

Release Notes

MedCen 7.1 Build 1

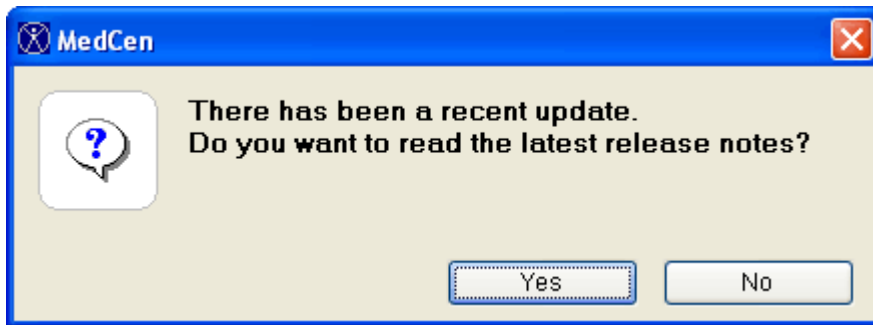


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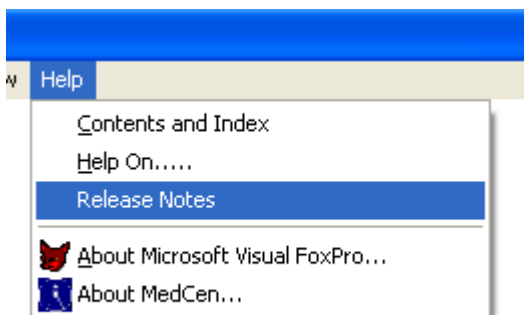
In the past we have distributed a printed copy of the release notes with our updates. The problem with this is that not everyone would get a chance to read the notes in a timely manner and often the notes would be lost amongst the vast amount of paper information that can be sent to a practice.

We now have a new way to display the release notes within MedCen so that any user can refer to them from within MedCen with a click of a button. That way everyone is able to find out the changes that have been made in the latest version, or to refresh their memory on changes made in previous versions of MedCen.

When a new update has been applied on the MedCen server, all workstations will be display the following option (while MedCen is starting):

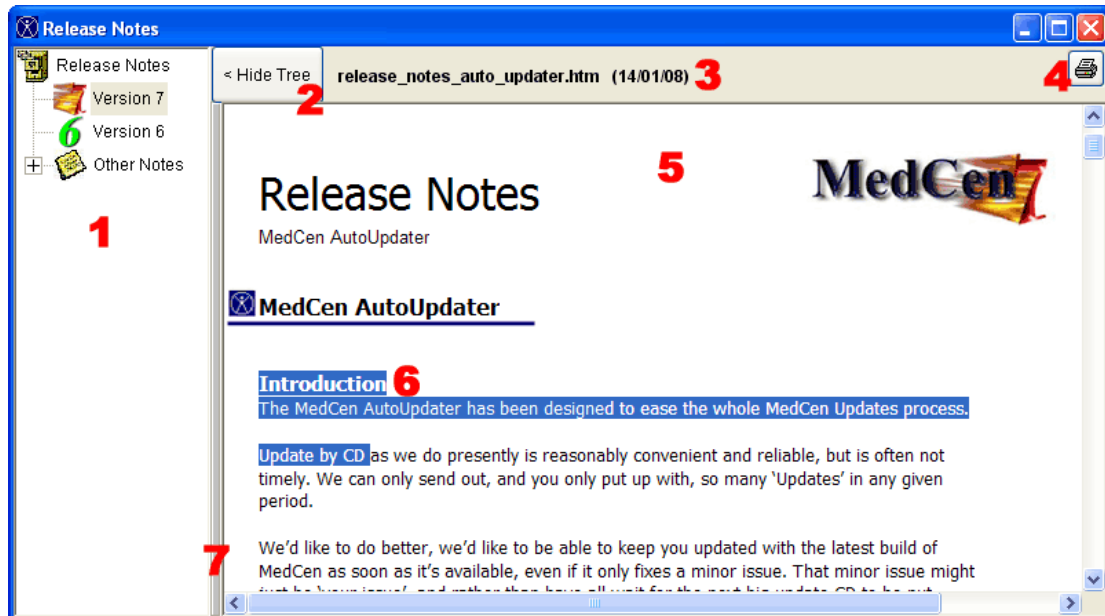


You can choose "No" at this point, where upon you will be told where to find the notes for future reference by clicking on **Help->Release Notes** in the menu, as illustrated below:



