

Training Guide:

Introduction to the HIE Portal

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Launching the HIE Portal

Web browser access

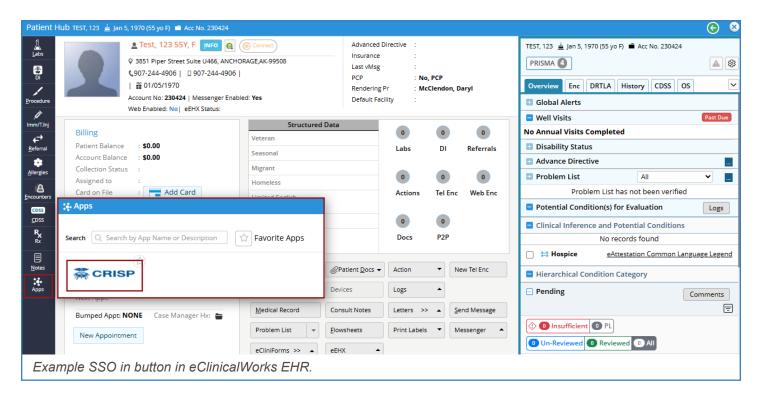
• Go to healthEconnectAK.org and select Portal Login.



Tip: Bookmark this URL for quick access in the future.

Single Sign-On (SSO) access

• If your organization uses Single Sign-On (SSO), you will access the HIE Portal directly through your organization's Electronic Medical Record (EMR) or Electronic Health Record (EHR) system.

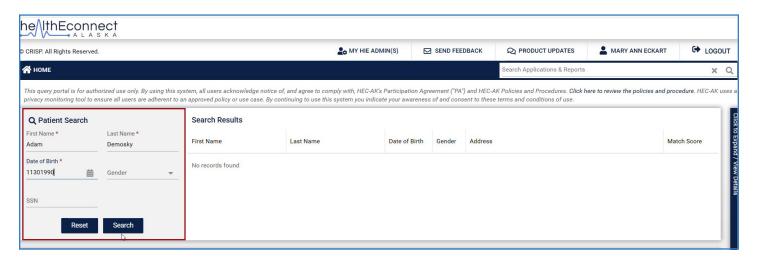


Looking up your patient panel

Note: Your dashboard options may differ from those shown in screenshots, depending on your user permissions.

Search for a patient

- Once you are logged into the portal, you can search for a patient using the minimum required criteria:
 - First Name
 - Last Name
 - Date of Birth
- Search entries are not case-sensitive, and dates can be entered without slashes.
- You may also use gender or Social Security Number to improve match accuracy.

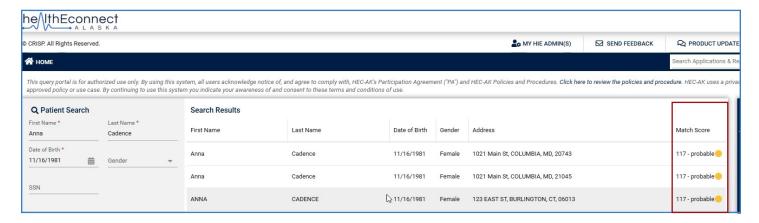


Select a patient

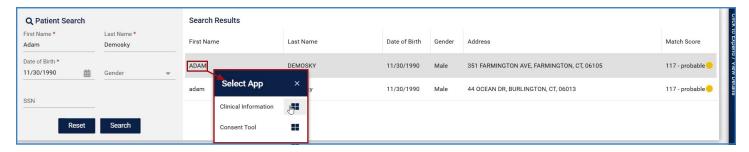
- Search results display from most likely to least likely matches.
- Each result includes a match score and grade:

Green: Certain Yellow: Probable Red: Possible

- Only patients matched using all search fields will display as *Certain*.
- Because many organizations do not collect Social Security numbers, *Certain* matches are uncommon.



• After identifying your patient, select *Clinical Information*.



Confirm access

- If the patient is not associated with your practice, a pop-up will request attestation.
- Click Proceed if accessing patient data for HIPAA-covered purposes.
- Click *Cancel* to return to the home screen.
- If you proceed, select the reason for accessing the patient's HIE chart.



Note: The available options align with approved HIE use under Alaska statute.

Locating Relevant Patient Information

Once you've opened your patient's chart, the default landing page is the Health Records tab.

