

# Vascular Access FAQs

## Question

Will I need to enter a patient's Vascular Access every month in CROWNWeb, even if it's the same? Some of our patients have had the same Access Type for many years.

## Answer

Not exactly. Once the patient's Access Type, State of Access, and Measurements have been entered into CROWNWeb this info will carry-over from month-to-month (i.e. the data entered in January will be pre-populated into February.) **However, the "Date Access Type Changed" WILL NOT carry-over from month-to-month; each facility will need to go into CROWNWeb monthly and enter the date the access type shown became effective.** (This date will be the same from month-to-month as long as the access type remains unchanged.) And, if the Access data for a patient *changes*, the facility needs to update the information with a new "Date Access Type Changed."

## Question

What if the patient had his/her Access Type before our current Admit Date in CROWNWeb? What date should we enter?

## Answer

**If the patient's Access Type changed prior to his/her admission to your facility, it is suggested that you use the patient's current Admit Date as a default.\*\*** Currently, a facility cannot report on information collected prior to a patient's admission date. By entering the Admit Date, you are indicating the Access Type that was effective when the patient was admitted to your facility.

**\*\* Please note that this also applies to AV Fistula Usable Date and AV Fistula Creation Date.**