

Appointment Reminders & Ticklers

Appointment reminders and ticklers are emails and/or text messages that are sent to patients prior to their appointment, as a reminder to come in.

Benefits:

- Decrease no-show rates
- Improve patient satisfaction with helpful reminders for appointments
- Ensure patients receive timely follow-up services and/or preventative care
- Increase revenue with maximizing appointments per unique patient



Key Features:

- Automatic reminders to patients with scheduled appointments
- Uses best method to reach patient – either email, text, or phone call, based on registration data
- Ticklers remind patients when they are due to schedule new appointments for overdue services related to follow-up or preventative care
- Decreases risk for providers by having documented communication to patients with overdue services
- Automatic messaging through athena requiring no additional administrative work

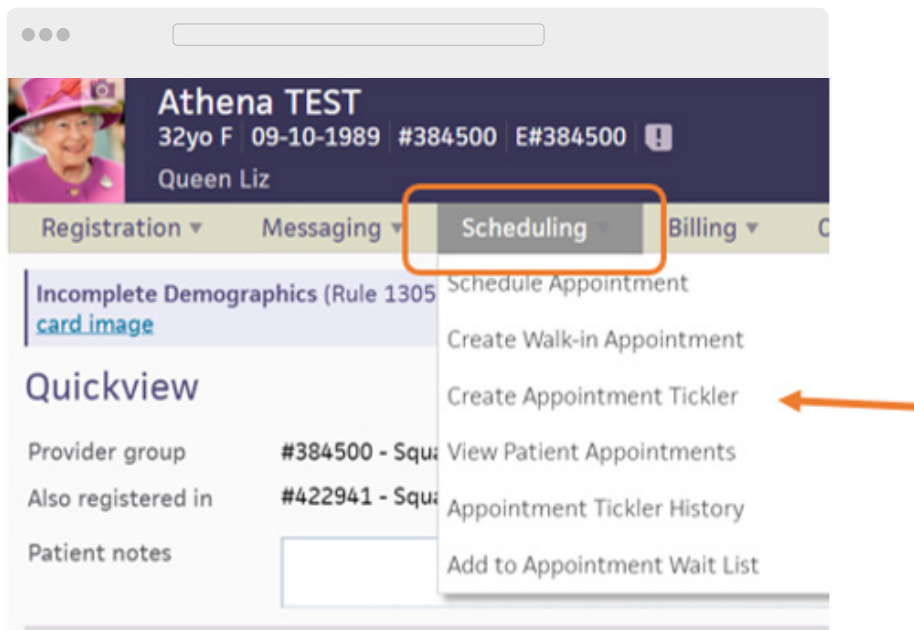
Create Appointment Ticklers:

There are two options to create an appointment tickler.

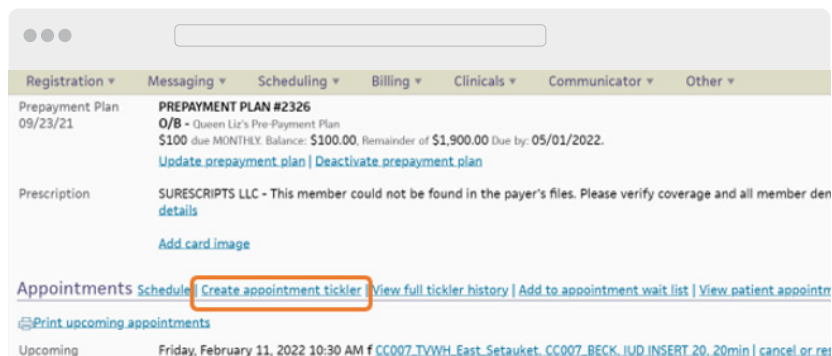
1. Create a tickler during the clinical encounter by the provider or clinical staff. This can be found in the A&P section of the encounter notes listed under follow-up.
Note: For ticklers through the patient encounter, alarm must be turned on in order for patient to receive the notification.
2. Appointment ticklers can also be created from the patient appointment page. The tickler should be based on follow-up as recommended by the providers notes for returning to office, which are listed at the bottom of the encounter.

Adding an appointment tickler:

Search for the patient and you will be routed to the patient quickview. Click Scheduling and select Create Appointment Tickler.

