

## What is new in version 12

The latest version of Medchart includes numerous improvements, enhancements and many bug fixes. I will be moving the program to a new database format (MySQL or SQL server) in the future and the current version is ready for these improvements. A brief summary of changes from previous versions is listed below.

### **New patient/ claim file**

All patient data is now stored in a new folder and file. The new patient file's usual location is:

**c:\program files\medchart\patients.mdb**

This file should be backed up daily.

**Main patient form:** improved layout, section to record details such as occupation, marital status, etc. this form should load more quickly. To access details such as claims for patient or appointments, a new tool bar pops up when that form is viewed.

**Schedule:** appointments are now color-coded. Any outstanding recalls for patient are now shown in the notes section. Menu button on the schedule form allows you to change default time us for that location and practitioner.

**MSP claim form:** chronic disease fee items have been added and diagnostic codes are automatically inserted into new claims.

**Chronic disease section:** this has been expanded and improved. Rosters of patients can be created and billing status followed. There are many other possible uses of this feature.

**Recalls:** functions more smoothly. Recalls are added to the schedule.

**Chart summary:** this has been improved to show more information, including recalls, overdue items from the chronic disease list. It also loads more quickly. The first time the schedule is loaded for a day. The patient summaries for all patients to be seen that day are updated to save time later.

**Prescriptions:** new buttons have been added to designate prescriptions as episodic, chronic, or vaccines. A summary of all prescriptions written is also available. You can now select views of these prescription types as well as the previous views that showed current or discontinued prescriptions. You can also enter a reason a prescription is discontinued.

**Family history:** space added to record an additional details.

**Private claims:** this form loads much more quickly than the previous version.

**WCB reports:** you can now transmit WCB progress reports to WCB via Teleplan. This enables you to receive a few extra dollars per report. This feature is available under "View—WCB report outfox

**Reports:** a pop-up screening form performs a search for common preventive health items

**MSP claims submitted:** this form has been improved to be more compact and informative. Claims are color-coded by payment status. A pop-up window shows remittances received for each claim. Claims can be filtered by using a drop-down box and selecting date ranges.

**Backups:** the program is much more tolerant of user errors. A backup of the claim out box is saved every time claims are submitted. Whenever the sequential numbers is changed the claim out box as well as the complete claim log is backed up. The database engine has been changed to access 2003, which appears more robust than the previous database that utilized access 97.

**Dates:** If you double-click any test boxes that contains a date a calendar pops up

**Cyclical claims:** under the billing menu- can track claims that are billed repeatedly such as 0101, 00120. You can set the frequency of allowed billing

**MSP Connection Summary:** a quick way to view details from the last connection and print reports.