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Associations in NEDSS

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Associations



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- All events are stored in the patient record.
- Associations keep relevant investigation documentation organized.
- Events can be auto-associated or manually associated to an investigation.

Auto-Associations



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If you have a lab or morbidity report to enter, start by entering that event first. Create the investigation from that lab or morbidity report to auto-associate.

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If the lab or morbidity report was already entered or imported into NEDSS, you can create the investigation from that lab or morbidity report by choosing *Create Investigation*. It will auto-associate.

The screenshot displays the NEDSS web application interface. At the top, a dark blue navigation bar contains the following links: Home | Data Entry | Merge Patients | Open Investigations | Reports | System Management | Help | Logout. Below this, a light blue header area shows 'View Lab Report' on the left and 'User : Pamela Stuart' on the right, accompanied by a small Texas state flag icon. A secondary navigation bar below the header contains links: View File | Return to Documents Requiring Review | View Events. At the bottom of the screenshot, a row of action buttons is visible: Mark as Reviewed, Transfer Ownership, Edit, Delete, Create Investigation, Associate Investigations, and Print.

View Associations



To see the associations of an investigation, you can open the investigation, Supplemental Info tab and scroll to the Associations section. Any events that are currently associated with the investigation will be displayed.

Patient	Case Info	Exposures	Clinical	Lab Results	Contact Tracing	Contact Records	Supplemental Info
Go to: Associations Notes and Attachments History Collapse Sections							
<input type="checkbox"/> Associations Back to top Collapse Subsections							
<input type="checkbox"/> Associated Lab Reports							
Date Received	Reporting Facility/Provider	Date Collected	Test Results	Program Area	Event ID		
08/18/2021 12:00 AM	Reporting Facility: Navarro Regional Hospital	08/16/2021	SARS coronavirus: Rapid PCR Tets positive	IDEAS - Meningitis/Invasive Respiratory			
<input type="checkbox"/> Associated Morbidity Reports							
Date Received	Condition	Report Date	Type	Observation ID			
Nothing found to display.							
<input type="checkbox"/> Associated Treatments							
Date	Treatment	Treatment ID					
Nothing found to display.							
<input type="checkbox"/> Associated Vaccinations							
Date Administered	Vaccine Administered	Vaccination ID					
Nothing found to display.							
<input type="checkbox"/> Associated Documents							
Date Received	Type	Purpose	Description	Document ID			
Nothing found to display.							

View Associations



You can also view the associations by opening the Patient file, Events tab, *Associated With* column.

<h2 style="margin: 0;">Associated With</h2>

Investigations (0) Add New Back To Top						
Lab Reports (2) Add New Back To Top						
Date Received	Reporting Facility/Provider	Date Collected	Test Results	Associated With	Program Area	Event ID
08/14/2021 8:57 PM E Negative Lab Result	Reporting Facility: PWNHealth Ordering Provider: Martin Perez	08/04/2021	Admitted to ICU for condition: Unknown Employed in healthcare setting: Unknown Has symptoms for condition: Unknown Hospitalized for condition of interest: Unknown Pregnancy status: Unknown Resides in a congregate care setting: Unknown SARS-CoV-2 RdRp gene Resp QI NAA+probe: Negative		COVID-19	
12/16/2020 11:53 PM E Negative Lab Result	Reporting Facility: Curative Texas Ordering Provider: Sajad Zalzal	12/15/2020	SARS-CoV-2 RNA Resp QI NAA+probe: Negative Reference Range: (Negative) - (Final)		COVID-19	OBS535641360TX01
Morbidity Reports (0) Add New Back To Top						
Vaccinations (2) Add New Back To Top						
Date Created	Provider	Date Administered	Vaccine Administered	Associated With	Event ID	
08/13/2021 2:50 PM		No Date	MMR			
08/13/2021 2:45 PM		No Date	MMR			
Treatments (0) Back To Top						

Managing Associations from Investigation



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If events are not associated appropriately, open the investigation and choose *Manage Associations* from the View Investigation page.



All events in the patient record will be displayed. You can use the check boxes to indicate the events that should be associated with the investigation. Make sure to Submit to save.

Managing Associations from Lab Report



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You can also manage the associations from the lab report by choosing *Associate Investigations* from the View Lab Report page.

Mark as Reviewed

Transfer Ownership

Edit

Delete

Create Investigation

Associate Investigations

Print

Managing Associations from Lab Report



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A list of investigations in the patient record will be displayed. Use the check-boxes to associate the lab report to the appropriate investigation. Make sure to Submit to save.

Associate Lab Report to Investigation(s) User : Pamela Stuart

* Indicates a Required Field

To associate the Lab Report to investigation(s), please select one or more investigations and choose Submit. If associating a STD or HIV report to Closed STD or HIV investigation(s), a report processing decision is required.

Patient ID: [REDACTED]

| Remove All Filters/Sorts

Associate	Start Date	Status	Condition	CaseStatus	Jurisdiction	Investigator
<input type="checkbox"/>		Open	Neisseria meningitidis, invasive (Mening, disease)		Austin HHS Division (City of)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	07/07/2021	Open	Hepatitis		Austin HHS Division (City of)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	06/07/2021	Open	Salmonella, non-Paratyphi/non-Typhi	Confirmed	Austin HHS Division (City of)	