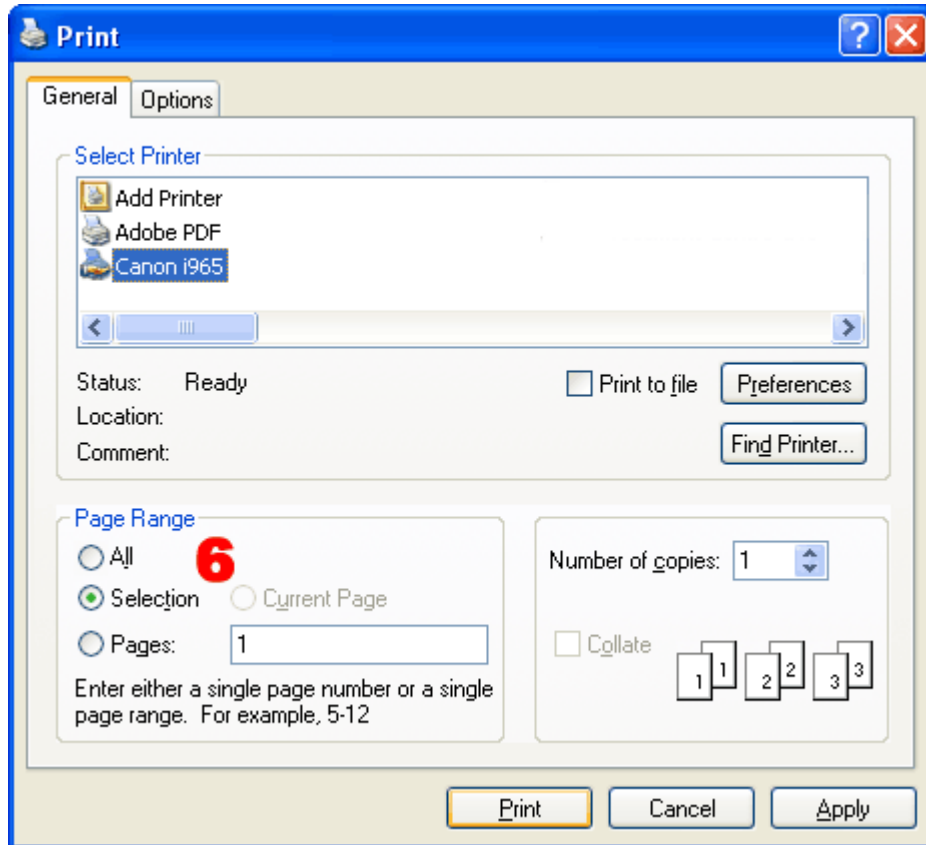
If you choose "Yes", the release notes will automatically open up when MedCen has finished starting.

The image below displays how the release notes will typically look like (**NB: the red numbers indicate areas of interest and will not be visible when viewing the release notes**):



Points to note (as numbered in the images):

1. The Release Notes tree – this is a tree list showing the currently selected set of release notes and all notes that are available for viewing. By left clicking on any item in the list, the relevant notes will be displayed. This list can be expanded by left clicking on the “+” symbol (where applicable), so that more of the list will be displayed.
2. The Hide/Show Tree button – this button is to allow more viewable space for those that prefer to read the notes on the screen (as opposed to printing the notes). It will also show the Tree list when it has been hidden.
3. Release Notes name – this will display the name and date of the currently selected set of notes.
4. The Print button – this button will open the print dialog window (illustrated below), so that you can choose your print options before printing.
5. The display area – this is where the currently selected set of notes will be displayed.
6. Selecting part of the notes – this allows you to select and print any part of the current set of notes. By left clicking and holding the mouse button down, you can drag the mouse over any area of the notes (which will highlight the area selected), once you have the desired area selected, you can release the mouse button and then click the print button. The print dialog will display allowing you to choose “All”, “Selection” or “Pages” in the page range area.
7. Window Drag 'n Drop divider – this grey bar can be moved from left to right by clicking and holding the left mouse button down, then moving the mouse either left or right and releasing the button at the desired point. This allows the user to change how much area is allocated to the tree list and the display area.



This update will only contain the notes for this release, future updates will contain more notes from previous versions.

