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Preface

This user manual describes the functional characteristics of Outpatient Pharmacy V. 7.0. It is intended for pharmacists and technicians who are familiar with the functioning of Outpatient Pharmacy in a Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC).

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Example: Entering a New Order (continued)

```
COPIES: 1// <Enter> 1
# OF REFILLS: (0-11): 11// 0
PROVIDER: OPPROVIDER4,TWO
CLINIC: OUTPT NURSE GREEN TEAM
MAIL/WINDOW: WINDOW// <Enter> WINDOW
METHOD OF PICK-UP: <Enter>
REMARKS: <Enter>
ISSUE DATE: TODAY// <Enter> (MAY 30, 2001)
FILL DATE: (5/30/2001 - 6/9/2001): TODAY// <Enter> (MAY 30, 2001)
Nature of Order: WRITTEN// <Enter> W
WAS THE PATIENT COUNSELED: NO// Y YES
WAS COUNSELING UNDERSTOOD: NO// Y YES
```

An option to add a progress note has been added. If “Yes” is entered at this prompt, the progress note entry will begin after the order information has been displayed and confirmed. The order is redisplayed, along with information on any service-connected disabilities on record.

```
Do you want to enter a Progress Note? No// <Enter>

Rx # 503906          05/30/01
OPPATIENT16,ONE          #80
TAKE TWO CAPSULES BY MOUTH FOUR TIMES A DAY FOR 10 DAYS WITH FOOD

AMPICILLIN 250MG CAP
OPPROVIDER1,TWO          OPPHARMACIST4,THREE
# of Refills: 11

          SC Percent: 40%
          Disabilities: NONE STATED

Was treatment for Service Connected condition?
```

To determine if the order should be charged copay, eligible copay exemptions for the order are displayed one at a time. The user is asked if it the first applies to the order. In this example, the user is first asked if the order is being prescribed for any of the service-connected conditions displayed. If yes had been entered at this prompt, the fill would have been set for No Copay and no other exemption questions would have been asked. In this example, the patient has reported exposure to herbicides during Vietnam-era service.

```
Was treatment related to Agent Orange exposure? NO

Is this correct? YES// <Enter>

Another New Order for OPPATIENT16,ONE? YES//
```

-----example continues-----

Medications with non-numeric dosages, such as ointments and creams, will display non-numeric possible dosages as a default. Because the dosage is non-numeric, values for dispense units per dose and quantity cannot be calculated.

Example: Entering a New Order (continued)

```
DRUG:      HYDROCORTISONE 0.5% CREAM          DE200      VISN FORM; 30 GM/TUBE (IEN)
...OK? Yes// (Yes)
Now doing order checks. Please wait...

Available Dosage(s)
  1. SMALL AMOUNT
  2. MODERATE AMOUNT
  3. LIBERALLY
  4. LARGE AMOUNT

Select from list of Available Dosages, Enter Free Text Dose
or Enter a Question Mark (?) to view list: 2 MODERATE AMOUNT

You entered MODERATE AMOUNT is this correct? Yes// <Enter> YES
ROUTE: TOPICAL// <Enter> TOPICAL
```

During prescription processing, if the label printer selected has an Automated Dispensing Device (ADD) defined, then Rx will be routed to the appropriate automated dispensing devices. A message will be displayed indicating the automated dispensing devices where the Rx will be routed. Below is an example of the routing message.

```
PRESCRIPTIONS SENT TO:
OPTIFILL1
  100002815      ACETAMINOPHEN 325MG C.T.
  100002816      AMOXICILLIN 250MG CAP
  100002824      AMOXAPINE 50MG TAB

SCRIPTPRO1
  100002844      CIMETIDINE 200MG TAB
```

The activity log has an entry indicating that the Rx has been sent to the external interface. With patch PSO*7*354, this activity entry is enhanced to indicate the routing automated dispensing device. The Domain Name Server (DNS) information of the automated dispensing device is appended to the Comment field of the activity log. This is usually an IP address or the DNS name.

The activity log was also updated to display the mail tracking information available in the RXD-13 segment of the HL7 message received by VistA from the external dispensing interface.

