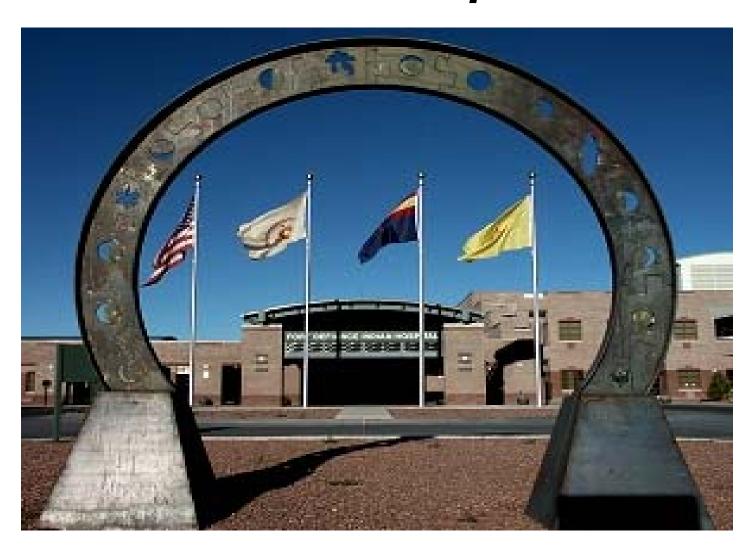
Vista Imaging at the Fort Defiance Indian Hospital



INTRODUCTION

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PURPOSE

This presentation is meant to provide you an overview on Vista Imaging, as used by the Fort Defiance Indian Hospital. I will provide a brief history on the training of staff and implementation of the software. I will also discuss issues addressed, overall processes today, and aspirations for the future.

AGENDA

- Background about Fort Defiance
- A BRIEF HISTORY OF VISTA IMAGING AT FORT DEFIANCE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE
- Vista Imaging A process overview
- The 5 steps to Quality!
- Prescreening
 — A four step process
- Scanning Process
- 100% QUALITY ASSESSMENT
- Final Quality Assessment
- ERROR CORRECTION
- Effects on our Customers

Fort Defiance Community

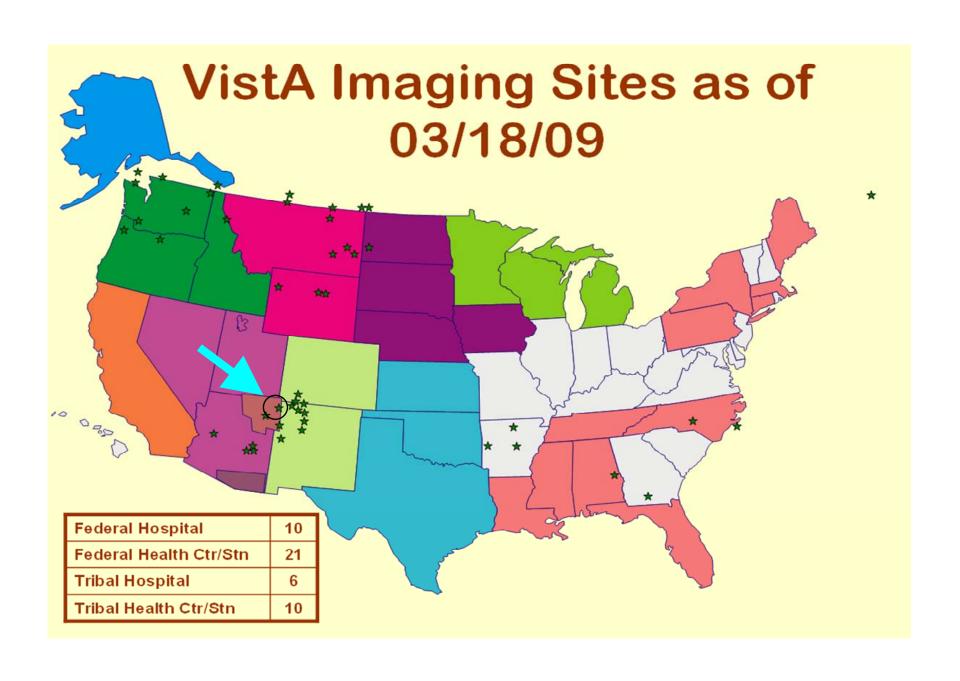
Fort Defiance is a small community located on the Navajo Reservation. As of the year 2000 it is approximated that there are 4,061 people in and around the general area. 92.86% of the community are Native American. The median income for a family is Fort Defiance was estimated to be around \$35,448.

Fort Defiance Service Unit

Fort Defiance Service Unit is one of eight organizational and administrative units within the Navajo Area Indian health Services care system.

The new Fort Defiance hospital was constructed in 2002. It has a total of 50 inpatient beds.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF VISTA IMAGING AT FORT DEFIANCE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE



Vista Imaging "The Beginning"

Our team was first approached about the impending addition of the Vista Imaging Software in May 2007, during a monthly team meeting. Previously my coworker and I focused our attention on physical lab filing. Our team of 16 at the time did not comprehend what we were about to attempt. We only knew we would somehow make it work.

PREPARATION

Our team in preparation began discussions on how to meet the challenge of Vista scanning and physical lab file. Our team decided our best approach would be to massively cross-train. All file section technicians were cross trained in a multitude of duties so that when the need arose one could be added to or replace a needed employee at any given function.

PREPARATION (Cont.)

In addition to staff development, our IRM Department contacted another facility from Oregon that was already using Vista Equipment. This particular facility provided our facility with the model type and specifications of equipment needed. After receiving these specifications our IRM procured the needed equipment.

Time to train – Training Groups!

July 2007, VA sent a developer to help us implement the software into our network, and to train staff on it uses and maintenance. The training sessions were broken up into 2 groups. The first group was more concerned on training our IRM & technical staff.

Time to train – Training Groups

(Training Groups Cont.)

While the second group to be trained was the more focused on the end user processes.

The 5 team members chosen to operate the end user software were 2 lab filers, and 3 discharge analyzers. With 5 of us, we would be able to accommodate both inpatient and outpatient scanning needs.

Time to train – Training Week!

In August 2007 we were trained. At the end of the week we were provided a Competency test of 10 questions to answer and also required to physically prove our ability at our individual work stations.

Implementation

Vista Imaging was implemented August 10th of 2007. Initial documents were exclusively focused on the sent out Reference Labs Only. From here staff strengthened their scanning abilities. Through teamwork, IRM and end user staff worked together to resolve any issues and made it work.

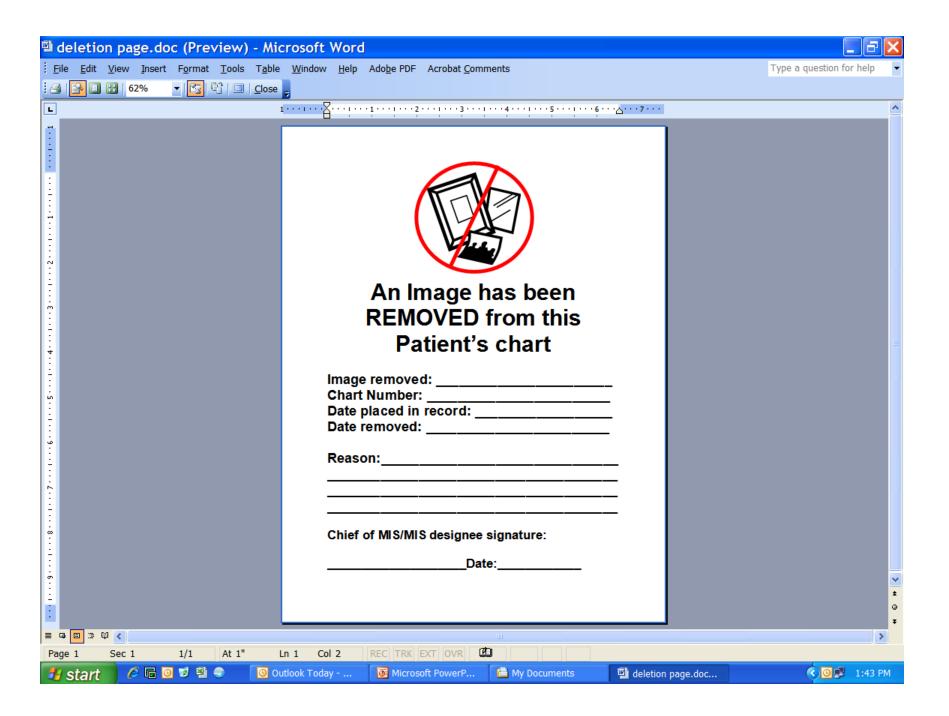
Issues addressed

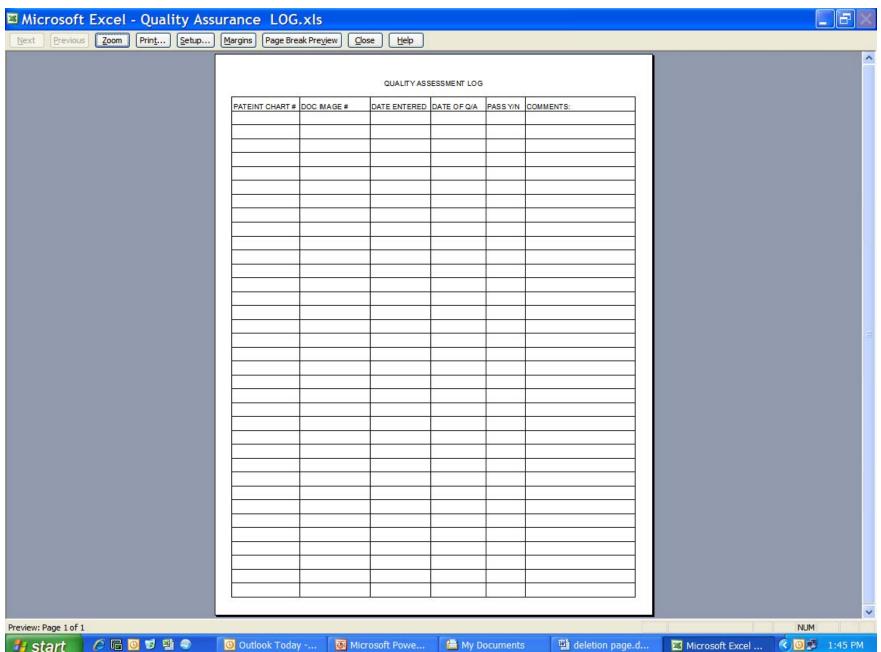
Some of the issues addressed were:

- How were we going to scan different documents?
- Where were we going to store the documents?

