A Day in the Life of a Research Study Coordinator

Connect Care benefits

- Alberta Health Services and university-based research team members, including study coordinators, will have access to the clinical information system according to their approved study role and access.
- Connect Care will increase Patient Safety and study integrity by making patient enrollment visible to the care team. The patient’s clinical encounters will be visible to research team members when appropriate.
- Research team members, including research coordinators, will have access to clinical workflows that include ordering medications, tests and scheduling when appropriate.

How I work now

- I queue up clinical workflows (orders, scheduling) through paper requisitions and need to work with other members of the entire care team who have access to an electronic health record system to enter the orders or appointments.
- I receive individual invoices for research services from AHS, including pharmacy, lab and diagnostic imaging. I sometimes find it difficult to determine which charge is associated with a particular study participant or visit.
- When I need data for a study from an AHS data repository, I need to request access, which delay the process.

How I will work with Connect Care

- The information I enter will be visible to both research and clinical care team members, making it easier for both teams to share information.
- I will be able to open a patient’s record to view and/or queue up an order, view their appointments and enter relevant participant information.
- Connect Care will allow me to pull reports of all the costs associated with each patient and each research study.
- I will be able to request access to use the new self-serve and in-system reporting tools to pull data for a study from the AHS data repository.

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