With the use of Best Practices, clinical documentation for restraint assessment is significantly improved.

### Purpose
- **Violent restraint order compliance**: To ensure that all records for violent restraints met documentation standards in 2014.
- **Non-violent restraint order compliance**: To improve the documentation of non-violent restraints.

### Evidence
- **Compliance increased significantly at Cooper University Hospital, Camden, NJ**: When best practice alerts were added for nurses when no current restraint order was present, compliance with internal and external standards improved significantly. (Source: March 5, 2009 NACNS National Conference, March 5, 2009)

### Implementation
1. Develop and implement tools in the Epic to remind practitioners of the required restraint orders.
2. Streamline clinical documentation for restraint assessment in a timely manner.
3. Implement best practice advisories when restraints are applied but no restraint order is present.
4. Worklist Tasks added for initial restraint assessment and re-assessments added to Epic July, 2014.

### Outcomes
- **91% of records for non-violent restraints had the required restraint orders in 2014**.

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