

Release Notes

MedCen 6.3 Build 1

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Childhood Immunisation Schedule

The change to the National Childhood Immunisation Schedule has now been implemented into MedCen. This includes:

1. The DTaP/Hib vaccine being replaced with Hib only at the 15-month event.
2. The Td vaccine will be replaced with dTap vaccine at the 11-year event.
3. The introduction of a Pneumococcal vaccine programme for children at high risk.

Users will now notice the changes to the schedule on the Clinical Data form, when clicking on the “Imms” tab.

Pneumococcal and Pre/Post Splenectomy Schedules

There is now a Special Schedules page, located within the Clinical Data form under the “Imms” tab. Users will now see a button labelled “Show Special Schedules”, which will show details for Pneumococcal and special Pre/Post Splenectomy events.

There are different variants of the Pneumococcal schedule, users will see these in the vaccine list when they choose “Immunise” as a service type in the transaction screen. There are three main groups, arranged by the sequence and indication. Users must choose the correct schedule to use depending on the patient’s age, risk and previous vaccines.

Recalls for Pneumococcal will be listed with other immunisations and can be viewed by using the Immunisation Recalls report tool.

MeNZB Fourth Dose Addition

MeNZB fourth dose immunisations can now be recorded, using the transaction screen. When you choose “Immunise” as a service type in the transaction screen, it is listed as an immunisation event along with other vaccines. There are two types, the standard MeNZB dose four and the splenectomy MeNZB dose four. The standard dose is listed with the other MeNZB doses as “MeNZB 4th in series”. The splenectomy dose is listed later with the other splenectomy MeNZB doses as “MeNZB (splen.) 4th in series”. Both have the same details to be completed as with other immunisation events. Users will also notice the extra textbox for the fourth dose in the Clinical Data form, under the “Imms” tab.





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Referral Writer

Due to various requests, we have applied a number of changes and fixes to this feature of MedCen.

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Other changes

-  When entering NIR details during an immunisation transaction, the full vaccine name is now presented in a scrollable text box. Previously vaccines with very long names would be truncated.
-  The Test Results Flowsheet report has been modified slightly so that results consisting of more than four characters will display properly. Previously results which were longer than four characters would be truncated to the first four characters.
-  When editing a patient, if the patient declined to state ethnicity MedCen would output a '0' in the registers, which is an invalid ethnicity. This has now been changed to output '98', which represents "Declined to State".
-  Those using the Systolic Hypertension screening, may have noticed that if the blood pressure readings were entered before the date, the readings would be lost when the user chose to save (and close) the window. This has now been fixed, so that the fields can be entered in any order.