Use of the Interim Summary Note

When a patient is handed off from one service to another (e.g., MICU to floor), it is valuable to include a summary of the care to date and major outstanding issues. In the past, residents would enter a “discharge summary” for that purpose. However, use of the discharge summary template in EPIC triggers a note being sent to the PCP – thus they may receive several “discharge summaries” during a patient’s hospitalization. To avoid this confusion, IMT has created a new note type - “Interim Summary” which should be used for this purpose. Please see below for brief description.

Using the Interim Summary Note

A new note type has been added to the system. For example, when a post-surgery patient is transferred from the Surgery service to Medicine, the surgeon can write an Interim Summary Note to summarize their care and facilitate hand-off.

- To write a Interim Summary, click on the New Note and select 12.17.2014.
- In the new note window, select Interim Summary and click Accept. Then, simply write the note.
Outstanding Physician Comments

Each week we receive written comments from our patients regarding the care we provide within the Hospital. Below are this week’s comments from grateful patients receiving care on the units at Upstate:

9G – “Dr. Ali Hazama is an excellent doctor with the concern & attitude that all doctors should strive for.”
10E – “Dr. Ajeet Gajra was wonderful – so kind & compassionate!”
6B – “ER doctor – AJ who was considerate & on top of my care while in the ER.”
10E – Dr. Ajeet Gajra – kind doctor, explains everything clearly, makes me feel comfortable.”