Example: Activity Log with Multiple Dispensing Devices

```

Rx Activity Log                               May 23, 2011@12:30:12           Page: 2 of 3
OUTPATIENT,SIX                                   <A>
  PID: 355-43-4343                               Ht (cm): _____ (_____)
  DOB: OCT 29,1932 (78)                         Wt (kg): _____ (_____)
+
1  05/04/11    REPRINT        ORIGINAL        OPPHARMACIST4,FOUR
Comments: TESTING MULTIDEVICES (1 COPIES)
2  05/04/11    X-INTERFACE    ORIGINAL        OPPHARMACIST4,FOUR
Comments: Prescription (Reprint) sent to external interface.
3  05/04/11    X-INTERFACE    ORIGINAL        POSTMASTER
Comments: HL7 ID - 50073974 MESSAGE TRANSMITTED TO 10.4.131.13
4  05/04/11    X-INTERFACE    ORIGINAL        POSTMASTER
Comments: HL7 ID - 50073975 MESSAGE TRANSMITTED TO 10.4.142.22
5  05/04/11    DISP COMPLETED ORIGINAL
Comments: External Interface Dispensing is Complete.   Filled By: OPTECH,ONE
          Checking Pharmacist: OPPHARMACIST4,FOUR
          Mail Tracking Info.: USPS #123456789 received at 05/04/11@15:32:23

Label Log:
#   Date       Rx Ref                               Printed By
=====
1   05/02/11    ORIGINAL                             OPPHARMACIST4,FIVE
Comments: From RX number 100002987
2   05/04/11    ORIGINAL                             OPPHARMACIST4,FOUR
Comments: From RX number 100002987 (Reprint)
+       Enter ?? for more actions
Select Action:Next Screen//

```

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Reprint an Outpatient Rx Label

[PSO RXRPT]

The label reprint function allows a single label or many copies of the same label to be reproduced. When the patient is enrolled in ScripTalk®, a message is displayed to the user indicating this and prompting the user to use the ScripTalk® label for the prescription bottle.

Example: Reprinting an Outpatient Rx Label

```
Select Rx (Prescriptions) Option: REPRINT AN OUTPATIENT RX LABEL

Reprint Prescription Label: 400693          ADHESIVE TAPE WATERPROOF 1IN ROLL
Patient is a ScripTalk patient. Use ScripTalk label for prescription bottle.

Number of Copies? : (1-99): 1// <Enter>
Print adhesive portion of label only? N// <Enter> 0
Comments:

Rx # 400693                06/27/03
OPPATIENT16,ONE                #1

AS DIR ON AFFECTED AREA

ADHESIVE TAPE WATERPROOF 1IN ROLL
OPPROVIDER30,TWO                OPPHARMACIST4,THREE
# of Refills: 2
```

When reprinting, you can choose whether or not you want to resend to a dispensing device using an external interface. If you do choose to resend, then the prescription will be sent to the dispensing system, and an entry will be made in the label log. This documents that this was a reprint and also resent to the dispensing system device. If you do not resend the prescription to the dispensing device, then only one entry is made in the label log.

Example: Reprinting an Outpatient Rx Label – Multiple Dispensing Device

```
Select Rx (Prescriptions) Option: REPRINT AN OUTPATIENT RX LABEL

Reprint Prescription Label: 100002987          BACLOFEN 10MG TABS
Number of Copies? : (1-99): 1//
Print adhesive portion of label only? ? No//  NO
Do you want to resend to Dispensing System Device? No// y  YES
Comments: Multipe dispensing devices

Rx # 100002987          05/02/11
OPPATIENT,TEN          #7

TAKE ONE TABLET BY BY MOUTH EVERY DAY FOR 7 DAYS

BACLOFEN 10MG TABS
OPPHARMACIST,FOUR          OPPHARMACIST,NINE
# of Refills: 7

Select LABEL DEVICE: LEXMARK5$PRT

LABEL(S) QUEUED TO PRINT

PRESCRIPTIONS SENT TO:
  SCRIPTPRO1
    100002987          BACLOFEN 10MG TABS

STORAGE DEVICES
  SCRIPTCENTER
    100002987          BACLOFEN 10MG TABS
```

Signature Log Reprint

[PSO SIGLOG REPRINT]

This option allows the user to reprint the Signature Log for a prescription. The system will prompt for a prescription number and printer device. The user will receive a system confirmation that this log has been queued to print.

Example: Reprinting a Signature Log

```
Select Rx (Prescriptions) Option: Signature Log Reprint
Reprint Signature Log for Prescription: 100002277A      PREDNISONE 20MG S.T.
Select LABEL DEVICE: LEX2  LEX2$PRT  Bay Pines
Signature Log Reprint queued
```

View Prescriptions

[PSO VIEW]

View the most complete information available for a specific prescription. The activity log lists the date, reason, prescription reference (Rx Ref), the initiator of the activity, and comments. The label log lists the date, prescription (Rx Ref), the person who printed it, and comments. Prescriptions with a deleted status cannot be viewed.