Issues addressed (Cont.)

- What were we going to do about mistakes?
- How were we going to track errors?
- Was scanning going to be centralized or decentralized?
- Would we send notifications? How?
- How were we going to handle lab file and Vista imaging?























Currently our facility is moving very slowly in its approval of the documents to be scanned. Before an item is approved for scanning each document needs to be reviewed by the Medical Records Committee, HIM Director and end user Vista technicians to verify its feasibility.

Centralization

Our Vista Scanning activities remain centralized in Medical Records. This decision was made because equipment availability and staff were not currently available to accommodate decentralization.

Lab file of yester year

Beginning in 2005 the Medical Records Committee and our HIM Director work on auditing the Medical Records forms to remove redundancy, thus making lab filing more manageable. The lab breakdown count then was estimated to be near a thousand, on a daily basis.

Lab file of today

With the technological upgrades for the treatment rooms; today's lab file breakdown rarely breaks 200. With constant team work and increased use of the E.H.R. lab file is a shadow of problem it once was. Today our breakdown consists mainly of Send Out Reference Labs, Radiology Reports, and External Hospital Reports.

EFFECTS ON SCANNING TECHNICIAN

- Always busy
- Need for "Go to Person"
- Ergonomic Concerns
- Time constraints

SCHEDULING TIME FOR VISTA!

Currently this is our focus to accommodate our scanning needs.

Lab Filers

07:00 to 08:00 Morning Breakdown

08:00 to 1:00 Physical file

1:00 to 4:00 Vista Imaging

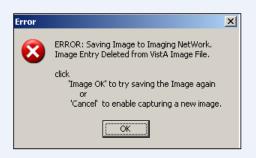
4:00 to 4:30 Clean up and Evening

Breakdown

Our first real problem

From August 2007 to November 2007, we scanned documents into the E.H.R via Vista Imaging with little occurrence of problem. There was some problem with connectivity, but it was resolved.



















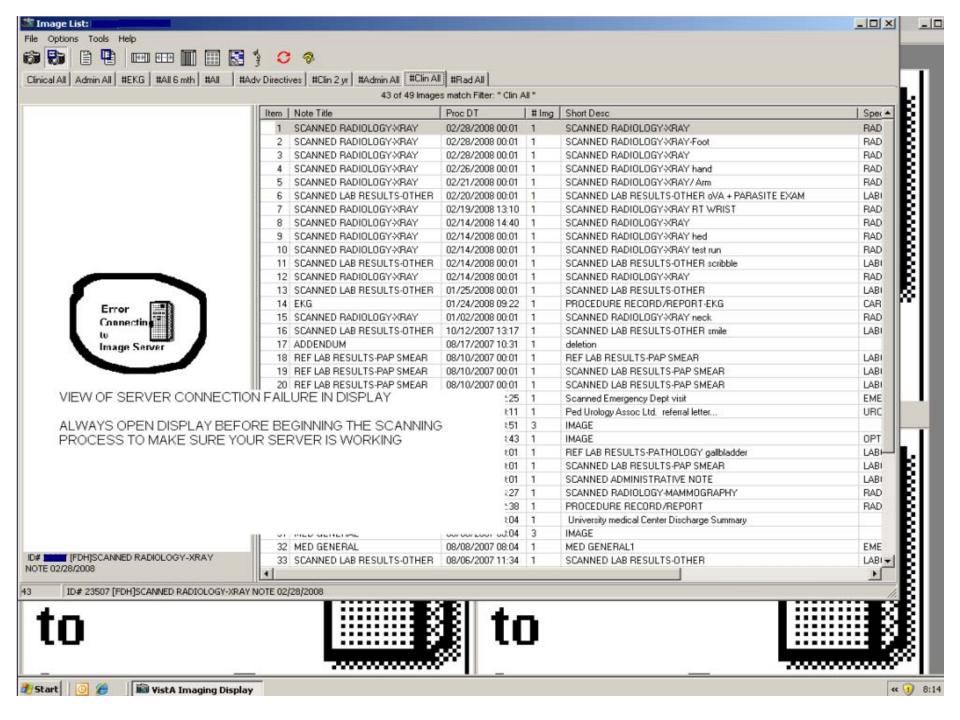


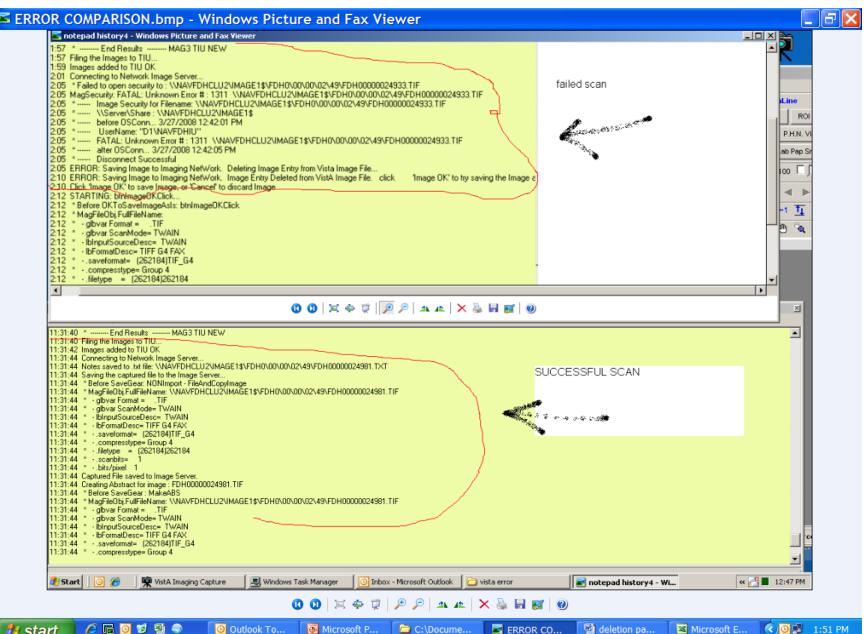






















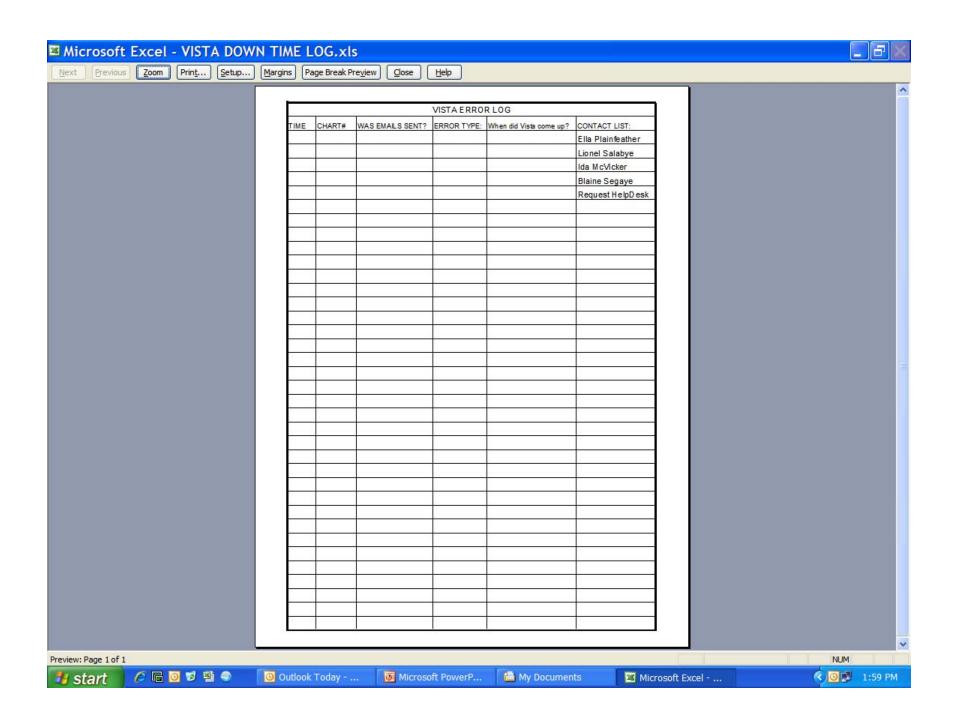












Vista Imaging

A process overview

Purpose

Currently the purpose of Vista Imaging is to provide a functional tool, that will allow generated documents pertaining to patient activities to be electronically placed into the E.H.R.

Process steps for Vista Imaging Five steps to quality!

Policies

Currently we use IHS guides for Vista Scanning including a local policy. On March 24, 2009 we were also given an E.H.R policy for Vista scanning from our I.H.S. CAC (Clinical Applications Coordinator).

Service Unit policy

FT. DEFIANCE INDIAN HOSPITAL FT. DEFIANCE, ARIZONA HOSPITAL POLICY

MANUAL: Administration SUBJECT: Uploading and Storing Digital Images in Vista Imaging		
DISTRIBUTION:		

REFERENCES: HIPAA 482.13 Patient Rights.

POLICY:

- The Indian Health Service Security Rules of Behavior, HIPAA and Privacy act apply to clinical images captured by digital cameras.
- You are responsible for images that you capture and import into the electronic health record.
- You can not import photos for any other person (if you take the picture you import it)
- Clinical photos must be taken on an Indian Health Service camera that hs been approved by the Computer Support Team.
- You are responsible for uploading your clinical photos and tat they must be immediately uploaded to Vista Imaging an d subsequently deleted from the camera or memory card.
- Clinical images should not be transferred, copied or stored at any location except on the Vista Imaging Server.
- · You can't manipulate, resize, print, or crop ay images.

