

# 10 REASONS WHY EPIC ISN'T BUILT FOR SPORTS MEDICINE

	Smart SportsMed Group Requirements	How EPIC Would Handle This	Why That's Acceptable/Impossible
1	To be able to create and manage athletes, not patients.	If you're logging injuries in Epic, every athlete that has ANY kind of injury must be entered as a patient.	Do you need to create a patient profile for a sprained ankle that doesn't need a visit to any of your physicians? <i>This can lead to wasted time, effort, and database resources to build patients who have no clinical encounters.</i>
2	To be able to document notes and actions for an athlete (SOAP Notes, Concussion Tests, Treatments, etc.)	There's only one way to document in Epic without creating a billable encounter - a blank note.	Blank notes don't offer any structure or guidance to simplify and support best practices in managing an athlete's health and performance.
3	To have mobile access to log, track and communicate from the field, sideline, or injury site.	Epic is built to be optimized and used on a desktop or laptop in the office. It lacks many features for mobile environment.	ATs spend almost all of their time in the field, not at a desk or behind a computer. <i>They need access to detailed SOAP Notes, Concussion Tests, and Live Secure Chat with coaches and parents.</i>
4	To have the ability to look athletes up by school or sport.	Epic does not have the capability to create, sort, or search athletes in this manner.	Accessing athletes quickly in the app, is important for athletic trainers dealing with injuries happening in real time.
5	An efficient way to log treatments from the sidelines or the training room.	Epic needs a billing CPT code for logging treatments.	No athletic trainers bill for their services at the high school level.

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6	To have the ability to communicate securely ( <i>HIPAA compliant text and video</i> ) with coaching staff about injuries.	Epic only communicates via the portal with patients	Making sure your coaching staff understands where each injured athlete is, with regards to their recovery, is key to reducing re-injury.
7	To have the ability to communicate securely ( <i>HIPAA compliant text and video</i> ) with parents and caregivers about their children's injuries.	Epic only communicates via their MyChart app. The communication is only via email, not text or video.	Most injured athletes aren't patients of a health system at the time of injury. If they aren't patients, the parents or caregivers would have no way to contact the athletic trainer.
8	To access/see which of their athletes have "open" injuries. These injuries are non-clinical and awaiting assessment or follow-up.	Epic requires a patient record, and a billable encounter.	An athlete injured during a game, who ultimately can be treated on the sideline or post-game treatment room, does not need clinical encounters built and managed - especially when that requires a blank note.
9	Easily build and collect forms for different teams, schools, and individual athletes.	Epic handles forms by requiring PDF downloads from MyChart. These forms would then need printed, collected, translated, and uploaded back into Epic.	Downloading, filling out, and then uploading is too time consuming and difficult for most parents. This makes adherence and engagement low. Yet forms, like state participation forms, are a critical component of AT compliance.
10	To have the ability to send educational materials and promotions to their network of athletes and parents.	Epic shares documents via individual patients through MyChart ( <i>see issues above</i> ).	Sharing documents or promotional announcements with "schools" or "teams" is not something that can be done in Epic.

**! The biggest problem with Epic is that it doesn't allow me the organization I need.** After researching, and experience using other programs, I think Healthy Roster would be the best option for my needs. **!**