2008 Childhood Immunisation Schedule












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

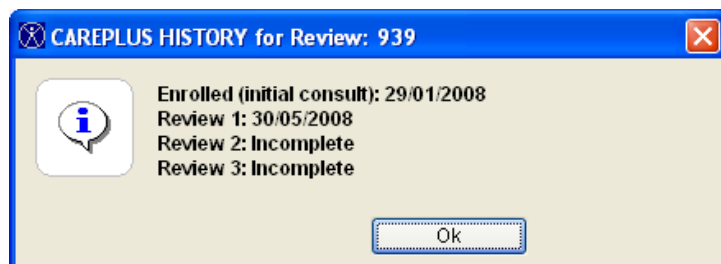
- From 1 June 2008 as children reach their 3, 5 or 15 month events they will transfer directly onto the 2008 Schedule.
- From 1 June 2008 any children overdue for either their 3 or 5 month events will be offered the DTaP-IPV-Hep B/Hib vaccine.
- DTaP-IPV-Hep B/Hib will not be scheduled should both DTaP-IPV and Hib/Hep B (or their possible alternatives) be completed.
- dTap-11y will not be scheduled should the 11 year dTap-IPV be completed
- Children born from 1 January 2008 are eligible to receive the PCV7 events from 1 June 2008.
- From 1 June 2008, children reaching 6 weeks of age will be offered the PCV7 vaccine as part of the 2008 CI Schedule. These children will be scheduled to receive the; PCV7 6 week, 3 month, 5 month and 15 month PCV7 events.
- For those children born from 1 January 2008 and who at 1 June 2008 have already received or who are overdue for their 6 week CI schedule vaccines, a 'PCV7 catch up' programme is required. This catch up programme will be based on the same timeframes and vaccine doses for PCV7 as used in the 'High Risk Pneumococcal programme'.
- the 'High Risk' Pneumococcal programme includes the additional 23PPV events, a child already on this programme will remain on this programme and not have the 2008 CI Schedule PCV7 or 'PCV7 catch up' events scheduled.
- Routine meningococcal B immunisation of all infants and children under 5 years old will stop from 1 June 2008.
- MeNZB immunisation schedules can still be started where: a doctor assesses there are indications of high risk of disease, or parents are concerned about the risk of meningococcal disease for their child under twenty years of age and the doctor agrees to MeNZB vaccination.
- Scheduled MeNZB immunisations will continue, for all individuals born before 1st June 2008. Individuals are encouraged to complete the course before 31st December 2008, with babies starting the course after February 2008, encouraged to complete the course by 1 June 2009.
- After 1st April 2009 any remaining scheduled immunisations, for those individuals who began the schedule within the national campaign (i.e. pre 01/06/2008) but have not yet received a MeNZB dose, should be removed.

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

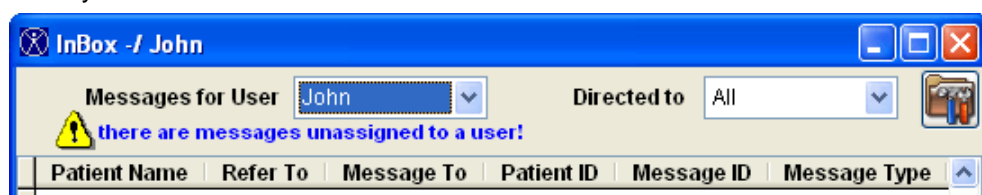
From the 'Wish List'

Every user can have a say about how they want MedCen to work for them. For each update, we try to include as many suggestions or requests that you have made. This update we included:

-  The READ code tool has been improved to instantly show matching descriptions as you type into the search box. This will only show descriptions that **start** the same as what you have typed, the search button will still find all instances of what you have typed.
-  The validity indicator now will now be imported from returning CBF registers **only** when the data is complete.
-  Adult Diphtheria-Tetanus for 45 and 65 year olds has been removed from the vaccine list. Adult Diphtheria-Tetanus Miscellaneous should be now used instead.
-  Repair Transactions (**Tools->Advanced->Repair Transactions** in the menu) has been improved so that when a transaction is deleted, its associated cheque is also removed from the cheque details table.
-  Various reports have been modified to properly display long bank numbers as saved in the doc_dat table. If there are other reports that you notice are still not displaying correctly, please advise our support staff (0800 633 236).
-  The Transaction form has an additional check when processing clinical projects, to ensure that the correct account is being billed.
-  On occasion, while recording a new immunisation in the transaction form, MedCen would pop up an error resulting in MedCen needing to be restarted. This has been fixed, to prevent MedCen from requiring a restart.
-  Page numbers have now been included on the standard prescription form, to allow the pharmacy to know that there is multiple pages. If you use a custom prescription form, please advise our support staff (0800 633 236) so that we can add this to your form.
-  Some addresses have been difficult to geo-code due to the length of the first address line. This has now been lengthened in MedCen to allow easier geo-coding.
-  CarePlus enrolment numbers will now be shown when selecting 'CarePlus' in the Clinical Projects tab of the Clinical Data form.
-  The Care Plan for CarePlus, now has a link that for displaying the CarePlus history for that current enrolment. Clicking on it will display a popup box as illustrated below.



