Key Steps to Performing an Assessment

1. Open the client chart. 
   - Click each category under the Initial Assessment, Labs, and Medical Management tabs to see all available assessment data.
2. Link or "cluster" all client data that may be relevant to a nursing diagnosis.
   - Activate the relevant data by clicking on it. The data will then appear italicized.
   - Click the Framework Category with which you want to associate your data.
3. Perform a virtual exam.
   - Click the Exam button  on the navigation bar.
   - Follow the on-screen directions provided.
4. Identify collaborative problems.
   - Activate the relevant client data by clicking on it.
   - Click the Collaborative Problems button.
   - Type in a Collaborative Problems and click Confirm.

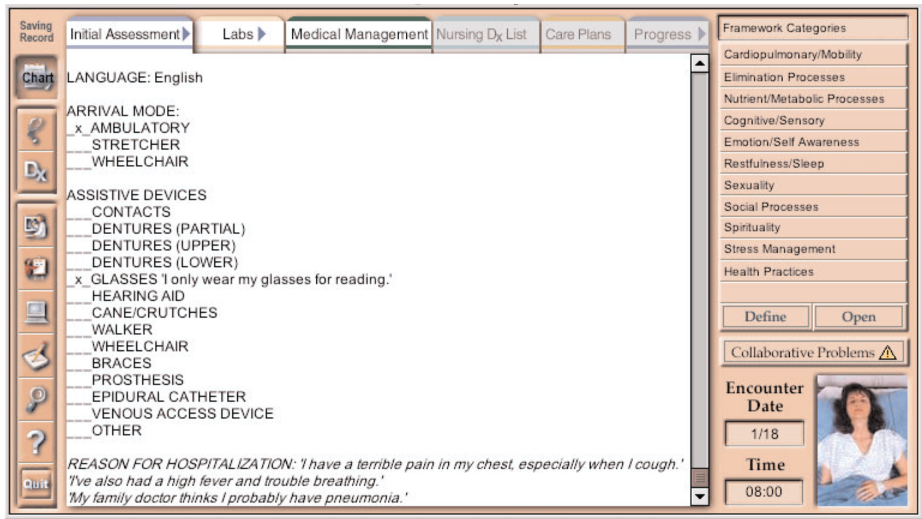

Figure 1a. The Chart button allows you access to the Initial Assessment, Labs, and Medical Management information.

5. Conclude the client assessment.
   - Confirm that all steps have been completed.
   - Click the Select Diagnosis button.

Selecting Nursing Diagnoses

1. Click each framework category button to review the assessment data linked to each Framework Category.
2. Select the Nursing Diagnoses.
   - Compare the linked data with the defining characteristics of the possible diagnoses for that category.
   - Select the diagnoses that most closely mirror the client data that you linked.Note: You can select multiple diagnoses within each framework category.
   - Click to select the linked client data (in field #2) that support each diagnosis.
   - Confirm the diagnosis and type in an etiology for each diagnosis selected.
   - Repeat for each Framework Category.

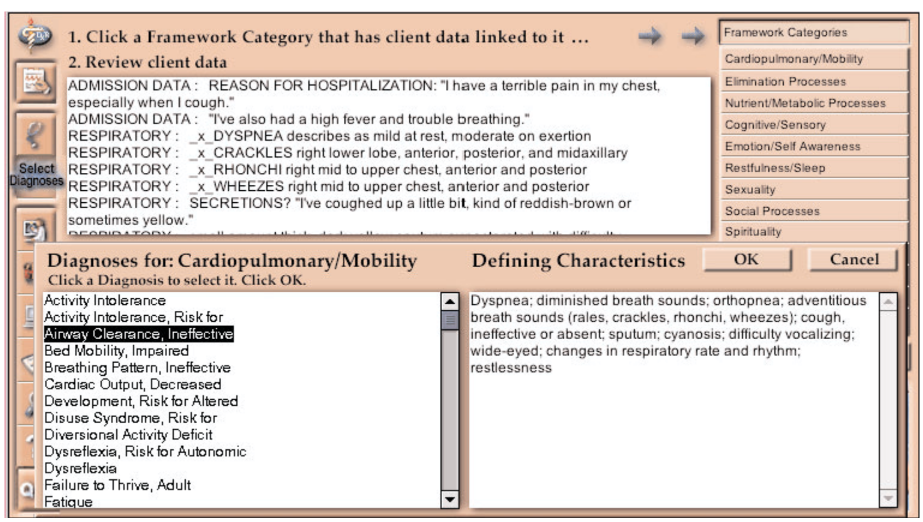

Figure 2a. The Select Diagnosis screen.

3. Prioritize the diagnoses.
   - Review the selected Nursing Diagnoses and prioritize the diagnosis list, giving the highest priority (1) to the diagnosis that requires immediate attention.
   - Click End Select Dx/Prioritization to begin creating care plans for the approved nursing diagnoses.

NOTE: After you click End Select Dx/Prioritization, you will not be able to re-prioritize your Nursing Dx List.

