

emrU: Update to Epic version 2018 coming April 18

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**** EMRU will be unavailable Thursday, April 18, 2019 for a system upgrade to Epic version 2018. The upgrade is anticipated to last the entire day. Questions?**

Please email debra-brastrom@uiowa.edu .**

The Epic upgrade updates the actual Epic code, but not the EMRU database. Students, faculty, and staff will still have access to emrU and your e-patients will still be available after the upgrade. Users will notice an upgraded look to the Hyperspace user interface and Epic 2018 will bring new features, additional functionality, and improved user features.

Our UIHC Epic Education team has provided a wealth of helpful materials designed to explain the Epic changes. These materials were primarily developed for the hospital staff who use the Production Epic environment (which has already been updated to Epic 2018) so there are some references which only apply to the hospital staff (ex. Downtime materials). It is the same version of Epic software that we are applying to the EMRU environment.

[Upgrade](#) page:

- Primary focus of videos and handouts address NEW functionality, optimized functionality that is not obvious, or changes that significantly impact workflows.

[A-Z Resource](#) pages: updated resources are denoted with **v.2018**

- Many current resources have been updated due to impacts, but not ALL impacted resources will be touched before the Upgrade. Many of these will only be hosted on topic specific A-Z pages. Upgrade ppts will help fill the education need until we can work through the backlog of resource updates.
- End users can be directed to the Upgrade page or A-Z home page via the Epic button > Help Resources > A-Z.

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