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# DOCUMENTING FAMILY HISTORY INFORMATION

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*Record the collected family history in a way that is easy to read and update by anyone on the team.*

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In addition to the family structure and details about cancer history in the family, include documentation about when the information was collected or updated and who provided it. See the sidebar link for guidance on standardizing where to document family history in the medical record.

## **PARTICIPANTS**

Provider, patient

## **WHAT YOU'LL NEED**

Family history collection tool, EHR

## **BARRIERS**

EHR limitations, time

## **PRACTICE THIS SKILL**

[Web based module on Collecting Family History](#)

## **LEARN MORE**

[Where to Document](#)

## **STEPS**

- 1** Include date of collection (or date of update), and the name of collector (or updater).
- 2** Identify the patient, the historian (person providing the information). The historian may be the patient or someone else, such as a parent.
- 3** Include the detailed information you collected about family and cancer history.
- 4** Include a legend or key, if symbols are used to designate disease.