

10.08. Patient medication records

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Introduction

A Patient Medication Record (PMR) is a way of recording all the medications a person is using, whether or not they were dispensed by you. The record contains useful information for the patient such as

- The dosage in a clear easy-to-understand format.
- An (optional) picture of the dose form (tablet, capsule, etc)
- The medication's purpose.
- Common instructions for taking/using the medicine, which may be customised for each patient

Setting up items

Before adding items it is good to set up the standard purpose, instructions and item photo for common items at least. Once set up, you can add these to a particular patient's PMR with just the click of a button.

1. Find the item you are interested in and go to the dispensing tab

The screenshot shows the 'Item details...' window with the 'Dispensing' tab selected. The item name is 'GLIBENCLAMIDE SMG TAB'. The 'Store' is set to 'Dispensary'. The 'Picture' field shows a green circle with a pink diagonal line. The 'Medication Purpose' field contains 'To control blood sugar'. The 'Patient instructions' field contains 'Take this medicine immediately after food.' The 'Default Directions' table lists three directions: '1 2t bd pc uat', '2 1t bd pc uat', and '3 1t od pc uat'. The 'Warn if user tries to issue more than:' field is set to '0'. The 'Print out the units for this item on labels:' checkbox is disabled, with a red message: 'This option has been disabled as you have choosen to 'Always print item units' in the mSupply preferences.'

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2	1t bd pc uat
3	1t od pc uat

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3. Enter purpose and instructions. Both these fields can take as much text as you wish to enter.
4. Add a photo by either dragging a photo from another application or pasting a photo from the clipboard.



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Item: GLIBENCLAMIDE 5MG TAB 450

Dose: A.M. 1, Noon 0, P.M. 1, Bedtime 0

Standard Purpose: To control blood sugar

Standard Instructions: Take this medicine immediately after food.

Buttons: Copy, Copy, Cancel, OK

2. **Item name:** type the start of the item name and press <tab>, then select from the list
3. **Dosage:** Enter the number of tablets/drops/whatever to be taken/administered morning, noon, evening and bedtime.
4. **Purpose:** If the item has a purpose entered, click the **copy** button to copy it to the right-hand box. Here you can edit the details if you want to.
5. **Instructions:** If the item has instructions entered, click the **copy** button to copy them to the right-hand box. Again, you can edit the details if you want to.
6. Click **OK** when you're done, or cancel if you decide not to add a record.

Editing a PMR record

To edit a PMR record, double-click the entry you wish to edit, change details, and click **OK** to save the changes and close the window.

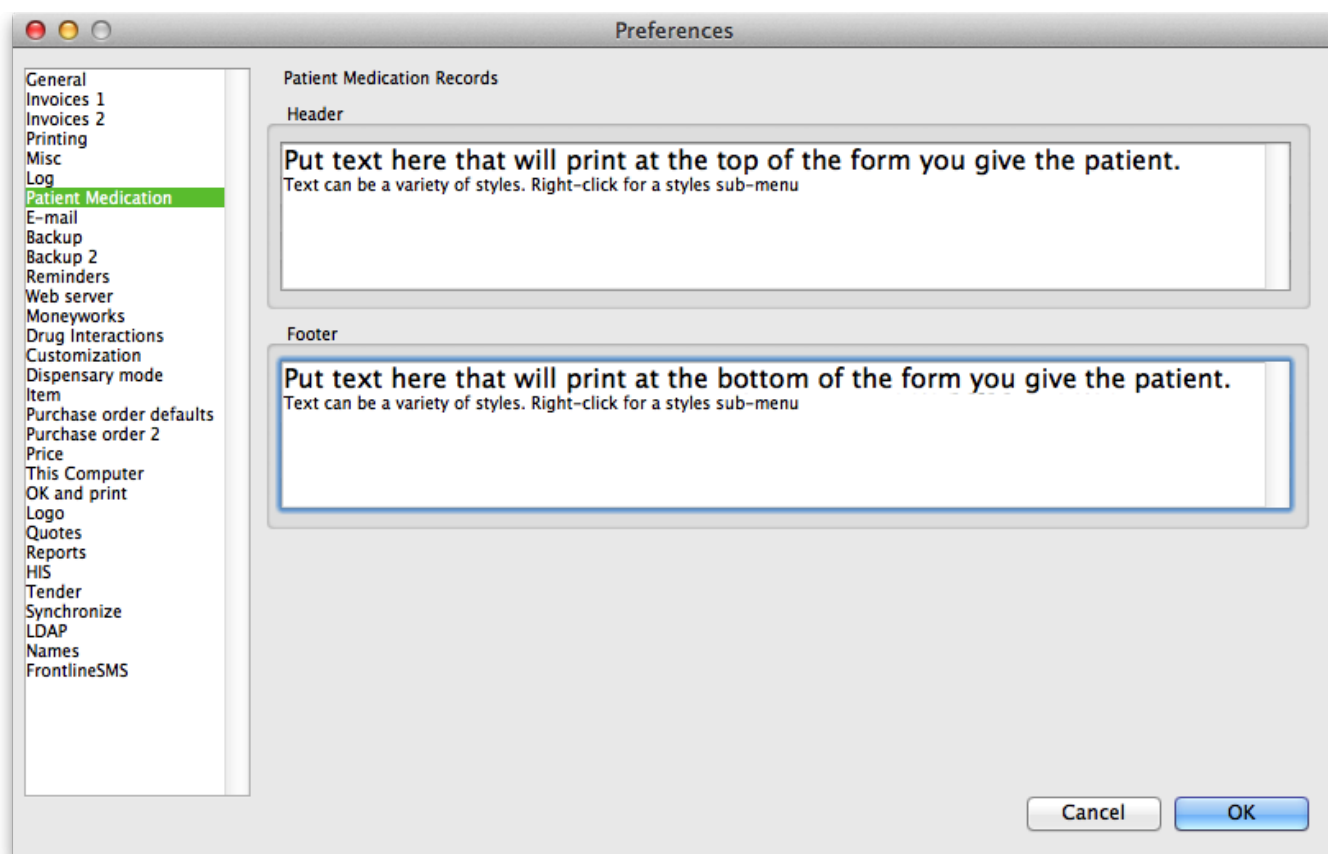
Deleting a PMR

To delete a PMR record, highlight the record(s) you wish to delete, then click the **delete** button. (Do be careful- it's not reversible!)

Printing PMRs

Setting up printing preferences

When a PMR is printed, it has a header and footer. These are set up by choosing **File > Preferences** and then clicking the **Patient Medication** tab.



Note that you can style the text in these boxes by selecting text and right-clicking on your highlighted text to get a contextual menu to apply font styles, colour and size.

Printing a PMR

Simply click the **Print** button. Note that you do not have to highlight records- all records will be printed.

Currently we have included a single PMR printing form in mSupply. We are happy to include others- send us your designs.

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