- ❗ When searching for a READ code in the Problems/Past History tab of the Clinical Data form, the previous code/description would return if the user cancelled out of the READ code tool. This has now changed to remain as it was before the READ code tool was started.
- ❗ The phone number fields in the Edit Patient form have all been lengthened to accommodate longer phone numbers.
- ❗ Comments in the Sensitivities tab of the Prescription form have been widened to better display the comments listed.
- ❗ When updating family details in the Edit Patient screen, a new area will display allowing you to choose which fields will be updated for the entire family. This now includes the mobile phone number. Also the grid headings have 'user friendly' names.
- ❗ When inserting patient data into a letter (using the letter writer), the mobile phone number will be used if a home phone number has not been recorded for the patient.
- ❗ The Follow Ups form (**Tools->Recalls->Follow ups** in the menu), has been improved so that the tasks can be filtered for an individual user. It will show the default user's tasks for that machine. Also the grid headings have 'user friendly' names.
- ❗ The relationship field on the Family tab of the Edit Patient form will now default to the top of the list where the most common relationship types are if the field was previously empty. For those who have requested 'partner' be added as a relationship type, we have been advised that you should use the 'spouse' instead.
- ❗ When inserting patient data into a letter (using the letter writer), the mobile phone number will be used if a home phone number has not been recorded for the patient.
- ❗ The consult code used for standard ACC consults has been changed from 'CON' to 'GP1' as advised by ACC.
- ❗ Those of you that have upgraded your HealthLink software may have noticed some issues when MedCen was checking the HLink directories for any messages. These issues have been corrected.
- ❗ The Inbox has undergone several improvements, as illustrated in the image below. The filters have been added to the top of the inbox grid, these only allow you to change the current display and they **will not** remain as the default values. You must still use the properties form for setting the default values by either right clicking on the form and choosing properties from the menu or by clicking the new properties button at the top right of the screen. The user filter has a new 'Unknown' entry that can be selected for displaying messages that were not assigned to any user. There is also a new warning displayed if you are using a filter that does not display unassigned messages. Also the grid headings have been given 'user friendly' names.



- ❏ Post code fields have been added for both the Residential and Mailing addresses in the Edit Patient form. Residential post codes can be automatically populated when geo-coding the patient.
- ❏ The Modify Practitioner Data form (**Tools->Advanced->Modify Practitioner Data** in the menu), HPI numbers have been added to the identifiers tab, for when HPI numbers come into effect in the future. HPI numbers will be used to help identify health providers to the government and insurance companies.
- ❏ The Edit Patient form will now validate NHI numbers that are entered into the NHI field. If an NHI value can not be validated, you can just leave the field blank until you are able to locate the correct NHI number.
- ❏ When adjusting the Appointment time for the Daylog, using the Daylog Properties form (right clicking the Daylog and selecting properties), sometimes the time fields would be difficult to see and adjust, especially if the system font size had been changed. The Appointment Time column has been improved, so that if you resize the column width (by dragging it's edge), the time fields will now resize evenly for a better display of the time.
- ❏ When printing test results for a patient, the patient's NHI, date of birth and address will now be included at the top of the page.
- ❏ The Age/Sex Reports tool has been improved to increase it's accuracy of generated lists.
- ❏ A new tool has been added to the CBF Reports menu, Funding/Consults – Variable Age group (**Tools->Accounting->CBF Reports->Funding/Consults – Variable Age group** in the menu). It is based upon the historical funding tool, but allows a specific age group to be reported upon as illustrated in the image below.

- ❏ The Visitor's Usual Doctor field in the Edit Patient form now capitalises words as the other fields do.
- ❏ The 'Red Flag' has been included at the top of the Clinical Notes form as another reminder.
- ❏ The Find By form will now search for a patient after you type a patient number into the Patno field and press enter (without having to click the 'Find It!' button at the bottom of the form).

- ❗ The register query has been improved for more accurate results when adjusting the settings in the Query Options tab of the CBF Tools form. Also the Register grid headings have 'user friendly' names.
- ❗ There have been issues in the past when printing 'Today's Notes' from the Clinical Notes form. These issues have now been resolved.
- ❗ A new ACC gateway URL address has been added. Most sites will be able to be directed to the new address automatically. For those of you having difficulty, you can make sure you have the correct address set by opening the ACC 45 Management form, right clicking the form and select the properties option. This will open the ACC 45 properties window, upon which you click the 'Admin Edit Only' button. This will allow you to change the ACC EMG Internet URL in the drop down list, <https://emg.acc.co.nz> should be selected. **Please note you will only be able to do this if you are setup to use ACC Eclaims and you are on the ACC EMG Admin computer.** Please call MedCen support (0800 633 236) if you are unsure of how to change this.
- ❗ The Transaction History/Statement printed from the Pay Account form has been improved to show a more detailed service description for clinical projects, in particular CarePlus.
- ❗ Dragging and dropping the separator bar in the Clinical Notes form did not always work as expected on certain areas of the form. This has now been fixed.