I. PROCEDURE:

- Create the patient identifier This will be a 3x 5 index card. Write the first intial
 and last initial of the patients name, their health record # and DOB.
- · Place the patient identifier into the field of vision and take the picture (s)
- Some images may require z00m/macro. These must be taken using optical zoom, not digital zoom. The patient identification card may not fit into the field of vision in this case:
 - Zoom out to include the pt identifier.
 - Zoom in to take a close-up photo of the patient anatomy that needs to be photographed without the patient identifier

I.H.S policy

Scanning Outside Clinical Documents

PURPOSE: To establish policy, procedures and responsibilities for scanning outside clinical documents into the VistA Imaging program that can be accessed through the RPMS Electronic Health Record (EHR).

POLICY: The IHS is committed to creating an environment that promotes and fosters the use of the RPMS EHR by defining policies, objectives, and responsibilities for the scanning of documents related to patient care.

To establish policy and outline procedures for scanning of documents into the VistA Imaging program, it is important to define what documents will be scanned into VistA Imaging and how these documents will be indexed.

RESPONSBILITIES:

The HIM Director or designee and the appropriate committee are responsible for approving all requests for document scanning and monitoring image quality. All staff members with scanning responsibilities are properly trained in Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) as they relate to scanning and in the use of scanning equipment.

Staff members scanning documents will ensure that the document is attached to the appropriate progress note title and patient, and that image quality meets necessary standards.

The HIM Director or designee will be responsible for tracking and monitoring quality/quantity of scanned documents into the EHR according to facility policy.

The HIM Director or designee will be the only facility staff member with the functionality to delete a scanned image. In the event a document is scanned to the incorrect chart, it will be reported to the HIM Director or designee. Errors noted by staff located outside of HIM, will be brought to the attention of the HIM Director or designee.

PROCEDURE:

- Any document received by a scanning specialist will be checked against the list of approved documents for appropriateness and then scanned. See below list of approved documents.
- If the scanning specialist encounters a document that is not listed on the approved scanning list or questions a document he/she receives, the form will be referred to the HIM Director or designee for a decision on whether the document is appropriate for scanning.
- 3) The computer downtime contingency plan should address when the RPMS EHR is unavailable for a considerable amount of time. Local policy will determine what is termed "a considerable amount of time." Document ation completed during the down time will be scanned into the record with a

The 5 steps to Quality!

Documents received from lab file breakdown

- 1. Prescreen a four step process
- 2. Scan process
- 3. Quality Assessment
- 4. Breakdown for physical lab file

Documents received – a daily breakdown

Each day lab filers (Scanning Technicians) receive stacks of documents that need to be sorted. These documents are separated from refuse, physical lab only, and scannable stacks. Those items determined acceptable for scanning are then held for prescreening.

2. Prescreening— A four step process

- 1. Review the document for appropriateness and quality.
- 2. Determine 3 of 4 patient identifying criteria.
- 3. Determine the encounter date this item is to be attached to.
- 4. Review documents for blank pages.

STEP 1: Review the document for appropriateness and quality.

Currently we are only scanning the sent out reference labs, and radiology reports. As we progress in the future we will begin the formation of an **Approved Scanning List**

What is an Approved Scanning List?

Approved scanning lists will be maintained in a binder that will house examples of which items are approved for scanning and how items are to be properly scanned using Vista Imaging. This list will be referenced in the Scanning policy and kept next to the policy for accessibility.

What is an Approved Scanning List? (Cont.)

As of March 24, 2009 our team has received a policy from our local area CAC. This policy indicates a list of our approved external documents for scanning.

What if I cannot read the document?

According to policy a "better copy" will be requested from the originating source. If this is not possible, the image will be enhanced as best as possible with the tools available within Vista Imaging. If the document is illegible the document shall be stamped "Original Illegible" close to the area that is illegible.

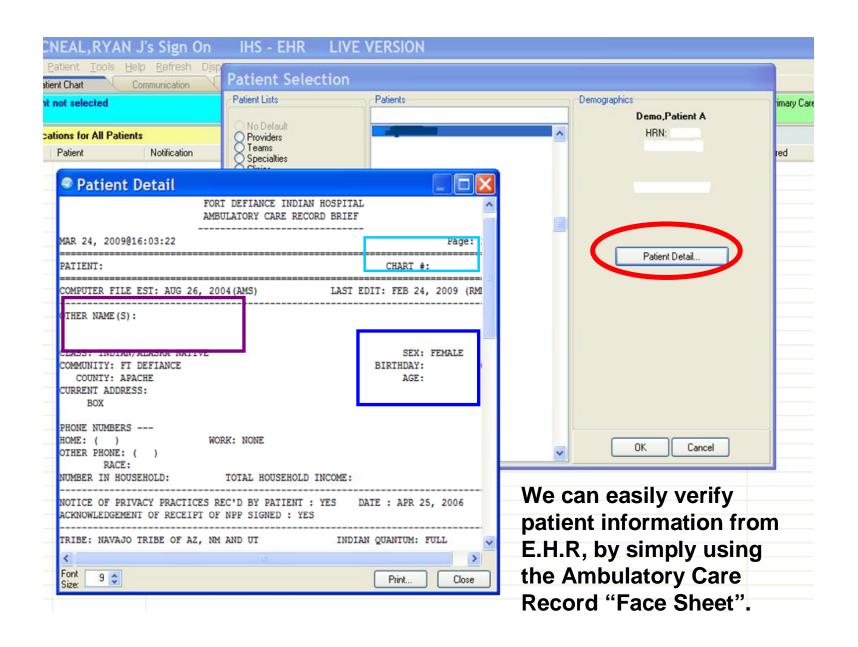
SAMPLE:

ORIGINAL - ILLEGIBLE

STEP 2: Verifying document criteria

Currently we are using four criteria to verify documents. These four criteria are NAME, D.O.B, SSN, and CHART NUMBER.

Before any item is scanned, the scanning technician must verify three of the four criteria. If an item fails to meet these criteria, then the technician will verify with medical staff to ascertain document validity before processing.



Verifying documents (cont)

Any item verified that simply has misspelling of names, inverted numbering must be corrected before being scanned. It is highly recommended that the technician obtain a corrected item from the generating facility instead of self correcting the item.

Sample:

Dimo, Patent Pm 3/30/09

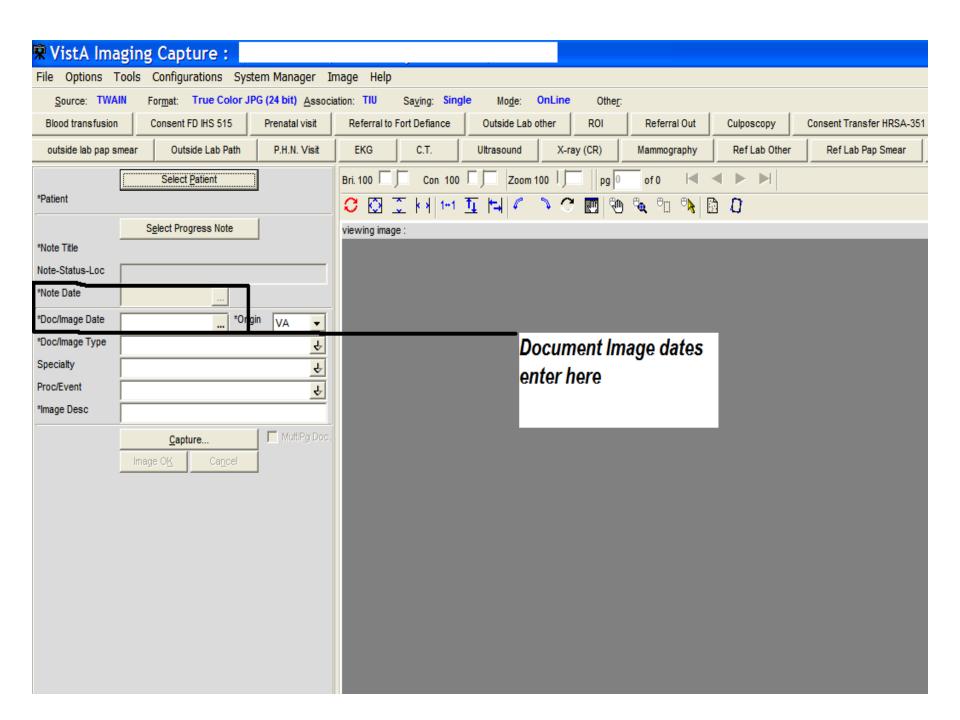
Demo, Patient

STEP 3: Encounter dates

For every item scanned, the day the patient was actually physically seen is entered as the Vista encounter date. This will help scanned documents match up with the encounter dates in the E.H.R

STEP 3: Encounter dates

In accordance with I.H.S policy any **outside** document received by a scanning technician will be checked against the I.H.S Approved Scanning List. If an item is not on the list it will be referred to the HIM Director for decision. The date the item is scanned will be used as the "Date of Service".



