G)
- Cartie, Richard R. MD (A1390G)
- Coffman, Paul L. PA-C (2297G)
- Collins, James B. MD (1890G)
- Collins, James B. MD (A1890G)
- Colon Santini, Juan L. MD (690G)
- Colon Santini, Juan L. MD (A690G)
- Cota, Erin PA-C (1911G)
- Cota, Erin PA-C (A1911G)
- Cox, Laura NP (1860G)
- Cox, Laura NP (A1860G)

- Craft-Coffman, Beretta PA-C (968G)
- Craft-Coffman, Beretta PA-C (A968G)
- Dykes, Angela NP (1772G)
- Dykes, Angela NP (A1772G)
- Fagan, Shawn MD (1853G)
- Fagan, Shawn MD (4662D)
- Fagan, Shawn MD (A1853G)
- Fagan, Shawn MD (A4662D)
- Farner, Kelley J. NP (1577G)
- Farner, Kelley J. NP (A1577G)
- Garrison, Alton F. MD (163G)
- Gross, David L. PA-C (1978D)
- Gross, David L. PA-C (3294G)
- Gross, David L. PA-C (A1978D)
- Gross, David L. PA-C (A3294G)
- Haid, Jeanne ARNP (9879G)
- Hammond, Dena PA-C (6688G)
- Hammond, Dena PA-C (A6688G)
- Hardy, Jennifer NP (1876G)
- Hardy, Jennifer NP (A1876G)
- Hassan, Hossan MD (2124D)
- Hassan, Sm Abu Zaheed MD (1142G)
- Hassan, Sm Abu Zaheed MD (A1142G)
- Hills Beasley, Jocelyn NP (1703D)
- Hills Beasley, Jocelyn NP (9936G)
- Hills Beasley, Jocelyn NP (A1703D)
- Hills Beasley, Jocelyn NP (A9936G)
- Hogan, Christopher MD (1786G)
- Hogan, Christopher MD (A1786G)
- Homsombath, Bounthavy MD (331G)
- Homsombath, Bounthavy MD (3741D)
- Homsombath, Bounthavy MD (A331G)
- Homsombath, Bounthavy MD (A3741D)
- Johnson, Shauntae M. PA-C (9157G)
- Johnson, Shauntae M. PA-C (A9157G)
- Kastello, Andrew MD (1855G)
- Lack, Kevin C. PA-C (2985D)
- Lack, Kevin C. PA-C (9070G)
- Lack, Kevin C. PA-C (A2985D)
- Lack, Kevin C. PA-C (A9070G)
- Leventhal, Walter D. MD (237D)
- Lineawever, William C. MD (1564G)
- Lineawever, William C. MD (A1564G)
- Linehan-Burack, Jeanine PA-C (1864D)
- Linehan-Burack, Jeanine PA-C (1864G)
- Linehan-Burack, Jeanine PA-C (A1864D)
- Linehan-Burack, Jeanine PA-C (A1864G)
- Linticum, Kimberly M. NP (2022G)
- Linticum, Kimberly M. NP (A2022G)
- Lutz, Shellie PA-C (4709D)
- Lutz, Shellie PA-C (A4709D)

- Lutz, Shellie V. PA-C (A1497G)
- Lutz, Shellie V. PAC (1497G)
- Miller, Janice M. PA-C (1478G)
- Miller, Janice M. PA-C (A1478G)
- Mir, Haaris A1785G (A1785G)
- Mir, Haaris MD (1785G)
- Mullins, Robert F. MD (1176G)
- Mullins, Robert F. MD (6817D)
- Mullins, Robert F. MD (A1176G)
- Mullins, Robert F. MD (A6817D)
- Myers, Trisha A. NP (1665G)
- Myers, Trisha A. NP (A1665G)
- Myers, Trisha NP (1665D)
- Myers, Trisha NP (A1665D)
- Newman, Eric E. PA-C (1544G)
- Newman, Eric E. PA-C (3004D)
- Newman, Eric E. PA-C (A1544G)
- Newman, Eric E. PA-C (A3004D)
- Orlet, Hermann K. MD (491G)
- Orlet, Hermann K. MD (A491G)
- Oswald, Tanya M. MD (1666G)
- Oswald, Tanya M. MD (A1666G)
- RESIDENT, BURN UNIT (1715G)
- RESIDENT, HOSPITAL (1717G)
- Riordan, Elizabeth D. NP (A1487G)
- Riordan, Elizabeth NP (1487G)
- Ruffin, Johnna W. PA-C (9210G)
- Ruffin, Johnna W. PA-C (A9210G)
- Ryan, Leigh PA-C (6495D)
- Ryan, Leigh PA-C (6495G)
- Ryan, Leigh PA-C (A6495D)
- Ryan, Leigh PA-C (A6495G)
- Schwartz, Heather NP (1427G)
- Schwartz, Heather NP (A1427G)
- Shirley, Brian NP (6998G)
- Shuff, Jesse PA-C (1754G)
- Shuff, Jesse PA-C (4082D)
- Shuff, Jesse PA-C (A1754G)
- Shuff, Jesse PA-C (A4082D)
- Switzer, Erin DO (2835D)
- Switzer, Erin DO (A2835D)
- Switzer, Erin F. DO (1543G)
- Switzer, Erin F. DO (A1543G)
- Velasquez, Melania PA-C (1778G)
- Velasquez, Melania PA-C (A1778G)
- Velazquez, Melania PA-C (4061D)
- Velcu, Laura MD (1827G)
- Velcu, Laura MD (A1827G)
- White, Shay A. PA-C (1597G)
- White, Shay A. PA-C (3176D)
- White, Shay A. PA-C (A1597G)

