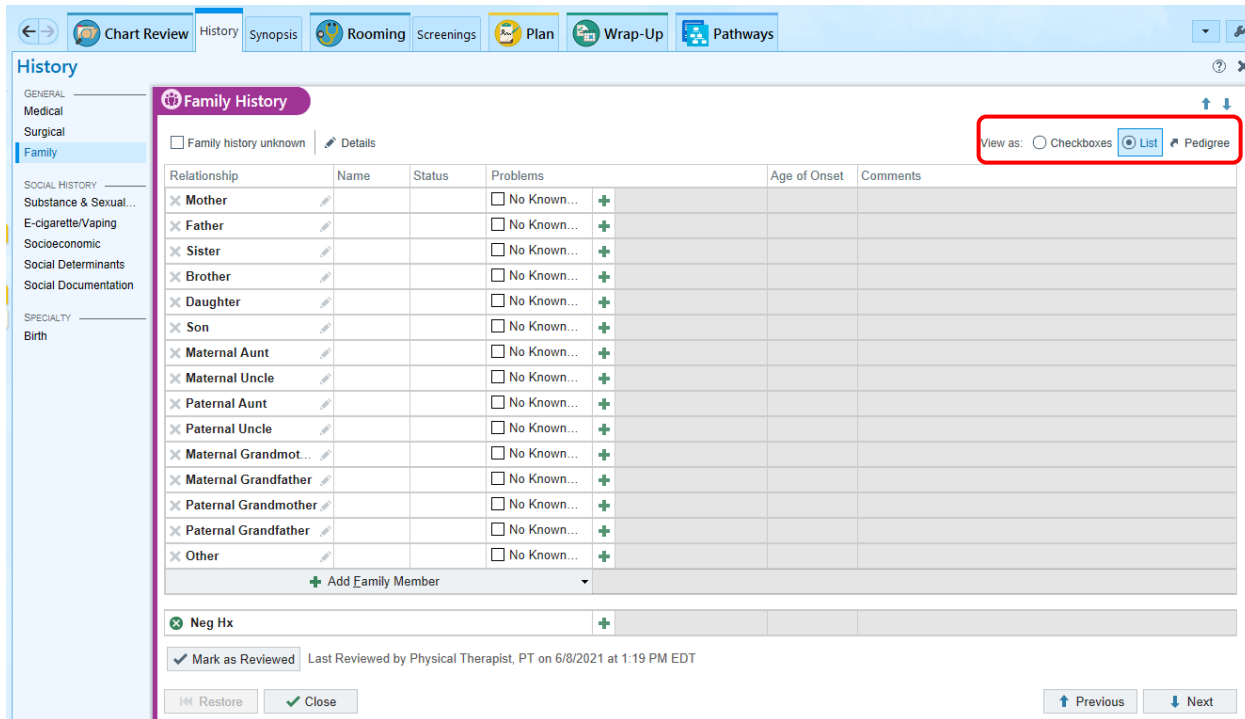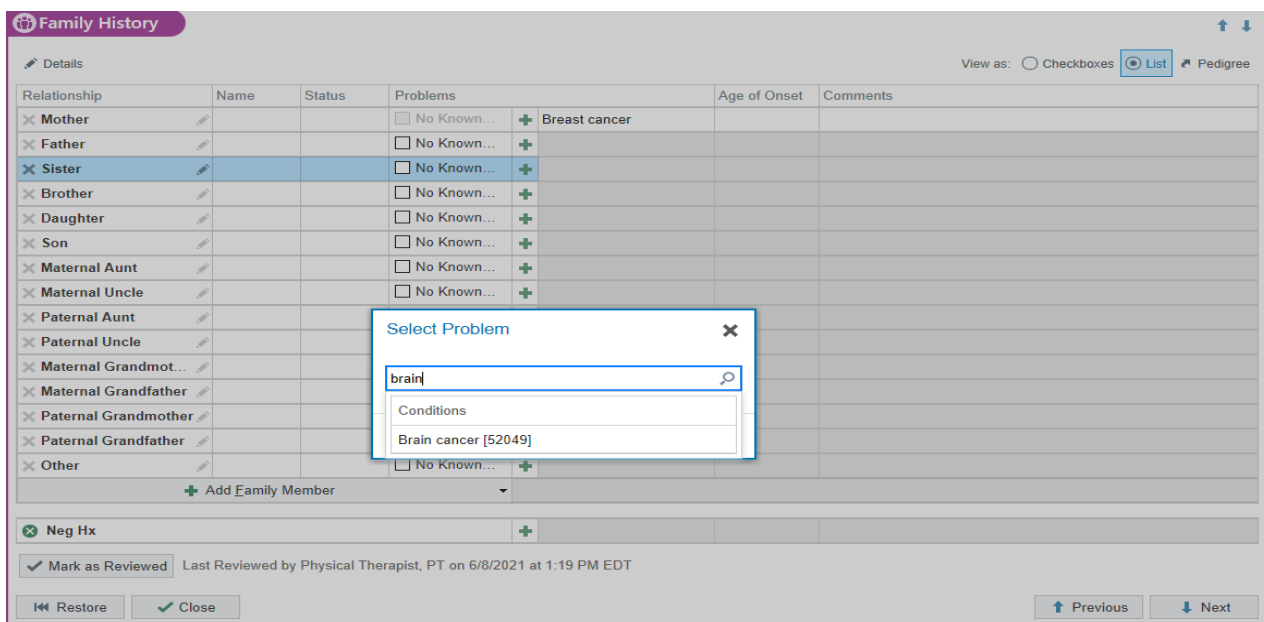# Family History Tip Sheet

1. Choose the History tab in Epic and find the Family History section. Make sure your view is set to 'List.'

2. Be sure to access and document all 1st and 2nd degree family members. Document ALL cancer diagnoses, the age of onset, whether there are no known problems, or comment no cancer diagnosis.

3. To add a diagnosis to the problem column choose ✚ then look up the appropriate diagnosis.
   a. You will need to continue that process for each diagnosis

4. Be sure to add age of onset with each diagnosis listed, if age is unknown, type 'age of onset unknown' in the comment section
    a. Note: You can also type an age range into the age of onset column if exact age is unknown

Family History

Details   View as: ○ Checkboxes ◉ List ⟋ Pedigree

Relationship	Name	Status	Problems		Age of Onset	Comments
✕ Mother			☐ No Known...	✚ Breast cancer		
✕ Father			☐ No Known...	✚		
✕ Sister			☐ No Known...	Brain cancer	54y	
				✚ Skin Cancer		age of onset unknown
				Bone Cancer	30 - 40y	

5. When you access the patient and there are no known problems, or no history of cancer, be sure to mark that for each 1st & 2nd degree family member.
    a. Note: If there is already a problem listed (ie: hypertension) but patient has no cancer history, that needs to be noted in the comment section. Choose the ✚ and add 'other' and type 'no history of cancer' in the comments section

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✕ Brother			☑ No Known...	✚		
✕ Daughter			☑ No Known...	✚		
✕ Son			☐ No Known...	Hypertension		
				✚ Other		no history of cancer

Documentation of complete family history:

- **ALL** patients with a cancer diagnosis
- **ALL** 1st and 2nd degree relatives must be assessed, if unknown it must be documented
    - 1st degree relatives = parents, siblings, children
    - 2nd degree relatives = grandparents, aunts, uncles
- Age at onset must be documented, if unknown, comment age unknown in comments, or provide age range
- Be sure to make it clear patient family history was accessed, by either there being no known problems, or adding no history of cancer in the comment section

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