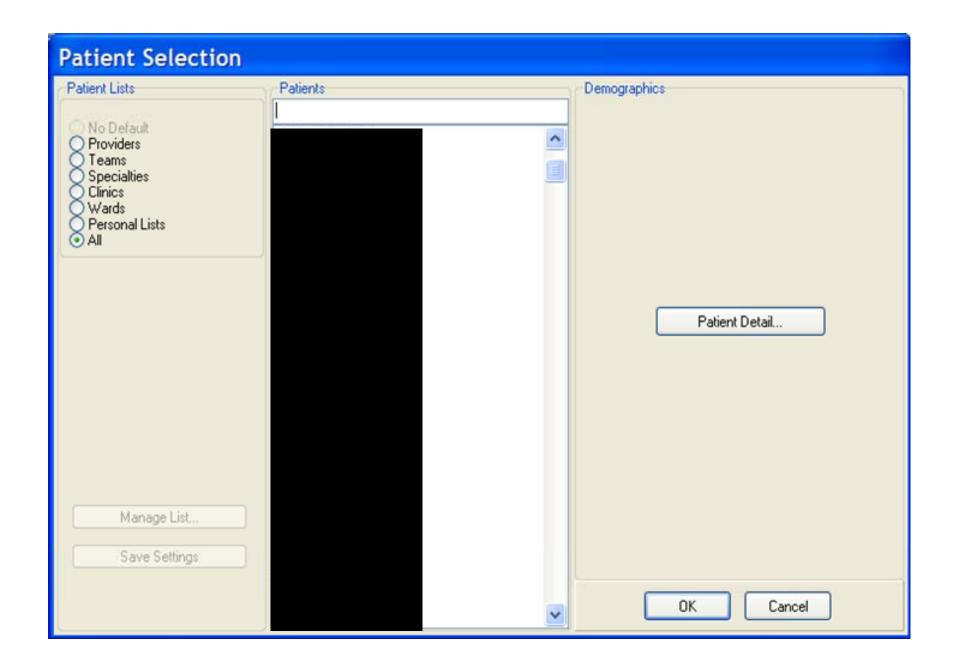
STEP 4: What happens if I have a blank page?

The final step in the prescreening process is to review the document for blank pages. For legal reasons, any document that is found to have a blank page must be stamped **Intentionally Blank or Intentionally Left Blank**, in the event the document is required for court.

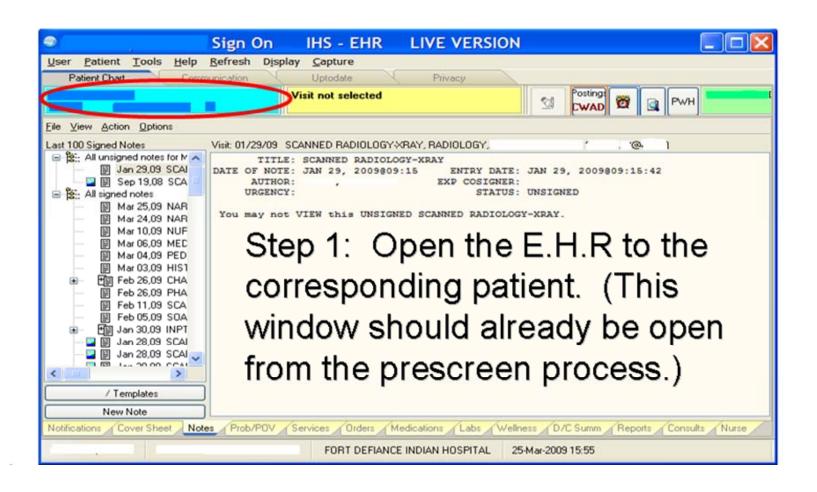
3. Scanning Process

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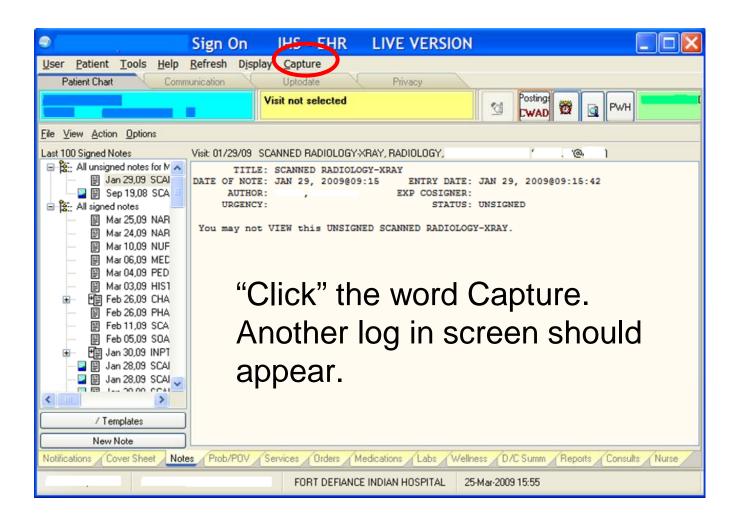
There are 12 general steps performed to correctly scan a document. We will discuss these steps with the help of the following. Images.



