Well Baby/Child Care in a WRHA Primary Care setting

A system to provide consistent, evidence based and comprehensive well baby/child care within a collaborative, team-based environment

Goals

- Provide safe and evidence-based care for well baby/child up to and including 5 years of age
- optimize collaborative practice for well baby/child care
- all professionals will have the opportunity to practice to their full scope of practice
- maximize RN role in the care of well baby/child
- facilitate effective communication to avoid duplication and/or missed interventions/assessments
- expand on certain topics within the Rourke record and address other topics that may not be identified in the Rourke but identified in the literature as important keys to well child care

Why and How We Created This Method of Practice

- Recognized that there was potential to further maximize the RN scope of practice within the multidisciplinary environment
- Consulted nurse practitioners and registered nurses in primary care; along with public health nurses, physicians, support staff, clinic management, primary care program specialist and patients in developing and refining the process

The method is intended to assist care but does not replace clinical judgment

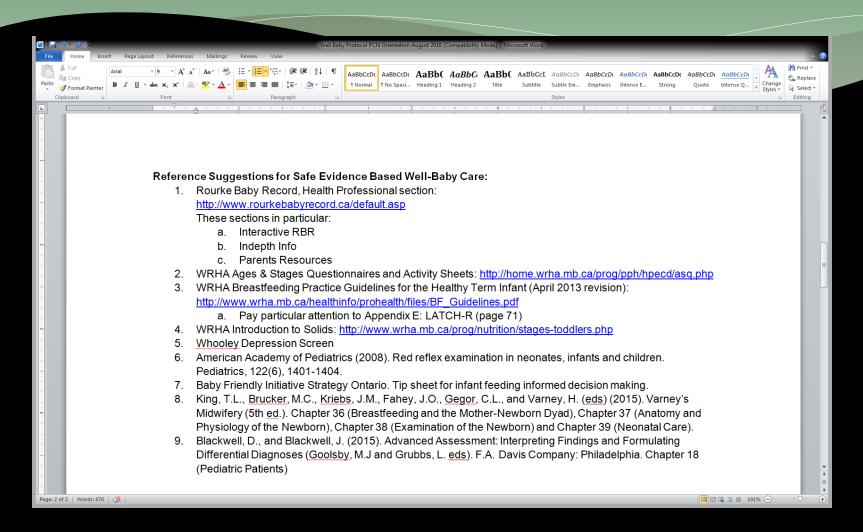
Clinic Preparation: Is Your Clinic Ready?

- Successful implementation of the approach requires engagement of all team members and strong leadership:
 - Be ready to embrace change
 - Be ready to actively practice interdisciplinary collaborative care
 - All staff are essential players
- Successful integration requires 1-2 people to act as clinical lead at each site

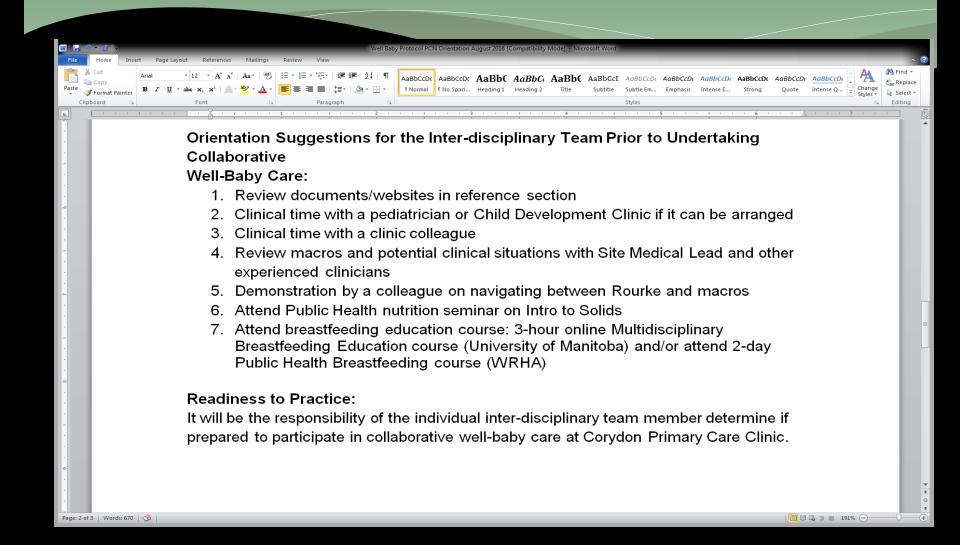
Professional Preparation

- It is strongly recommended that each professional familiarize themselves with the provision document <u>and</u> review reference documents prior to embarking on collaborative well baby/child care
- It is the responsibility of each professional to ensure s/he is prepared and accountable for the care s/he provides.
- It is the responsibility of each professional to understand and practice within the limits of their professional college's Code of Ethics, Standards of Practice, Competencies and the Registered Health Professions Act.
- Optimal practice within the clinic should include active participation by one RN on the WRHA Baby Friendly Initiative committee.