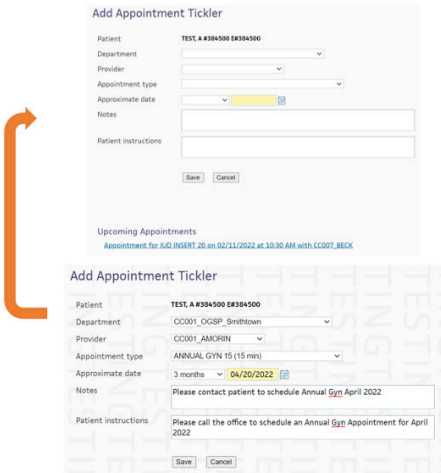


In the "Appointments" section of the patient quickview, click "Create Appointment Tickler".



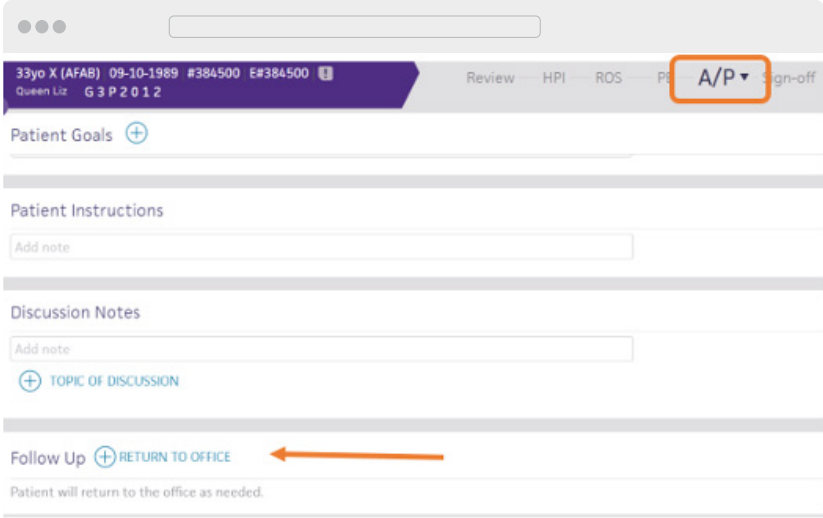
The Add Appointment Ticker section will display. Complete the filters and select "Save". Also if the patient has any upcoming appointments set up prior to the appointment tickler, then it will appear on the bottom of the page.

ONCE THE TICKLER IS SAVED, THE PATIENT WILL SEE A MESSAGE IN THEIR PORTAL THAT AN APPOINTMENT WAS RECOMMENDED, ALONG WITH A PROMPT TO CALL AND SCHEDULE.



To add a return to office tickler from within the patient encounter, see below steps:

"Return to Office" can be completed by the patient encounter workflow. The Assessment & Plan section of the patient encounter workflow has a "Return to Office" option.



Select a time for the follow-up appointment. Select the desired provider for the follow-up appointment. Select the type of follow-up appointment. Select the department and set the alarm. If you want to set a reminder alarm for scheduling the follow-up appointment, select a timeframe for scheduling the appointment. If an alarm is set, a Return to Office document (RTO document) is created along with the appointment tickler.

Note: RTO documents are created in a "SUBMITTED" status and not assigned to anyone. If the number of alarm days elapses, RTO documents are moved to "FOLLOW UP" status and assigned to a provider.

The screenshot shows a software interface for creating a 'Return to Office' document. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Review', 'HPI', 'ROS', 'PE', 'A/P', and 'Sign-off'. Below this, the main content area is titled 'Follow Up' with a '+ RETURN TO OFFICE' button and a 'Next' button. The main content area contains the following information: '3 months for Annual gyn 15', 'Lisa Amorin, OB/GYN | CC001_OGSP_Smithtown', and 'Please contact patient to schedule Annual Gyn April 2022'. Below this, there is a form with the following fields: 'When' (set to 'today/ASAP'), 'Provider' (set to 'CC001_AMORIN'), 'Appointment' (empty), 'Department' (set to 'Cc001_ogsp_smithtown'), 'Alarm' (set to 'no alarm'), and 'Note' (empty). Orange arrows point to each of these fields.

If you need assistance, contact clinicaloperations@unifiedhc.com