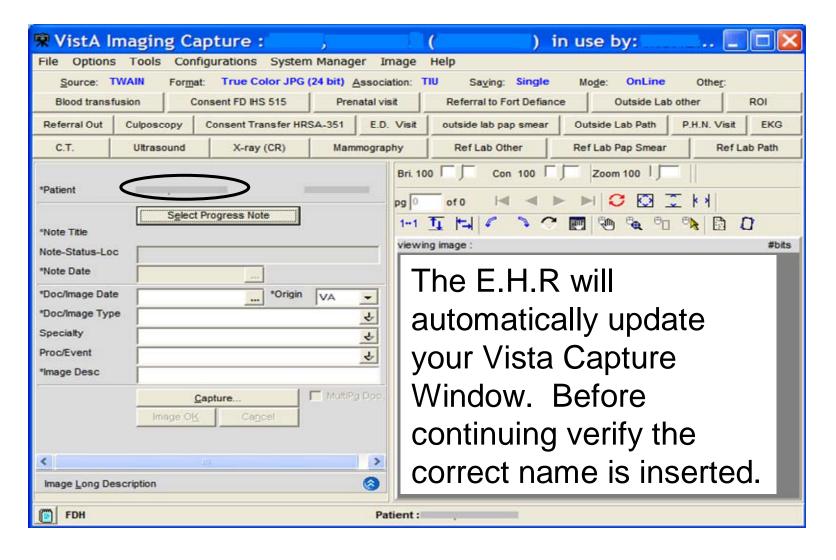
Step 1: Open the E.H.R



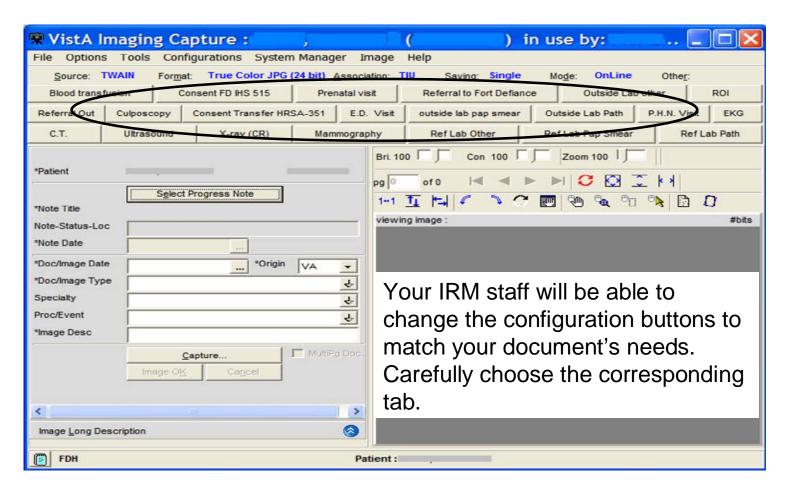
Step 2: Open the Capture Window



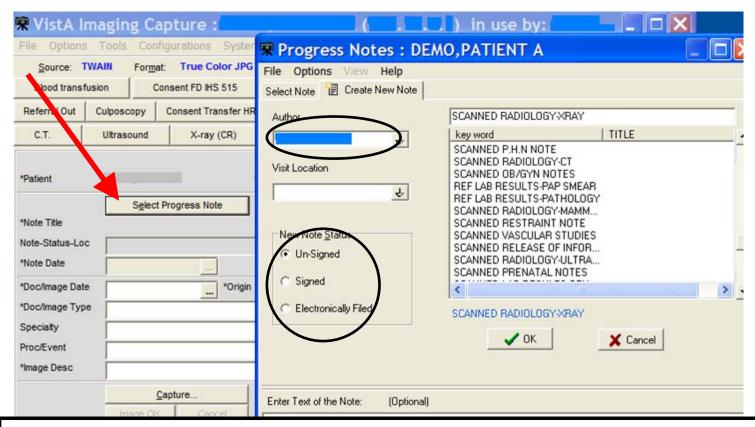
Step 3: Verify Correct Patient



Step 4: Choose Configuration

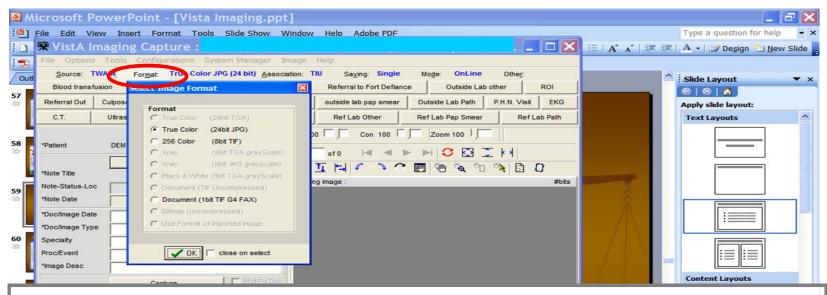


4.1 Notification window



By entering the Physician's name you can send notification's through E.H.R

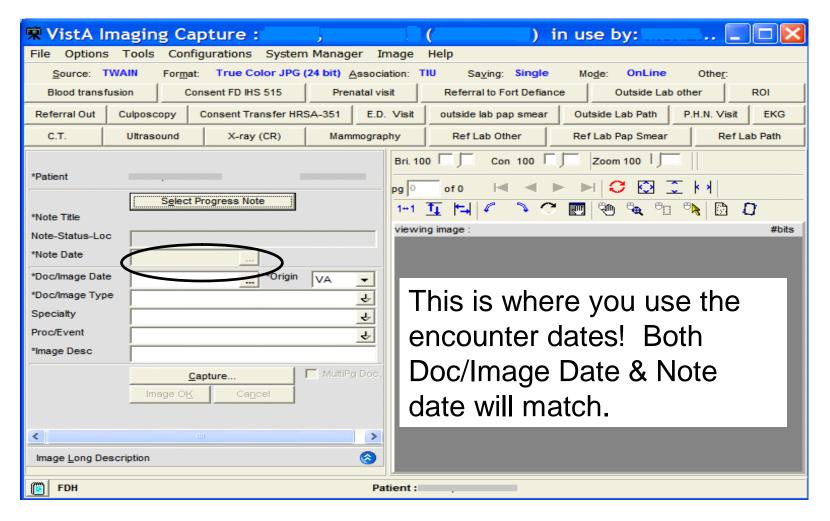
4.2 Choosing your Format



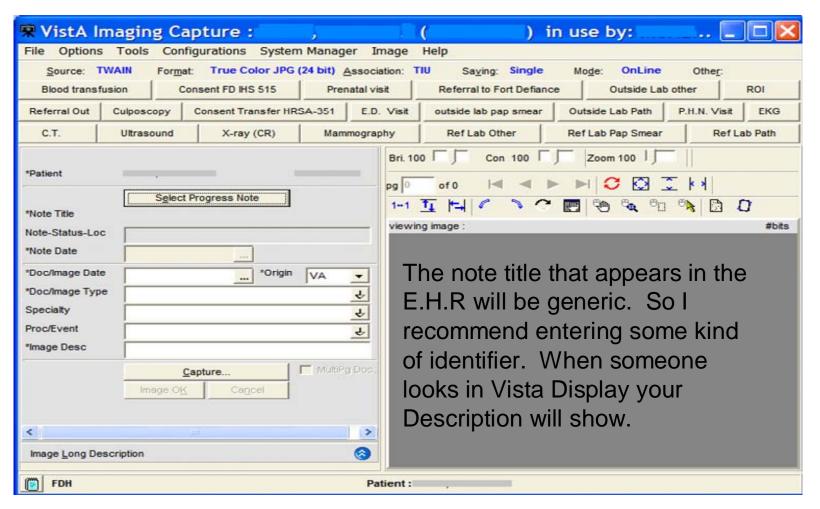
Under the format tab you can choose your color settings.

- •If you use True Color JPG you can only scan color documents 1 page at a time.
- •If you choose TGIFF 4Fax then you are able to scan multi-page black and white documents.
- •If you choose 265 Color you can scan multi-page color documents. (**Warning**: If scanning photographs use True Color JPG. 256 Color will give your photograph a water washed appearance.)

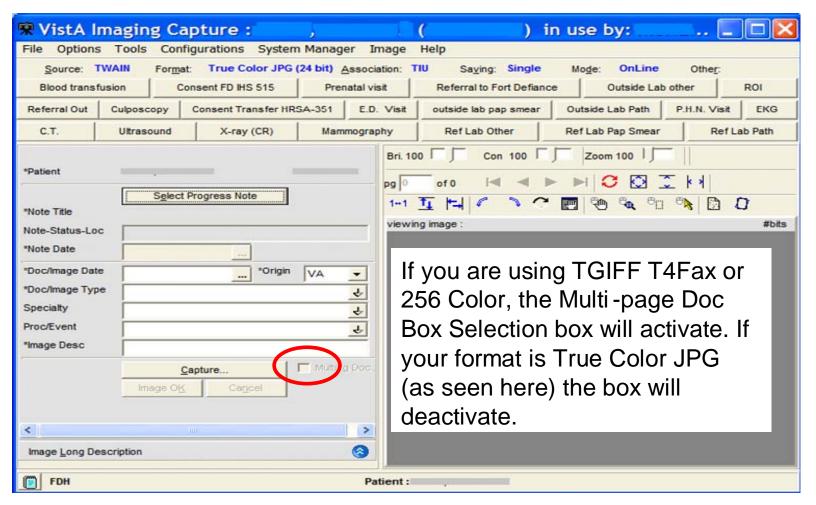
Step 5: Enter Document Dates



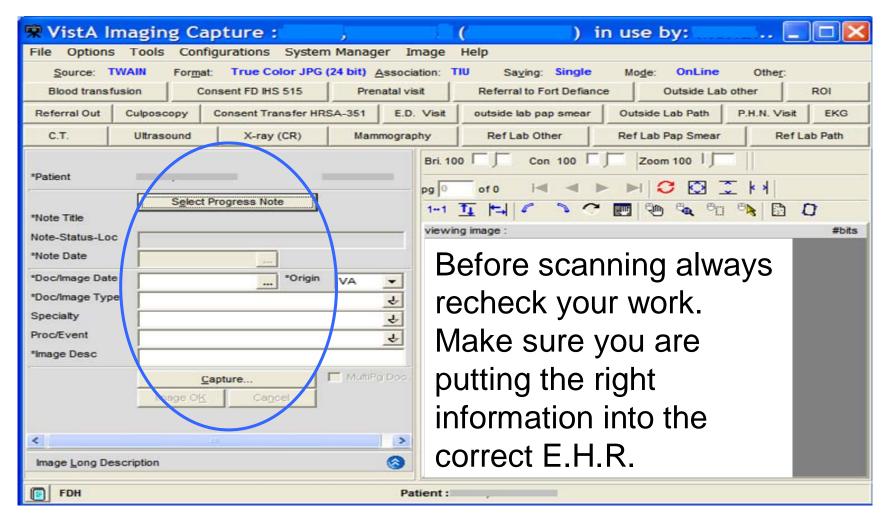
Step 6: Enter Brief Description



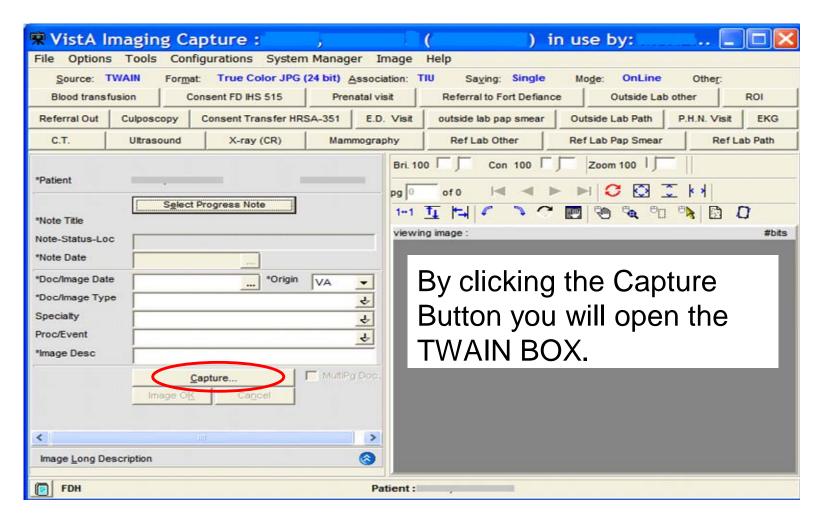
Step 6: Multi-page Click Box



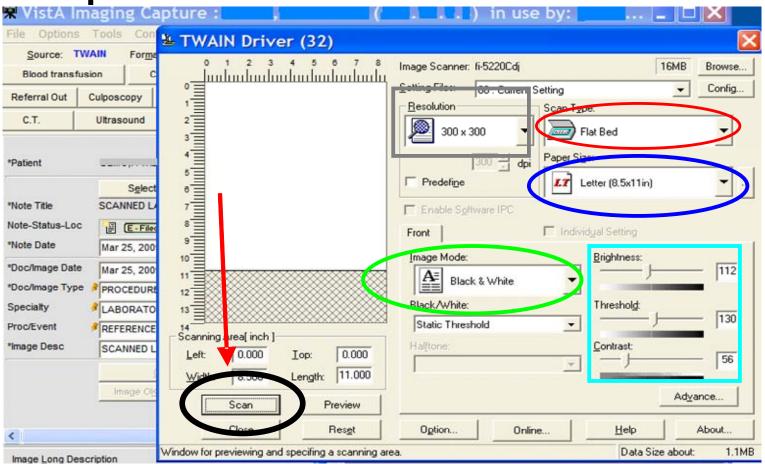
Step 7: Re-check your work!



Step 8: Capture button

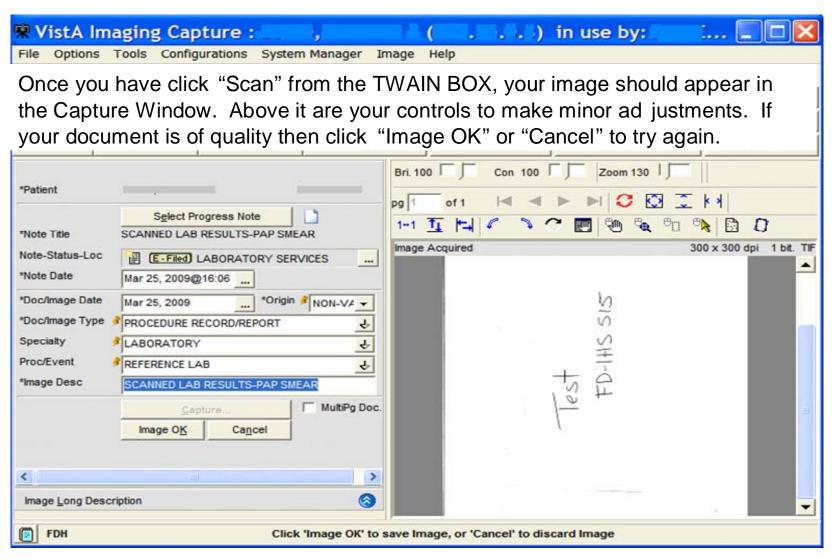


Step 9 & 10: Twain Window



The TWAIN BOX allows you to choose your document color contrast, brightness, and threshold. This is also where you choose your load source and paper size. Resolution should always be 300X300.