Professional Preparation: Reference Documents



Professional Preparation: Orientation & Readiness to Practice



Necessary Documents

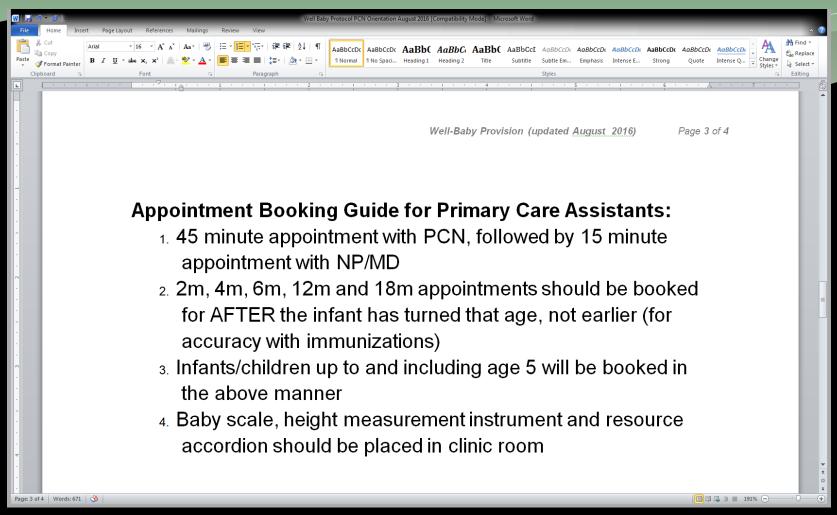
The following documents are critical to the success of this collaborative approach:

- Booking guide and macro for PCAs
- Charting macros (vary for age)
- Health Professional tips document
- Resource lists for accordion (paper handouts)
- Resource lists to be emailed to parents
- Interdisciplinary care info (collaborative transition)

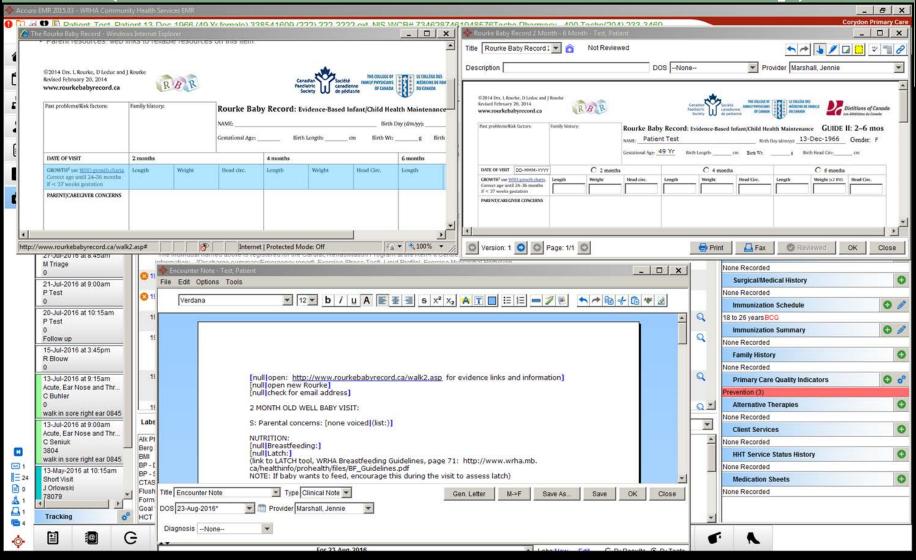
Example of Macro Use

- It is recommended that 3 documents be opened simultaneously for easy transition between the documents during a well baby/child visit
- While initially cumbersome, familiarity using this approach ensures all aspects of the visit are covered
- We will walk you through a typical visit and the documents used in the next series of slides

