

Pediatric Residency Program Newsletter

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STATISTICS SHOW GREAT ENGAGEMENT IN COMPLETING EPAS

FROM JULY 2022 TO MAY 2023:

FOD EPAs completed for PGY1's

- 574 completed; 86% done by faculty/staff
- Achievement Rate 97%; Expiry rate 10%

COD EPAs completed for PGY2's

- 222 completed; 97% done by faculty/staff
- Achievement Rate 96%; Expiry rate 15%

NOTE: Dean Anderson tracks expiry rates with a target of less than 10%

~ AVOIDING EXPIRED EPAS NEEDS SOME WORK ~

~ ACHIEVEMENT RATE IS VERY HIGH ~

TIPS TO AVOID EXPIRED EPAS

- Plan them ahead of the encounter and complete them in the moment
- Make EPAs your “last chart sign-off” of the day
- If EPA sent to you was not appropriate (not agreed to with the resident, wrong for situation, sent too long after encounter), let the Residency program office know and have it removed (email Jennifer.maceachern@iwk.nshealth.ca).
- Try using voice dictation to complete the narrative portion as you are providing your verbal feedback to the resident (see page 2)
- Log into One45 regularly when you have residents and review your To Do list

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DECIDING IF AN EPA SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ACHIEVED

Look at the **Milestones** and ask yourself:

- Did I provide significant coaching or guidance prior to the encounter?
- Did I need to prompt for key elements of the milestones?
- Based on your observation today, could you trust the resident to perform the task you are assessing with minimal or no guidance in the future?
- Did the resident consider important follow-up or next steps plans?

USING YOUR PHONE TO COMPLETE EPAS

Helpful hint if you find it hard to use one45 from your phone:

It's easy to use voice dictation on your phone directly into one45 to record longer narrative comments and feedback. Dr. McLaughlin made a short video recording how to do it!

Click [here](#) to access the short video.

INTRODUCING JENNIFER MACEACHERN

Jen is the new administrative assistant in the Pediatric residency program!

Originally born and raised in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Jen and her husband moved to Victoria, British Columbia for a few years before making the beautiful drive across the United States back to Nova Scotia. They bought a house out in the country with their three cats; backing onto a farm with cows which they love to watch.

Jen has over 13 years experience in the administrative field and has been with the IWK for over 3 years. In her spare time Jen loves to spend time with her husband and cats, traveling, doing yoga, kayaking, baking, and doing crafts. She is very excited to be a part of the team and to get to know everyone!

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