

**Read the Wrinkles. Understand
the Whole.**

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Good tailors don't just look at how a garment fits.

They read the wrinkles.

Horizontal lines can mean the fabric is too tight.

Vertical folds can signal excess fabric.

Diagonal lines may reveal pulling or distortion.

Each wrinkle is a clue to what's happening somewhere else.

Legal nurse consultants do something very similar when they review medical records.

A record may contain all the expected pieces and still not fit together comfortably.

Dates conflict.

Documentation is repeated without adding anything meaningful.

Events don't follow the sequence you would expect.

One provider's account doesn't quite align with another's.

The documented narrative seems to be under tension.

New LNCs sometimes focus on what each individual record says.

Experienced LNCs also look at how the records fit **together**.

That means noticing when:

- the narrative is under tension
- excess information obscures what matters
- the timeline doesn't flow
- patterns emerge across multiple sources
- something simply isn't "hanging right"

The goal isn't to make the evidence fit a theory.

It's to recognize where the evidence itself tells you to look more closely.

Look beyond what's obvious.

Recognize the patterns.

Build a clear, defensible picture.

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TAILORS AND LNCS SEE WHAT OTHERS MISS.



TAILORS READ FABRIC.

LNCS READ RECORDS.



HORIZONTAL LINES

THE NARRATIVE
IS UNDER TENSION



VERTICAL
LINES & FOLDS

EXCESS INFO



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