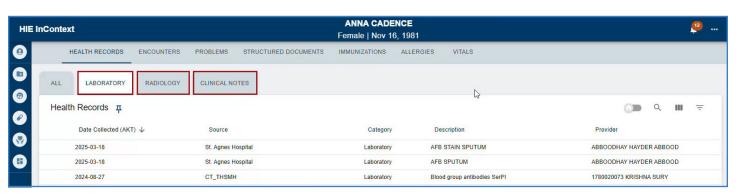
Please note:

- Facilities within the HIE network submit data in various formats, which affects where information appears in a patient's profile.
- Not all clinical data appears under Health Records.
- Eg: some facilities submit Continuity of Care Documents (CCDs), including progress notes, encounter summaries, and care plans. These appear under the Structured Documents tab.
- To ensure you're viewing the complete record, explore all tabs in the patient's profile.

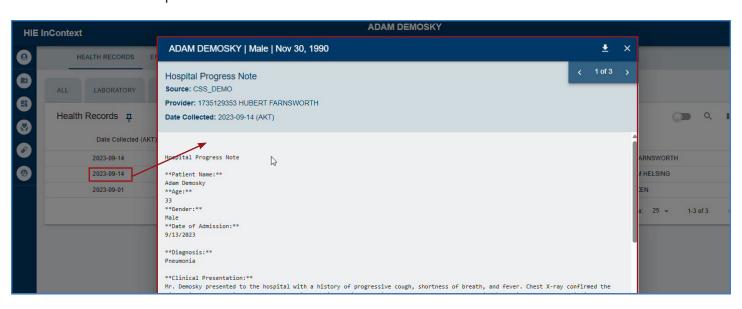
Health Records Tab

Viewing and sorting records

- Health records can be sorted by category (Laboratory, Radiology, and Clinical Notes)
- Click any tab to view the corresponding data.

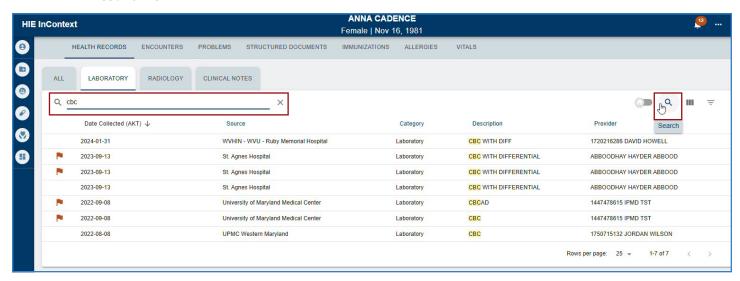


Select an item to expand and view more details.

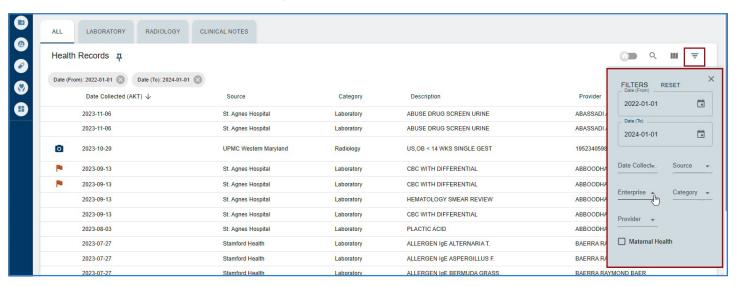


Searching and filtering

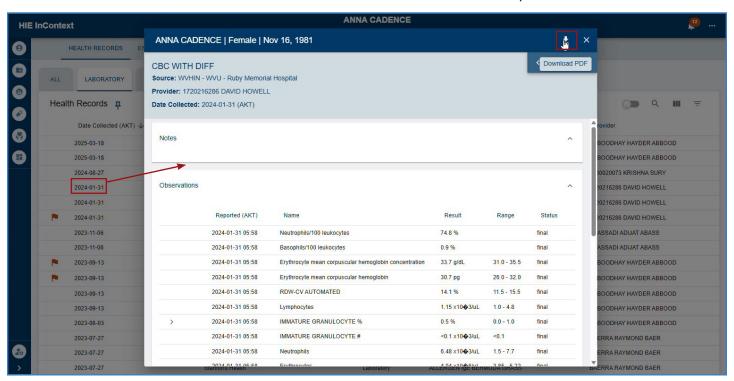
- Use the magnifying glass icon to search by:
 - · Facility name
 - · Physician name
 - Test name



• You can apply filters, such as date range or facility, to narrow results.



• All full clinical notes and test results in this section can be downloaded or printed as PDFs.

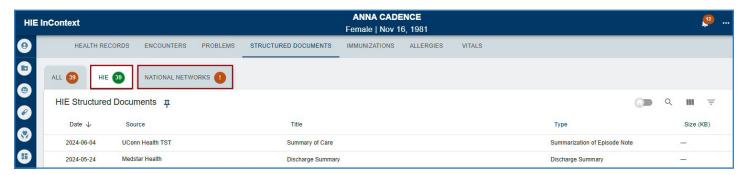


• Important *alerts*, such as overdose notifications, can be found by clicking the alarm bell icon.

