**FetaLink is a maternal and fetal monitoring system that facilitates the flow of data from medical devices in a manner that supports display needs of clinicians in the acute and ambulatory setting. Patients who are being continually monitored for long periods of time need to have episodes finalized periodically to prevent system slowness.**
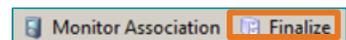
## Long Term Antepartum Inpatient

If a patient is being continuously monitored, finalize the current fetal monitoring episode at a pre-determined time to send to archive. For example, every day at 0600, finalize all long-term continuous tracings.
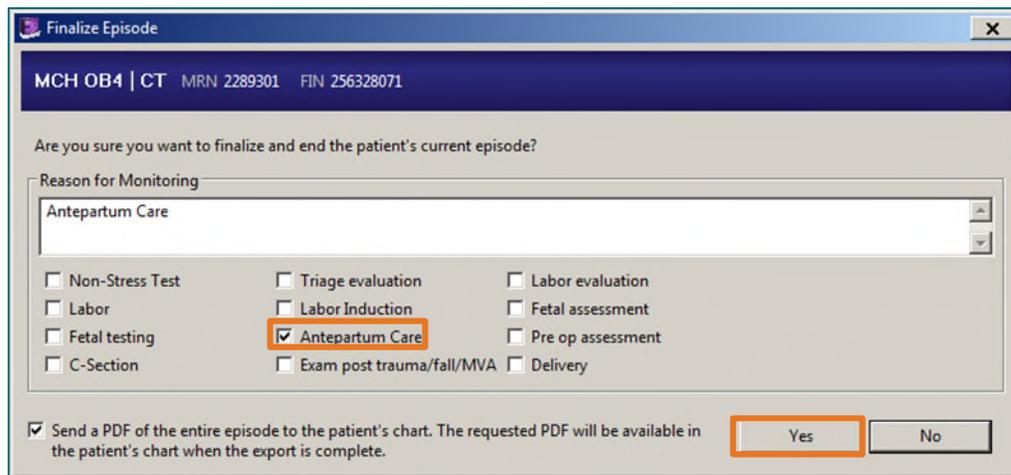
Finalizing a Fetal Monitor Episode

**STEP 1**: Select the patient from the census list.

**STEP 2**: Select **Finalize**.

**STEP 3**: Enter **Reason for Monitoring** as **Antepartum Care** and select **Yes**.



**STEP 4**: Start a new fetal monitoring episode for the next 24-hour period.

## Associate the Patient to Fetal Monitoring

If the patient is needing intermittent monitoring using a stationary fetal monitor, disassociate the patient from the monitor when not being actively monitored. Re-associate the patient to the same monitor (do not use the monitor for any other patients in the interim) to have a continuous tracing without blank spaces in between monitoring sessions.

## Disassociating the Patient from the Fetal Monitor
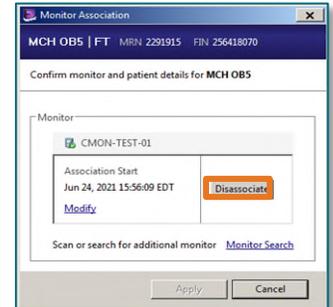
**STEP 1**: Select **Monitor Association**.

**STEP 2**: Select **Disassociate**.

**STEP 3**: Select **Apply**.

## Accessing Archived Strips

➢ Archived strips can be accessed via FetaLink Archive or within the Fetal Monitoring component on the Prenatal or Triage/Ante/Labor MPages in PowerChart.