

3. *PowerChart/FirstNet/SurgiNet* Basics

PowerChart FirstNet, and SurgiNet are the automated solutions to meet the needs of healthcare providers by facilitating the accurate and timely charting of patient data. As part of *Cerner Millennium*, each patient's medical record is instantly available online, and various displays regarding the patient's status are placed at your fingertips.

PowerChart, FirstNet, and SurgiNet enable you to record the completion of tasks and enter patient results stored as part of the patient's electronic medical record. At the same time, the confidentiality of the patient is protected by security safeguards. For example, the data display is governed by your privileges and relationship with the selected patient. If you do not have the access to view a patient's data, it is not displayed for your security position.

PowerChart, FirstNet, and SurgiNet are highly interactive and designed to address the needs of care providers and medical staff. They streamline the workflow process into one desktop application, which provides access to the functions that support the electronic medical record. Use *PowerChart, FirstNet, or SurgiNet* as a tool to access patient lists, view pertinent patient information such as demographics and results, and perform functions that support clinical practice such as entering clinical documents. In addition, *PowerChart, FirstNet, and SurgiNet* provide access to other Cerner applications such as Order Management, where functions such as order entry, review, validation, and inquiry are available.

PowerChart, FirstNet, and SurgiNet are the applications used to access the electronic medical record. Each person's access depends on the professional role of the user. Since *PowerChart, FirstNet, and SurgiNet* are the basis of the patient's electronic medical record, you use it to enter orders, to document on computerized forms, and to perform other tasks.

Learning Objectives

At the end of this course, you are able to perform the following tasks.

- Log on to the appropriate application.
- Create, navigate, customize, and proxy a patient list.
- Locate and use the Rounds List

- Locate and open a patient chart.
- Access and navigate through the appropriate application.
- View, sign, review, forward, and refuse documents and orders in Message Center as well as create proxies and messages.
- Understand and use the various sections in the patient chart.
- View and graph results associated with the patient.
- View clinical notes.
- Add problems and diagnoses to the patient's chart.
- Add allergies to a patient's chart.
- View orders.
- Complete the Depart Process
- Log off the appropriate application.

Advantages of Using *PowerChart*, *FirstNet*, and *SurgiNet*

- One of the basic advantages of using *PowerChart*, *FirstNet*, and *SurgiNet* is the ability to access a patient chart from multiple computers in the organization. In addition, multiple users can access the same chart at the same time.
- Using *PowerChart*, *FirstNet*, and *SurgiNet* decreases the number of times needed to manually step through the process of requesting a chart.
- Charts are not lost or misplaced.
- Patient information and results are updated in real time.
- Earlier detection of negative patient trends is possible due to the availability of results from all settings of care.
- The point and click *Windows* format makes the *Cerner* system easier to learn because it does not require the memorization of multiple keyboard strokes and abbreviations.