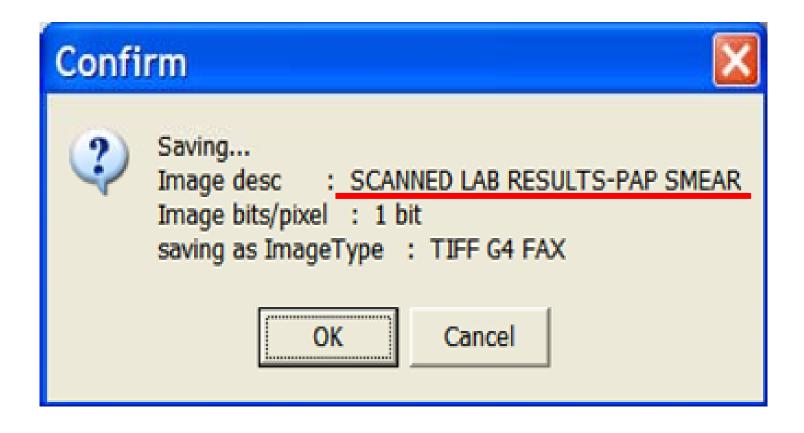
Step 11&12: The Capture Window



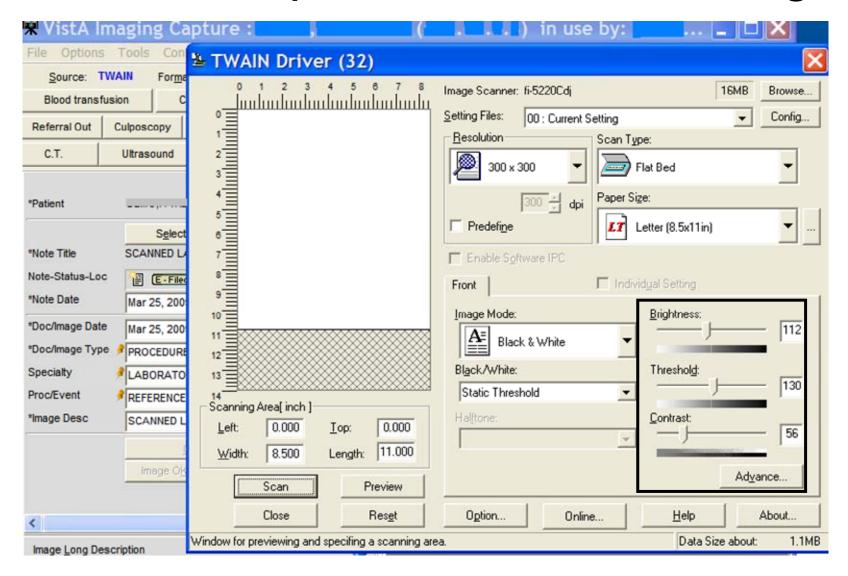
Accepting an image

If the image that you have scanned is adequate for use in the E.H.R, click "Image OK." Then affirm the following confirmation message. However, if there is something wrong with the image, the technician will have to click "Cancel." The technician will have to capture the image again, and make adjustments from the TWAIN window.

Confirmation: Your last chance



If there is a problem with the image

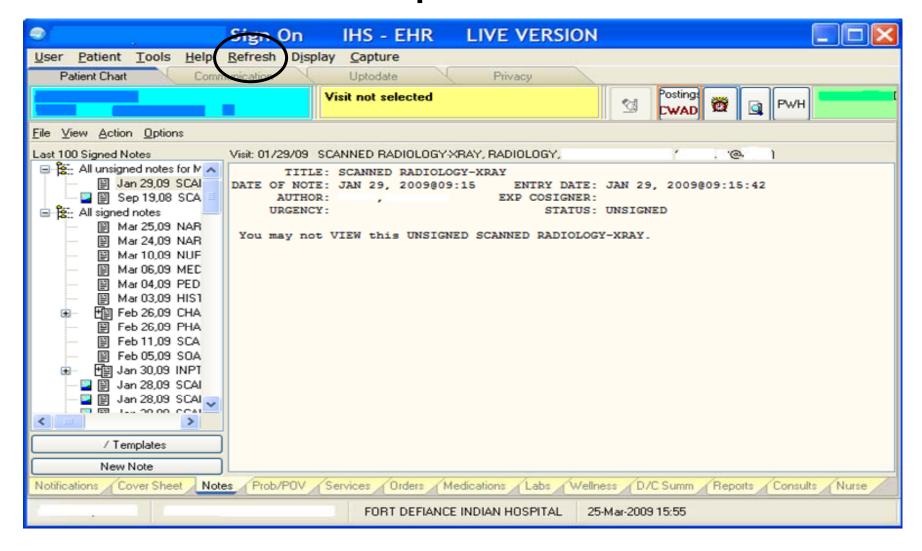


100% QUALITY ASSESSMENT

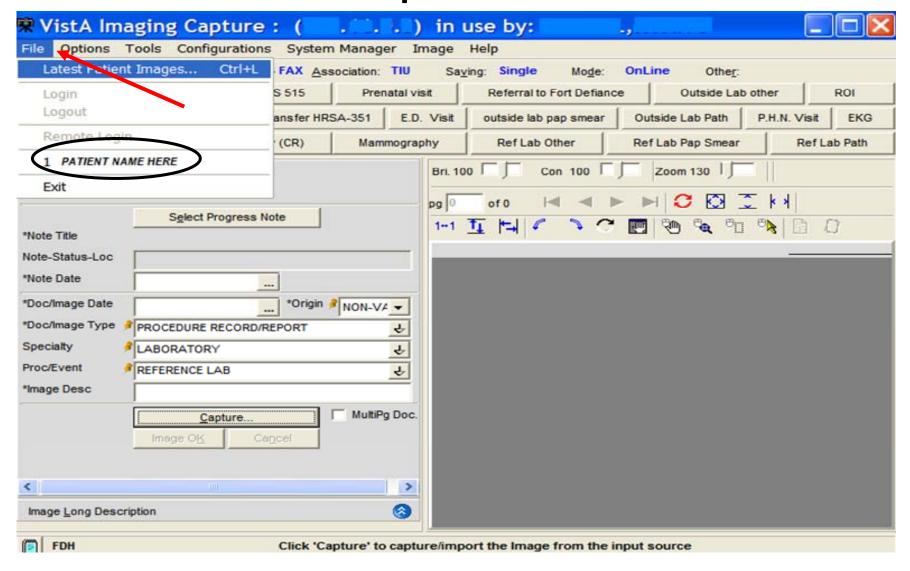
100% QUALITY ASSESSMENT

Each technician is responsible for performing a 100% Quality Assessment of each document scanned, as soon as each document is saved in the Vista/E.H.R system. There are 2 general steps Scanning Technicians take to Quality Assess their product.

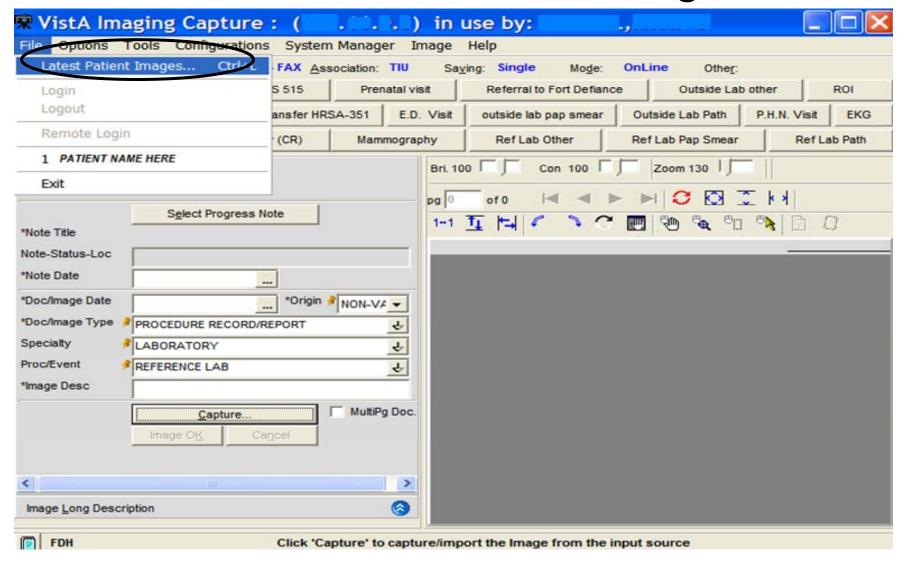
Step 1: Toggle to the E.H.R window and refresh the patient's record



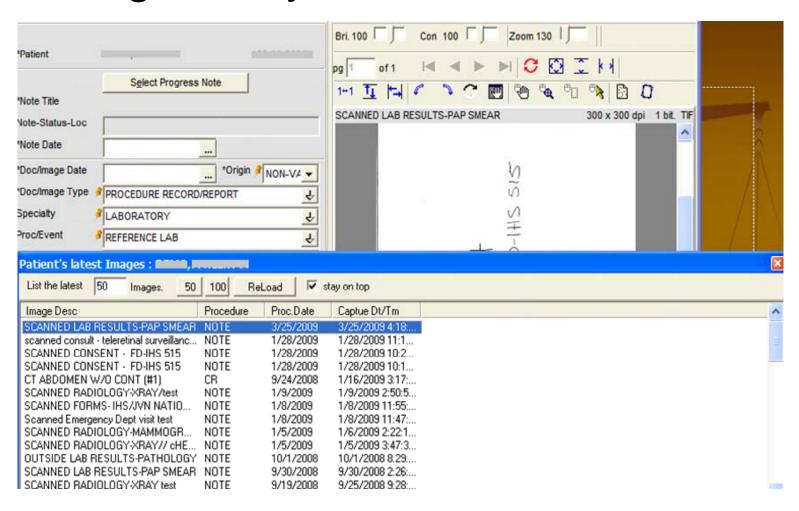
Step 2: From the Vista Window click File, and Select patient's name



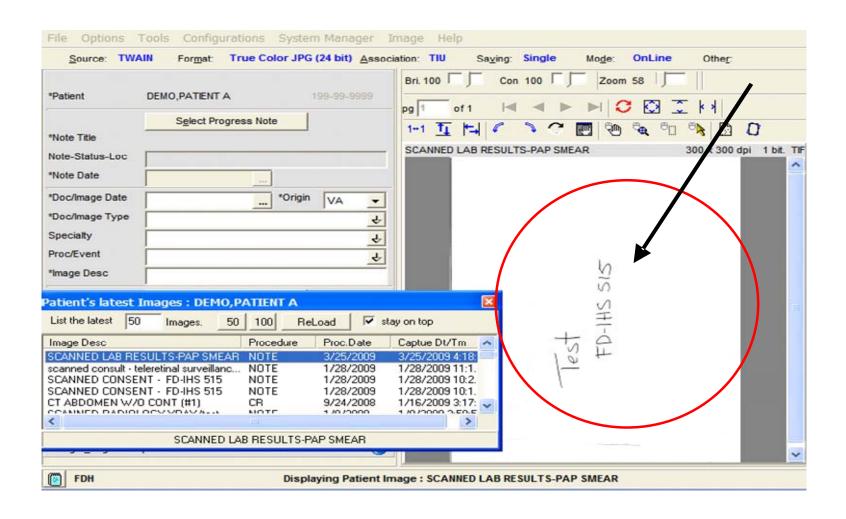
Step 3: After selecting the patient's name click "Latest Patient Images"



Step 4: From the Display window select the Image that you need to assess.