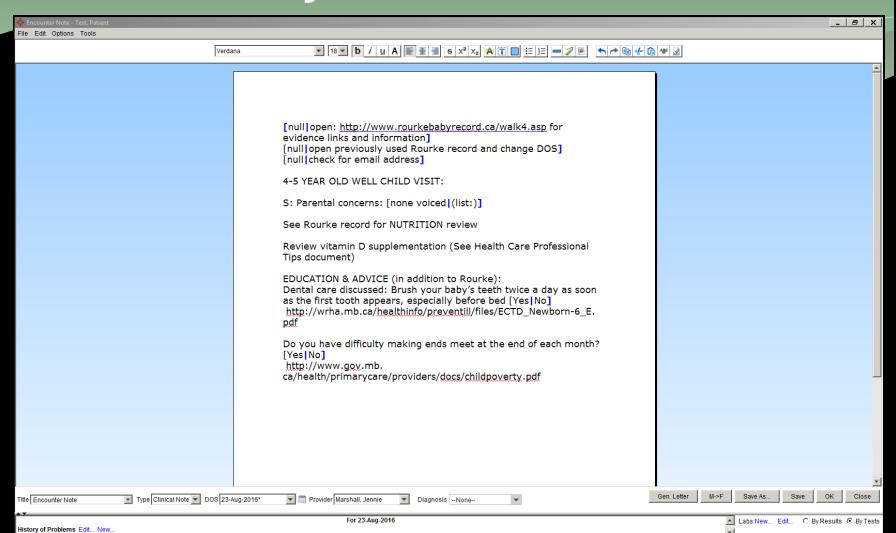
Example: 4-5 year old well child: appointment booking



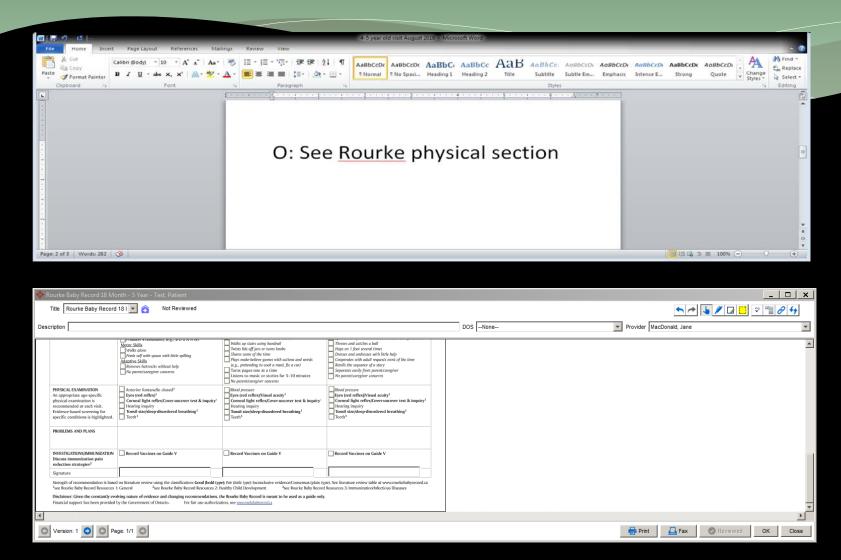
Example of Macro Use (3 documents in use simultaneously)

