



OSCAR BC

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TOP 10 TIPS FOR MEASUREMENTS

Quick reference for clinic teams using OSCAR

1

Always use the Measurements module

Enter vitals and indicators (BP, weight, BMI, smoking status) via the Measurements module—not as free text in notes. This enables flowsheets, graphs, and eForms.

2

Enter data in the correct format

BP must include “/” between systolic/diastolic. Numeric fields must not contain symbols like “<” or “>”. Incorrect formats are rejected or break graphs.

3

Save via the module, not chart notes

Always save measurements through the module so values populate trends, decision-support tools, and reporting.

4

Clean up your measurement list

In Admin → System Management → Custom Measurements, retire duplicates and unused items to reduce clicks and selection errors.

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Edit measuring instructions

Make instructions concise and professional (e.g., “Weight: ___ kg”). Match validation rules to the data type (numeric range, yes/no, date).

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Build focused measurement groups

Create groups like “Quick Vitals” or “ICBC Intake” to surface only needed fields in the right order for your workflow.

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Only numeric measurements graph reliably

Avoid text/symbols in fields you want to trend. For labs like “<0.08,” consider a numeric proxy (e.g., 0), if your team agrees.

8

Use built-in calculators/eForms

Leverage tools like the BMI Calculator to auto-convert units (lbs→kg) and compute derived values, reducing manual errors.

9

Know how to exit safely

If you entered on the wrong date/chart, choose to discard changes rather than closing and leaving incorrect data.

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Assign an owner and standardize

Designate someone to maintain measurement types/groups and enforce one consistent approach across providers.

Source: OSCAR Lounge – Measurements in OSCAR EMR (Apr 2026)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wk9Wb-0L3tU>

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