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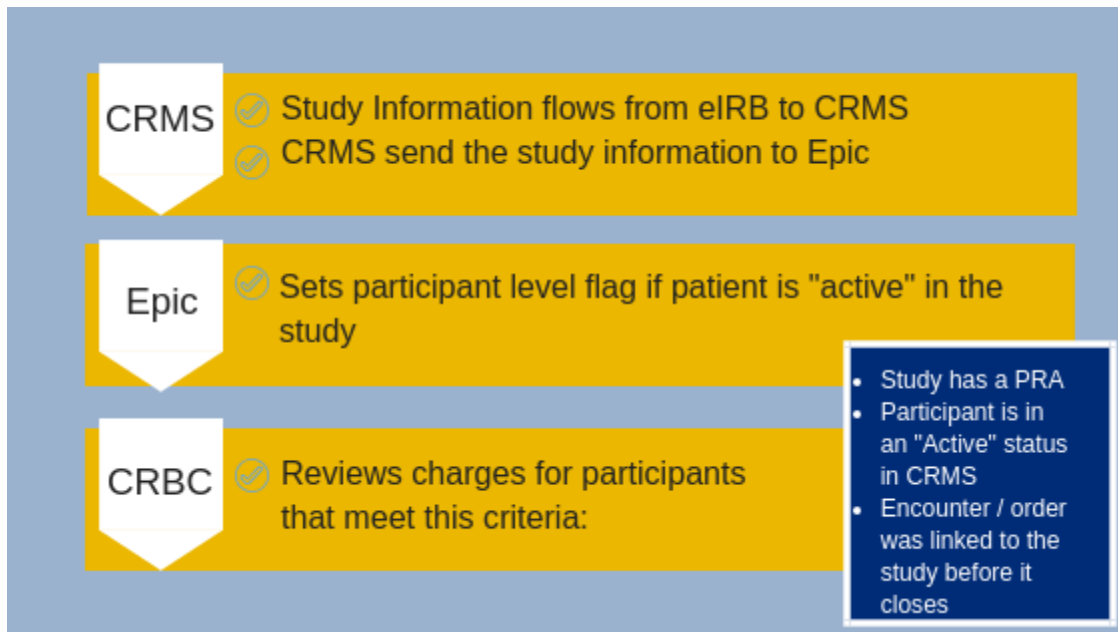
Welcome to the First Edition of Research Billing Buzz!

The office of Clinical Research Billing Compliance (CRBC) will publish this eNewsletter monthly to share with the Johns Hopkins community news, processes and other insights into clinical research revenue cycle. CRBC is the office tasked to prospectively manage hospital and professional fee patient care charges for research participants through a pre-billing review process on behalf of Johns Hopkins Medicine (JHM).

We hope that this eNewsletter is helpful to you, if you:

- Place research orders in Epic
- Have a study that has a Prospective Reimbursement Analysis (PRA)
- Want the billing for your research participants and your research program to go according to the PRA/Protocol and the budget
- Want to understand more about clinical research billing

This is how research charges hold for CRBC to review:



About Encounter Linking

What is “Encounter Linking”?

Encounter linking is a foundational function of Epic’s Research Billing module. The ‘link’ is an explicit association between a specific episode of care (DOS) or an order to your study.

Why is Encounter Linking Important?

Encounter linking together with the “Active” research flag in the banner and the PRA status is what holds charges for review by CRBC. (see figure above) This ‘flag’ also enables the user to identify research encounters and orders placed for a specific study easier and to run certain reports in Epic.

When and How is the Linking Done?

Encounter linking must be done *before* the encounter is closed in Epic. It can be done at scheduling, registration or at the point of care.

Order linking must be done *before* the order is signed (or second signed).

As a study team member, you can run the “Patients on My Studies” report and

link all upcoming appointments for your research participants with a few easy clicks. See how [here](#).

Which encounters to associate?

Associate any visits or orders that are related to the patient's participation in the study and are outlined in the protocol.

Need Help?

If you need help, have questions or want to suggest topics for future newsletters you can email us at:

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