Key Steps to Creating Care Plans

1. Reviewing the list of approved Nursing Diagnoses.
   • Click the drop-down menu labeled Nursing Diagnosis.
   • The list in the menu represents the case author-approved diagnoses.
2. Creating a Care Plan for each diagnosis.
   • Select a diagnosis from the Nursing Diagnosis menu.
   • Select appropriate Nursing Interventions for this Dx.
   • Enter a rationale for each group of Nursing Interventions.
   • Repeat for all diagnoses in the list.
3. Type in a Teaching Plan and Discharge Plan Summary, if required.
4. When the Care Plans are completed, click Print All Care Plans if you want to print out your care plans, then click Implement All Plans to continue. You will advance to a new period of virtual time.

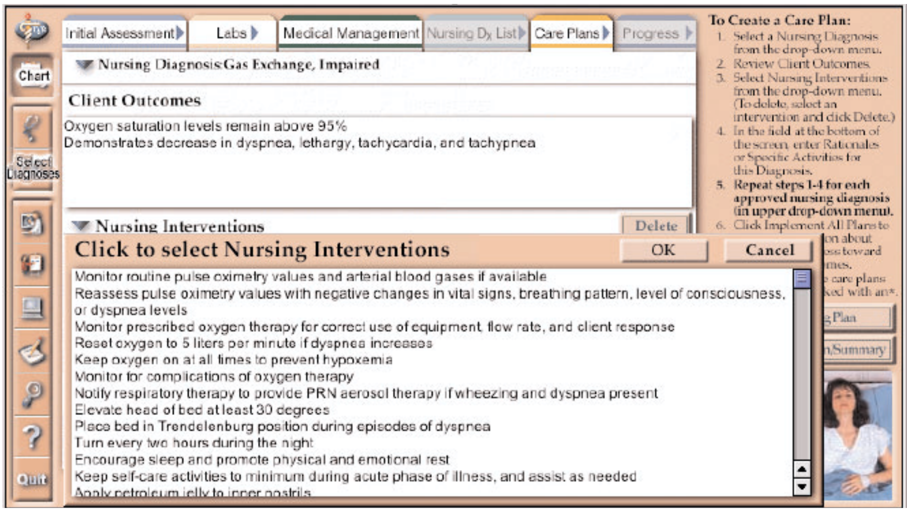

Figure 3a. The Care Plans screen.

Key Steps to Progress & Evaluation

1. Under the Progress tab, select each menu item and review the new data on how the client is progressing after a period of virtual time.
   • Progress Reports text can be linked to any of the outcomes for the Current Diagnoses (see #2).
   • Review the nurse-client audio scenario (found in the Nursing Notes) and copy any important information from the transcript into your Nursing Notes.
   • Flow sheets are charts that you can summarize in your nursing notes.
2. Link client Progress information to the appropriate client outcomes.
   • Select/activate any important information from the Progress Reports or Nursing notes.
   • Click Current Diagnoses and then select the diagnosis that the selected client information pertains to.
   • When the Outcomes for this Diagnosis appear, click the outcome with which you want to associate the activated text.
   • Review the Labs and Medical Management tabs if they become active and link any pertinent information to the appropriate outcomes as described above.
3. Review outcomes for all current diagnoses in light of the new client information.
   • Click Nursing Dx List and mark diagnoses as resolved itso warranted by the Progress data.
   • Click Add to select and add new diagnoses as needed for this client.
4. Revise Care Plans for ongoing diagnoses and create new Care Plans for new diagnoses.
5. Click Implement All Plans and repeat the Progress Evaluation process.

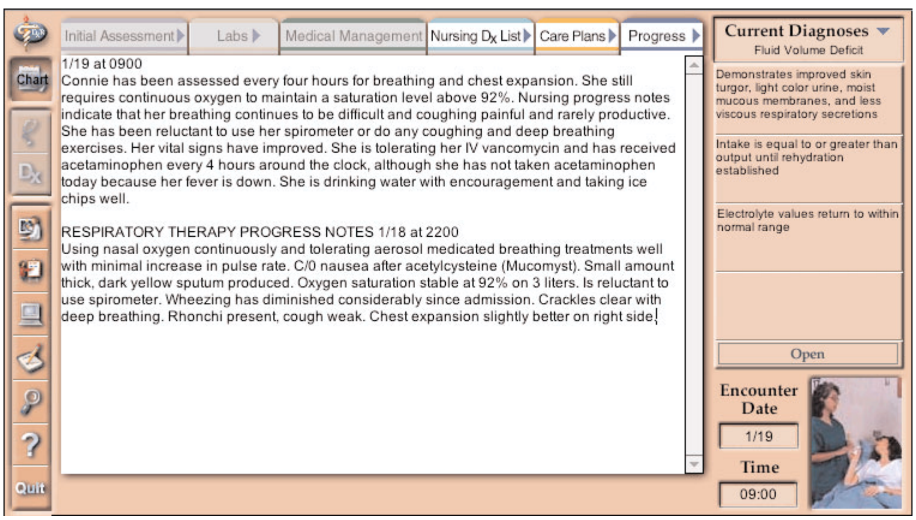

Figure 4a. The Progress screen.