- White, Shay A. PA-C (A3176D)
- Yon, Sarah M. NP (4026D)
- Yon, Sarah NP (1763G)
- Yon, Sarah NP (A1763G)
- Yon, Sarah NP (A4026D)

SPECIAL NOTES ON SPEAKERS:

- **Burn Unit speakers may also dictate at Trident. Note the speaker's ID numbers have letters which correspond to the facilities. D=Trident, G=Doctors Augusta and A=speakers using handheld units for dictation. Always make sure the speaker ID letter matches the business entity letter for your dictation. NEVER send carbon copies to the IDs containing the letter "A."**

- **Speakers who use the handheld units typically upload several dictation jobs per session.**

- **Handheld dictations will often come in without patient information. The speakers *should* dictate complete patient name. If unable to find the patient, select the T visit and pend to NTS_Verify Visit/Encounter.**

-When reference is made to Burn Center staff member, "Coffman," it should be noted that both BERETTA CRAFT-COFFMAN, PA-C and her husband, PAUL COFFMAN, PA-C, both work for the burn unit at Doctors Hospital Augusta.

- RESIDENT, BURN:

Reports with RESIDENT, BURN as the Clinician (speaker) must be changed to another physician or midlevel provider and cannot be sent through as RESIDENT, BURN as the speaker or the report will auto pend. In these reports, the speaker should tell you who they are dictating on behalf of, which is usually another mid-level provider but can also be an attending. Regardless, the name they give you goes in the header as the Clinician/Speaker. The attending's name will then go in the Signing Clinician field.

For example, if Burn Resident, Jason McCartt is dictating a report on behalf of Eric Newman, PA-C with Dr. Mullins as the attending you would place Eric Newman's name in the Clinician/Speaker field and Robert Mullins, MD in the Signing Clinician field. Then, you type what they state on the report, i.e., "This is Jason McCartt (or whoever they state they are) dictating on behalf of Eric Newman, PA-C, for attending, Robert F. Mullins, MD.

If the header of report populates with Clinician/Speaker of Resident, Burn and the speaker states they are dictating on behalf of the attending and does not give another mid-level provider as the clinician, then first be sure to search the dropdown for the actual speaker's name. If the speaker's name cannot be found, then place the attending's name in both the Clinician/Speaker field and the Signing Clinician field. Do not leave RESIDENT, BURN as the clinician in the header.

Below is an example of a report dictated by Jason McCartt who stated he was dictating on behalf of Dr. Mullins. He did not mention a mid-level provider, so both the clinician and signing clinician fields were filled with Dr. Mullins.

Properties for dictation 601675

Dictation ID	601675
Dictation Date	11/11/2013 08:05:13 AM EST
Status	Unsigned
Clinician	Mullins, Robert F. MD (1176G)
Signing Clinician	Mullins, Robert F. MD (1176G)
Work Type	History and Physical (1)
Business Entity	(G) DOCTORS HOSP (COCAG)

First line of report reads as:

This is Jason McCartt dictating on behalf of Robert Mullins, MD.