Step 5: Quality Assess the Image from Capture Window.



Signing your work.

Once a document is confirmed "acceptable" the scanning Technician will stamp, initial, and date each document scanned.

DATE SCANNED: 3-23-09 BY: 70m	

Final Quality Assessment

Quality assurance policy

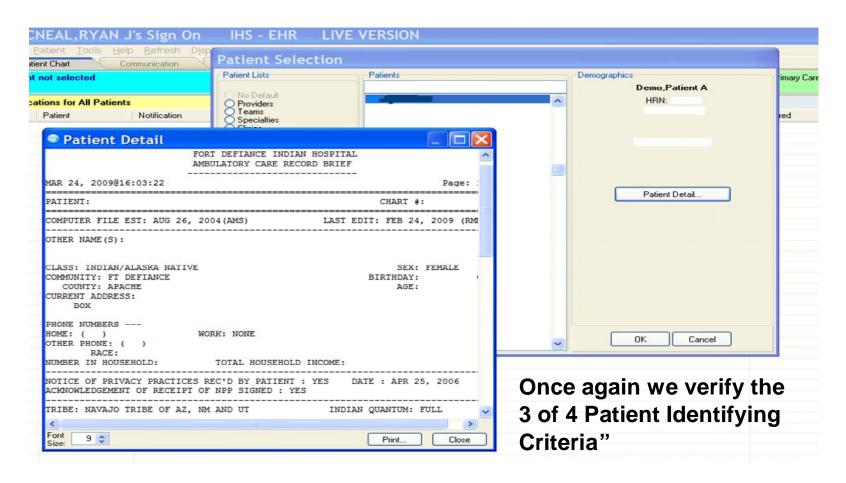
We have a second party check one out of every ten documents for quality before approving it for physical filing. Each document's chart number, documents image number, date entered, and date of Q/A are noted on a Quality Assessment Log. If an item fails this Quality Assessment, then we take corrective actions.

Second Quality Assessment Corrective Actions

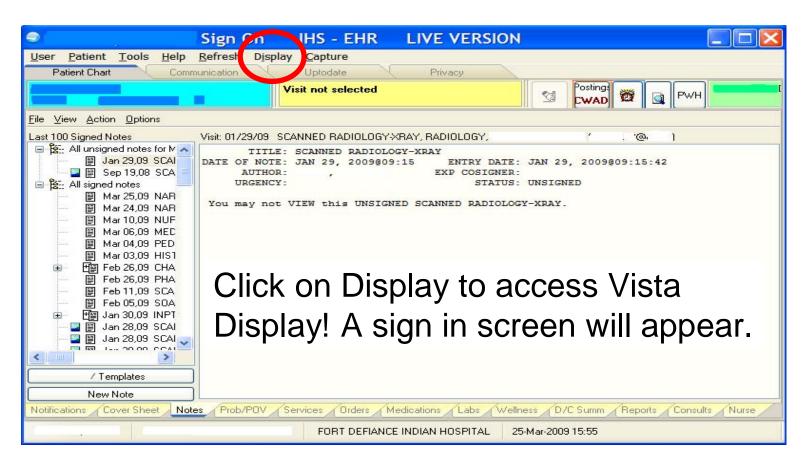
Corrective action includes stopping all processes and contacting the HIM Director or designee. A larger sample is taken to ensure quality. The Deletion and documentation procedures are followed.

Steps to Quality: How we perform the Second Quality Assessment

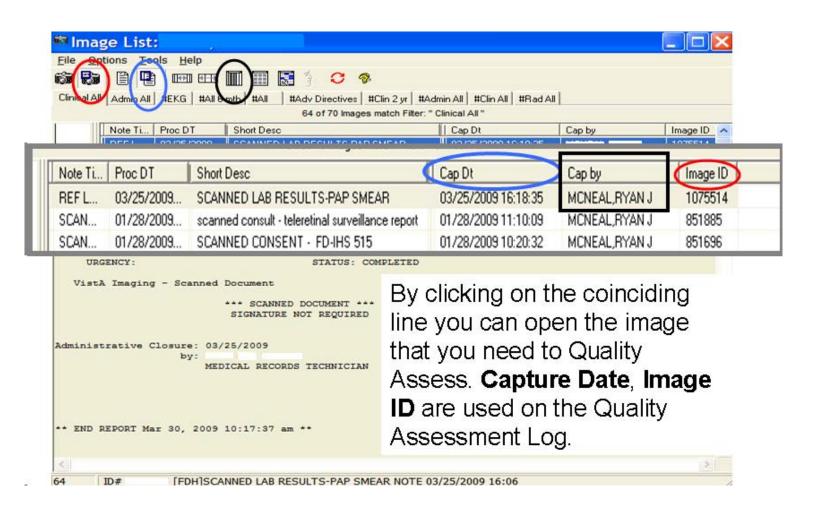
Step 1: Verify Identifying criteria



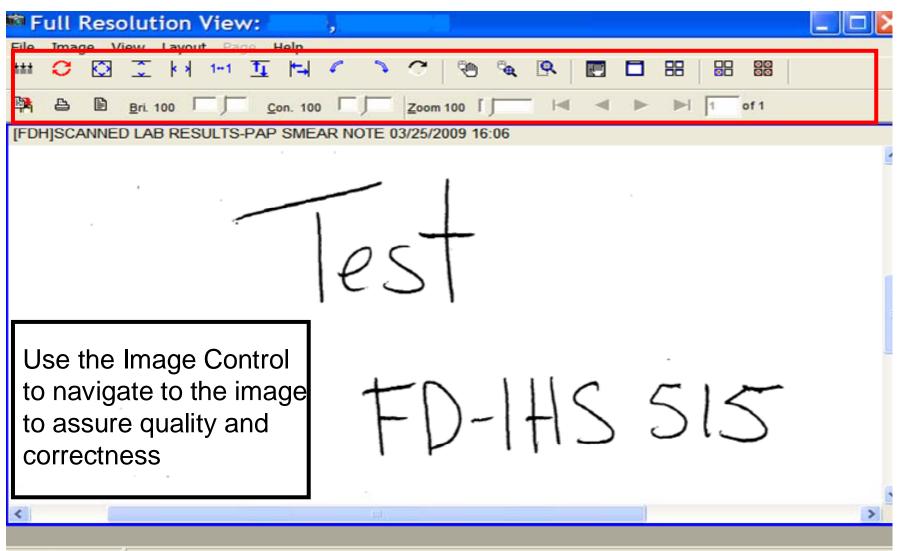
Step 2: Open Vista Display



Step 3: Choose your document

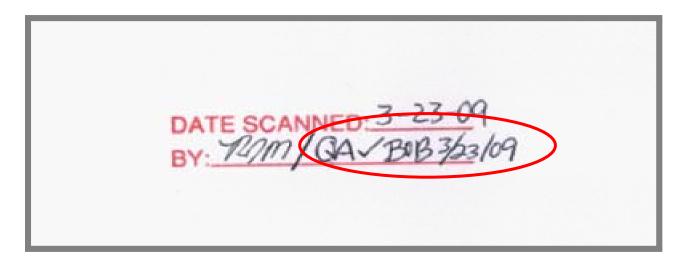


Step 4: Vista display window



Approval

When an item is approved for physical filing the qualifying technician will initial and date, next to the scanning technician as shown below.

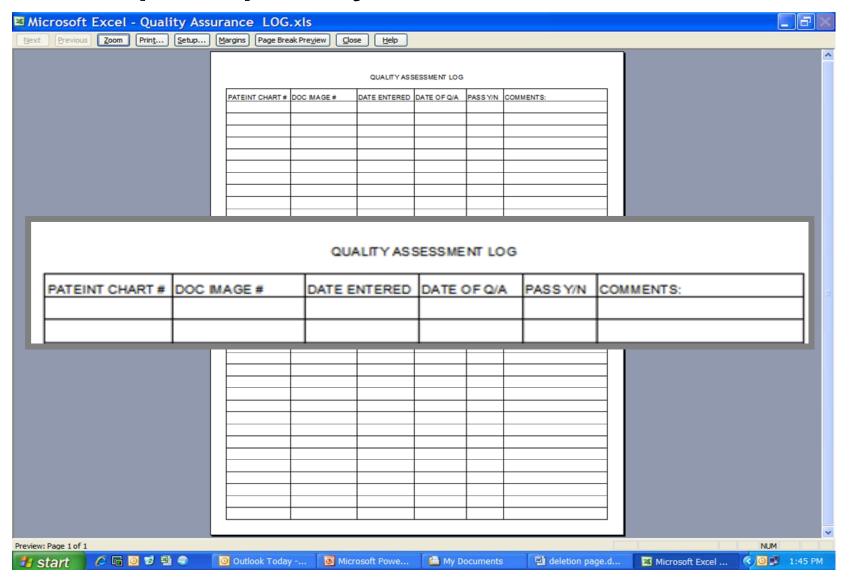


Approval (Cont.)

For those documents that were not part of the 1 of 10 sample, the qualifying technician will notate Q/A, as seen below.