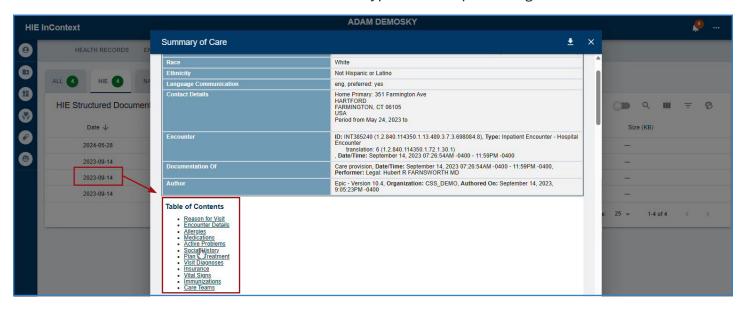


Structured Documents Tab

- Data from facilities that submit data as CCDAs, including progress notes, encounter summaries, and core plans can be found in the *Structured Documents tab*.
- Some facilities contribute data directly to the HIE, while others share through national networks.
- Data from direct connections (most Alaska facilities) appears in the *HIE tab*.
- Data from national networks appears under the *National Networks section*. Loading times may vary due to the size of the national database.

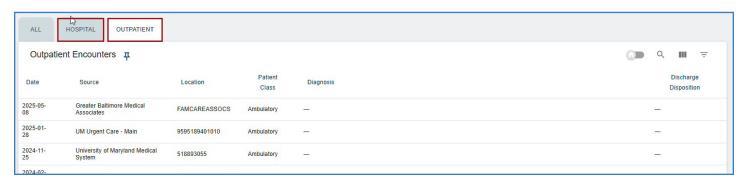


All data in Structured Documents is indexed with hyperlinks for quick navigation to relevant sections.

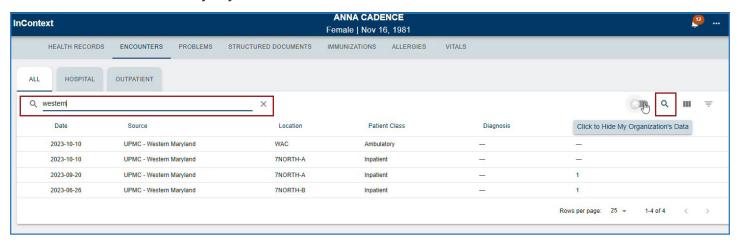


Encounters Tab

- The *Encounters tab* provides a chronological list of patient visits.
- You can sort encounters by hospital or outpatient setting.



• Use search to find visits by keyword or date.



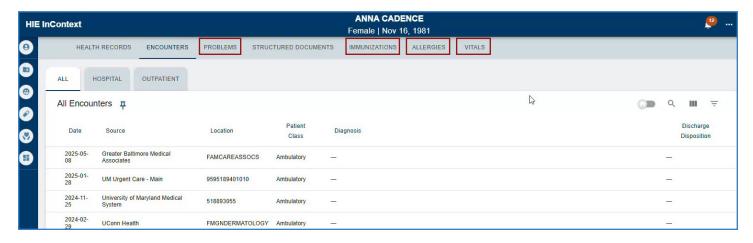
• Customize this view by selecting which columns to display.



Additional patient record tabs

Additional parsed data from CCDs may appear under other tabs, including:

- Active Problems
- Immunizations
- Allergies
- Vitals



Patient Navigation Panel

Use the buttons on the left side of the patient record to navigate specific record types and portal features.

- Patient Information: Demographics and next-of-kin details.
- Clinical Data: Returns to the Clinical Data section.
- *My Patient Summary:* Customize your default view and landing page. See healthEconnect Alaska's Resource Library for setup instructions.
- Social Needs Data: Z-code data on social determinants of health (e.g., housing, food, transportation).
- *Medication Management:* Available prescription data.
- Care Coordination: Lists other members of the patient's care team.



Reports & Applications Menu

- This menu provides access to additional applications.
- All features previously reviewed in this guide are located within the *Clinical Information* application.
- Additional reports and applications available from this menu include:
 - PMP: Opens the Alaska Prescription Drug Monitoring Database (available only to licensed prescribers).
 - *Consent Tool*: Allows a treating provider to assist a patient in opting in to share sensitive data. The consent form is completed with the patient at the point of care.