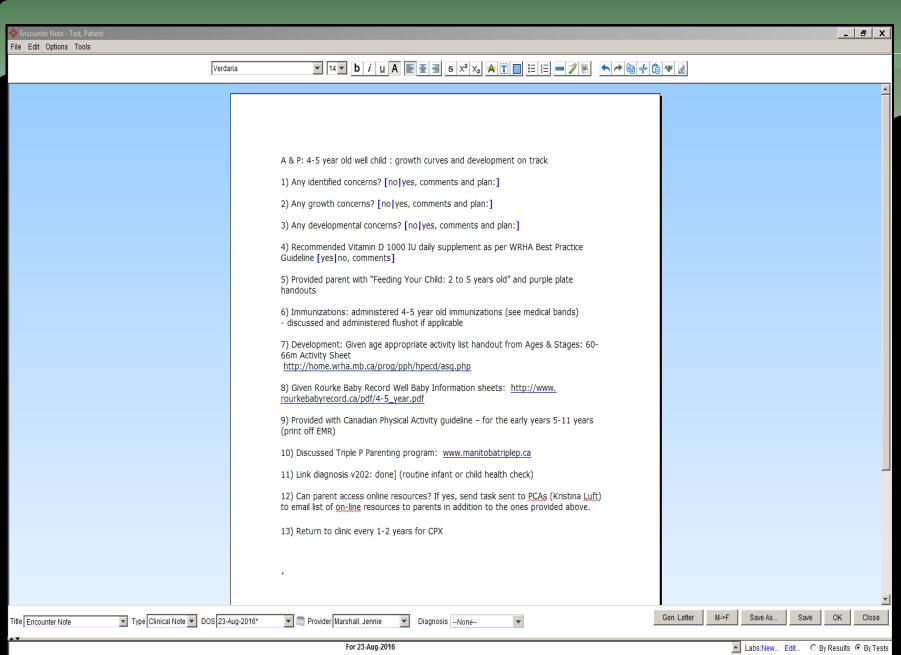


Example: 4-5 year old well child: subjective section

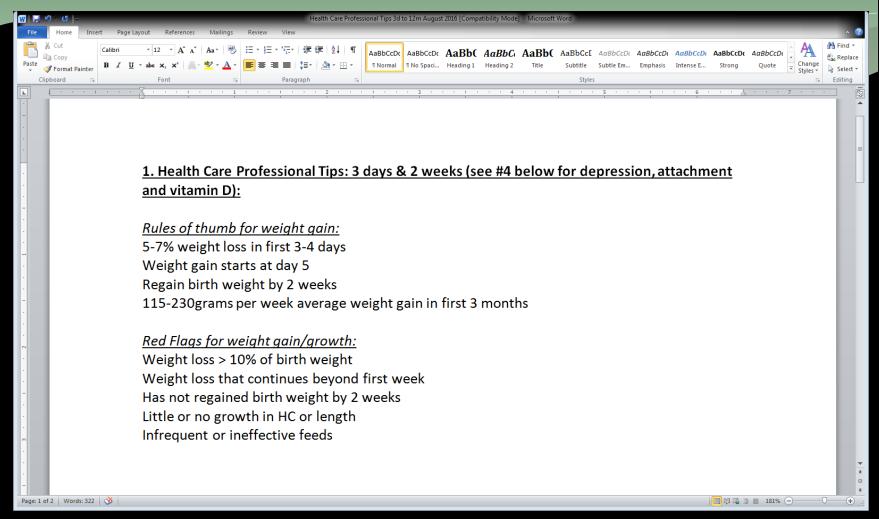


Example: 4-5 year old well child: objective section

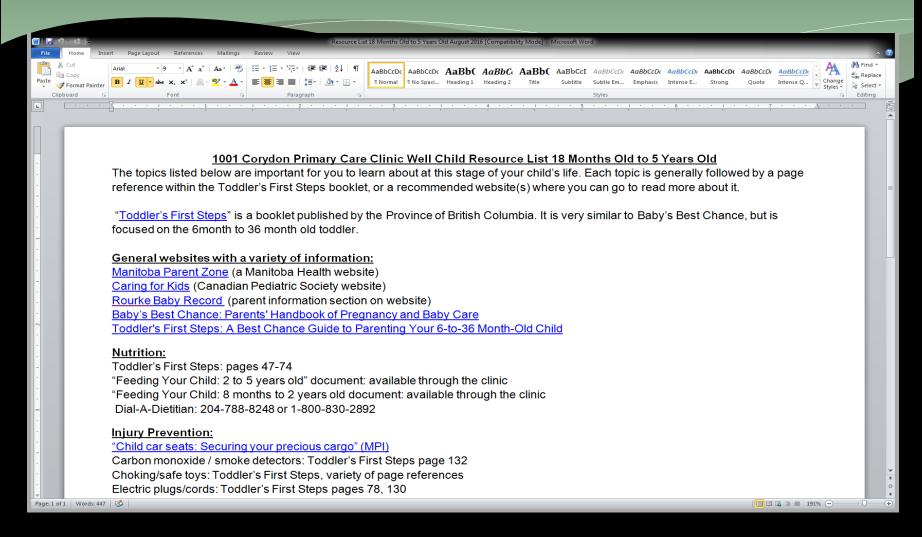




Example of portion of health care professional tips document



Example of a portion of a Parental Resource List





After PCN has seen patient and before NP/MD has seen patient.

- Essential for continuity of care
- Essential for successful use of care provision method
- Critical for building professional competency and trust between providers and patient
- Summary handoff should include: any red flags seen, any concerns raised, nursing opinion of how infant is doing

Looking to the Future

- It took 1001 Corydon 18 months to create, adopt and evaluate this method
- Currently patient is seen first by PCN then NP/MD
- Option in future: alternate appointments between PCN and NP/MD
- Integration of documents/method into EMR...
- Regular evaluation/updates coordinated by Primary Care Specialist, including all WRHA primary care clinics?
- Consideration of creating a similar system of care for the older well child
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