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SOAP Notes for Better Maintenance of Records by [Julia Roger](#)

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SOAP notes are useful way of maintaining information and records related to treatment of a patient. SOAP stands for subjective, objective, assessment and plan and offers a standard and convenient template to health service providers to fill up the record of a patient. One of the main reasons for the soap notes being so successful is the fact that it standardizes the whole process of maintaining patient related notes. As a result, there is no important piece of information about the treatment process that is left out for any reason. When it comes to treatment of a patient, there are a lot of details that could be significant, whether it is the medical history of the patient, surgical history, history of medications or any other relevant information that could be used in the future.

SOAP notes allow practicing doctors to not only record details of a patient but also provide assessment of the condition of the patient. It is a useful tool to note the current symptoms as well as other significant changes like the response of a patient to a particular treatment..

In fact, the use of therapy software and other forms of technology to consistently maintain patient related records and medical history, has made the whole treatment process very efficient. The software ensures that proper backup of all records is maintained and therefore available at any given stage. At the same time, the software makes sure that there are proper tools to record observations and assessments, along with proper planning and implementation of treatments. It helps in making the process efficient and highly flexible, maintaining compliance with standard norms for recording and storing information as far a patient's medical history and treatment process is concerned.

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