Additionally, when a midlevel provider states he/she is dictating for the attending (same physician listed in the visit grid as attending) BUT within the report the speaker states another attending's name as the physician who performed or oversaw the exam, then the SIGNING CLINICIAN should be changed to the attending's name which performed or oversaw the exam. This is due to the rotation of attendings at the Burn Unit. Often a burn patient may begin his/her treatment with Dr. Hassan as the attending but if they return to the clinic on a day when Dr. Mullins is the supervising attending in the clinic, then Dr. Mullins will be the attending for the report on that date of service.

Of note, when handheld dictation IDs (A) are used by the **speaker** it does not matter whether or not the **Signing Clinician** field contains an ID with an "A." Just make sure the letter signifying the site matches.

Dictation ID 1189823

Dictation Date 08/01/2014 10:48:12 AM EDT

Status	Unsigned
Clinician	Newman, Eric E. PA-C (A1544G)
Signing Clinician	Mullins, Robert F. MD (A1176G)
Work Type	History and Physical (1)
Business Entity	(G) DOCTORS HOSP (COCAG)

OR

Dictation ID	1187735
Dictation Date	07/31/2014 09:36:03 AM EDT
Status	Unsigned
Clinician	Newman, Eric E. PA-C (A1544G)
Signing Clinician	Mullins, Robert F. MD (1176G)
Work Type	Wound Center (11)
Business Entity	(G) DOCTORS HOSP (COAG)

Physician Finder:

<http://doctors-hospital.net/physicians/index.dot?specialty=burnCare>

ADDITIONAL TRANSCRIPTION STYLE NOTES SPECIFIC TO BURN CENTER DOCUMENTS:

- In Burn Center reports, it is acceptable to begin a sentence with a number when the speaker is referencing the total percentage of burn area.

Example: 12% total body surface area partial thickness burn.

- The term "ten thousandth of an inch" should be typed as in the example below.

Example: After adequate hemostasis with pinpoint cautery and epinephrine-soaked laps, a split-thickness skin graft was harvested from the left lateral thigh using a Zimmer dermatome at 10/1000 of an inch.

-Pay close attention to wound measurements. When the speaker dictates "5 centimeters squared," it is acceptable to leave it as "5 cm²" in speech documents.

APPENDIX B

EXAMPLES FOR DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS

EXAMPLE #1: ADDING NEW CONTACTS

When adding new contacts, do NOT use the Prefix field. DO use the BUSINESS ENTITY as the FIRST NAME field and type the ENTIRE name of the contact as the LAST NAME. These new contacts should NEVER be PENDED to HCA. If correct spelling is not available, then spell phonetically.

Examples:

Speaker at Eastside says “send a copy to Marilyn Townsend M.D. in Southbend Indiana”

Add a person who is not on the contact list ✕

Prefix	First name	M.I.	Last name	Suffix
<input type="text"/> ✕	<input type="text" value="Eastside"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="Marilyn Townsend, MD"/>	<input type="text"/>
Street 1		Street 2		
<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>		
City	State	Zip code	Country	Phone
<input type="text" value="Southbend"/>	<input type="text" value="IN"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Insertion text	Insertion text	Insertion text		
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		
<input checked="" type="radio"/> No Distribution Preference				
<input type="radio"/> Printer	<input type="text"/>			
<input type="radio"/> EMail	<input type="text"/>			
<input type="radio"/> Fax	<input type="text"/>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Add to clinician list	<input type="button" value="OK"/>	<input type="button" value="Cancel"/>		

Speaker at Doctors says “copy to Dr. Jack Blank, Stone Street Clinic, 1000 West Street, Dalton GA, 30333”

Prefix <input type="text" value=""/>	First name <input type="text" value="Doctors"/>	M.I. <input type="text" value=""/>	Last name <input type="text" value="Dr. Jack Blank"/>	Suffix <input type="text" value=""/>
Street 1 <input type="text" value="Stone Street Clinic"/>		Street 2 <input type="text" value="1000 West Street"/>		
City <input type="text" value="Dalton"/>	State <input type="text" value="GA"/>	Zip code <input type="text" value="30033"/>	Country <input type="text" value=""/>	Phone <input type="text" value=""/>
Insertion text <input type="text" value=""/>	Insertion text <input type="text" value=""/>	Insertion text <input type="text" value=""/>		
<input checked="" type="radio"/> No Distribution Preference				
<input type="radio"/> Printer	<input type="text" value=""/>			
<input type="radio"/> EMail	<input type="text" value=""/>			
<input type="radio"/> Fax	<input type="text" value=""/>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Add to clinician list	<input type="button" value="OK"/>	<input type="button" value="Cancel"/>		