

ED Documentation

WDL and Documenting by Exception

Document by Exception -

- Assessments are designed for you to “document by exception.”
- This means only document on what applies to this patient; in other words only the Yes’.

WDL - Assessments built with a WDL format.

- WDL is Within Defined Limits.
- A WDL descriptor defines parameters for what is normal.
- If the patient is within the defined limits, select the **WDL** option.
- If the patient is NOT within defined limits, select the WDL Except option. Then ONLY document the exceptions. Document only on the questions that a pertinent to this patient.

ED Focal Head To Toe Assessmnt - Emergency Dept RN 08/24/14 1254	
Gastrointestinal Parameters	
	<input type="radio"/> WDL <input type="radio"/> WDL Except
	Within Defined Limits (WDL) Appropriate for Age/Developmental Level as evidenced by:
Gastrointestinal Parameters	-Abdomen soft, non-tender, non-distended -No ostomy, tubes or drains -Denies nausea, vomiting, diarrhea or constipation -Bowel sounds active in all 4 quadrants