Sample quality assessment sheet



ERROR CORRECTION

WHAT WE DO WITH ERRORS

Currently our Service Unit policy & the I.H.S. policy state that if any error is discovered the Scanning Technician will cease processes. The HIM Director or designee will be contacted immediately. The HIM Director or Designee will complete a **Deletion Page** noting the Image ID, Health Record number, and when the document was placed in the Electronic Health Record.

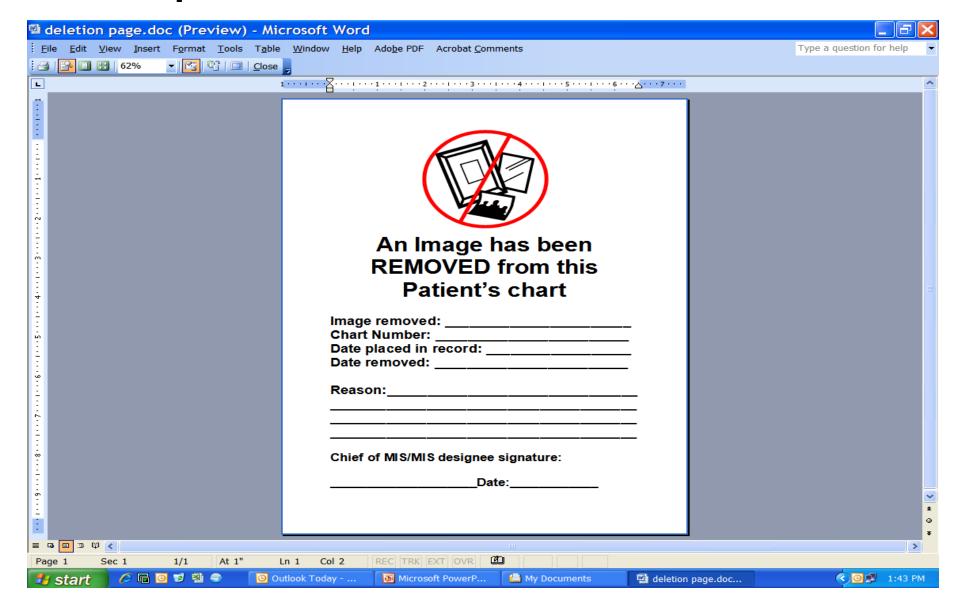
Quality Assessment Log Updated

Whenever a error has been discovered the Quality Assessment must be updated to reflect the error.

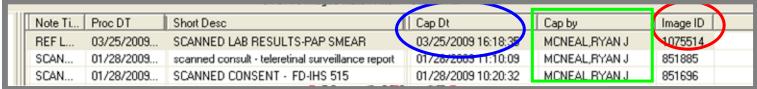
QUALITY ASSESSMENT LOG

PATEINT CHART #	DOC IMAGE #	DATE ENTERED	DATE OF D/A	PASS Y/N	COMMENTS.
99-99-99	123456	4/1/09	4/1/09	No	Document was
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11-11-11	789 123	4/1/09	4/1/09	Yes	400
11-11-11	101123	711107	71/107	7.5	/4//

Sample: Error sheet



Step 1: Complete Error Deletion page





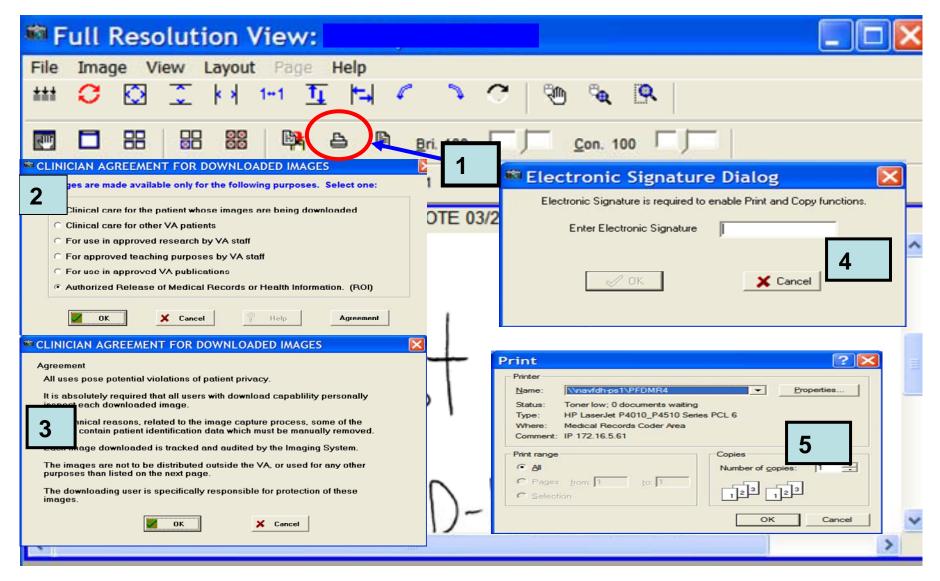
An Image has been REMOVED from this Patient's chart

Image removed: Chart Number: Date placed in record: Date removed:
Reason:

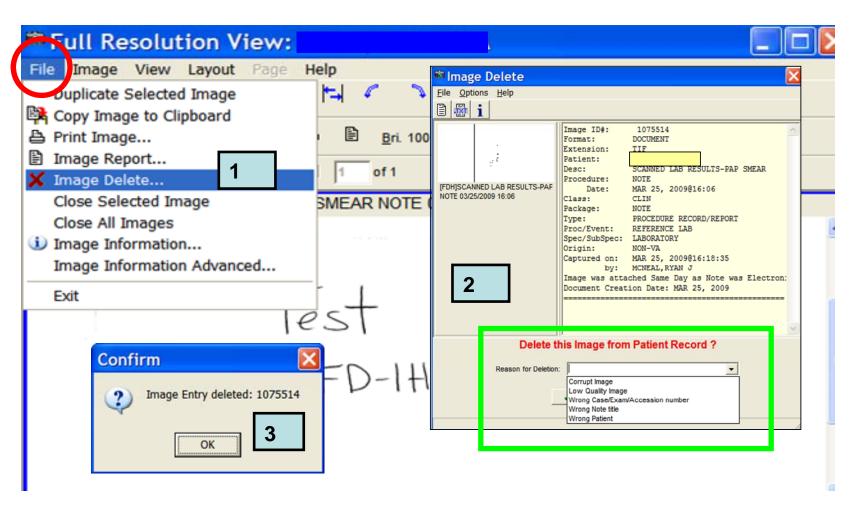
Chief of MIS/MIS designee signature:

Date:

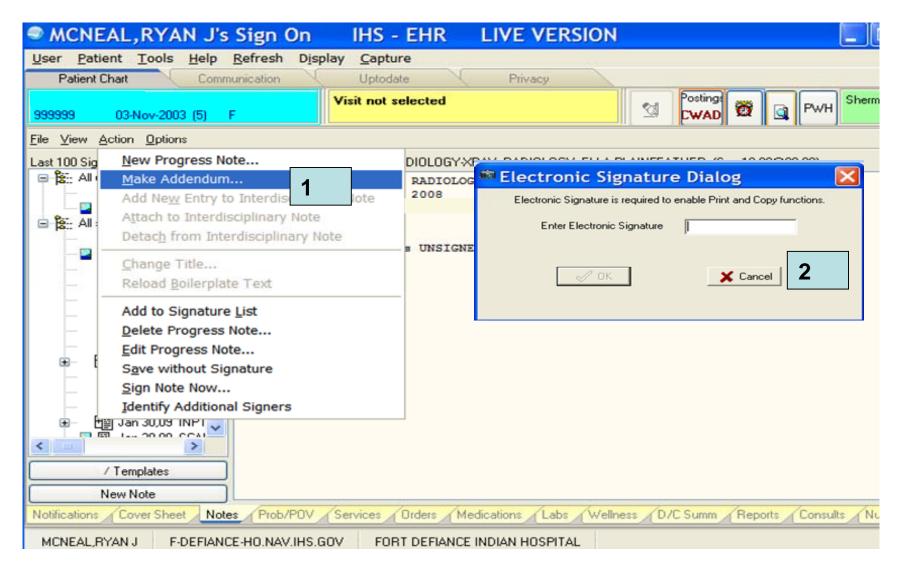
Step 2: Print Offending Image



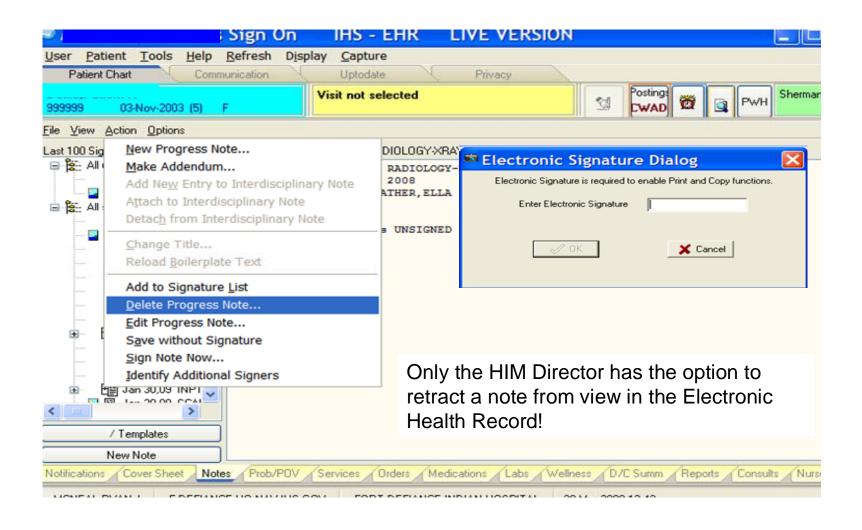
Step 3: Delete the offending Image



Step 4: Addendum Note



Step 5: Note Retraction



Step 5: Update the Retraction Log

The Retraction Log is maintained by the HIM Director. The Deletion Page and the printout of the removed document will be stapled together, then placed in the binder.

Effects on Direct Customers

- CODING
- BILLING
- PHYSICIANS

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