Chapter 1: Updating a Patient's Record

This chapter describes the option used for updating a patient's record.

Update Patient Record

[PSO PAT]

Use this option to update the patient information currently in the computer. Patient records can also be updated while being viewed by using the *Patient Record Update* screen action. If implementing Other Language Modifications, use either to set a patient's other language preference.

In support of Registration patch DG*5.3*522, the Outpatient Pharmacy software provides for the automatic population of city, state, and county based on entry of a zip code.

Example: Updating a patient record

```
Select Outpatient Pharmacy Manager Option: UPDATE Patient Record

Select Patient:      OPPATIENT,ONE      12-4-53      000007890      YES      SC VETERAN

OPPATIENT, ONE                      ID#:      000-00-7890
4500 S MAIN ST                      DOB:      DEC 4,1953
ADDRESS LINE2
LINE 3 OF ADDRESS
MADISON                             PHONE: 555-555-1653
WISCONSIN 53705                     ELIG:      SC LESS THAN 50%
                                      SC%:      10

WEIGHT(Kg):                          HEIGHT(cm):
DISABILITIES: ARTHRITIS-10% (SC), FOREARM CONDITION-5% (NSC),
               FOREARM CONDITION-4% (NSC), BENIGN EYE GROWTH-0% (NSC),
               LOSS OF FIELD OF VISION-20% (SC),

ALLERGIES:

ADVERSE REACTIONS:
```

If the PSO site parameter is set to allow editing of patient data, this prompt, "Do you want to update the Permanent address/phone? //N", is displayed. If the user enters "NO", then the software will not allow the user to update the permanent address and Bad Address Indicator fields.

```
Do you want to update the address/phone? N// Y YES
Update (P)ermanent address, (T)emporary, or (B)oth: BOTH// <Enter>
STREET ADDRESS [LINE 1]: 4500 S MAIN ST// 4800 S MAIN ST
STREET ADDRESS [LINE 2]: ADDRESS LINE2// <Enter> ADDRESS LINE2
STREET ADDRESS [LINE 3]: LINE 3 OF ADDRESS// <Enter> LINE 3 OF ADDRESS
ZIP+4: 53705// <Enter> 53705

Select one of the following:

1          MADISON*
```

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Glossary

The following table provides definitions for common acronyms and terms used in this manual.

Acronym/Term	Definition
Action Profile	A list of all active and recently canceled or expired prescriptions for a patient sorted by classification. This profile also includes a signature line for each prescription to allow the physician to cancel or renew it.
Activity Log	A log, by date, of changes made to or actions taken on a prescription. An entry is made in this log each time the prescription is edited, canceled, reinstated after being canceled, or renewed. An entry will be made into this log each time a label is reprinted. A CMOP activity log will contain information related to CMOP dispensing activities.
ADD	Automated Dispensing Device
Allergy/ADR Information	Includes non-verified and verified allergy and/or adverse reaction information as defined in the Adverse Reaction Tracking (ART) package. The allergy data is sorted by type (DRUG, OTHER, FOOD). If no data is found for a category, the heading for that category is not displayed.
AMIS	Automated Management Information System
Answer Sheet	An entry in the DUE ANSWER SHEET file. It contains the questions and answers of a DUE questionnaire. This term is also used to refer to the hard copy representation of a DUE ANSWER SHEET entry.
API	Application Programming Interfaces
APSP	Originally Indian Health Service Pharmacy's name space now owned by the Outpatient Pharmacy software.
Bypass	Take no action on a medication order.
CMOP	Consolidated Mail Outpatient Pharmacy.
CPRS	Computerized Patient Record System. CPRS is an entry point in VistA that allows the user to enter all necessary orders for a patient in different packages (e.g., Outpatient Pharmacy, Inpatient Pharmacy, etc.) from a single entry point.
Critical	Interactions with severe consequences that require some type of action (finding facts, contacting prescribers) to prevent potential serious harm.
DATUP	Data Update (DATUP). Functionality that allows the Pharmacy Enterprise Customization System (PECS) to send out custom and standard commercial-off-the-shelf (COTS) vendor database changes to update the two centralized databases at Austin and Martinsburg.
DEA	Drug Enforcement Agency
DEA Special Handling	The Drug Enforcement Agency special Handling code used for drugs to designate if they are over-the counter, narcotics, bulk compounds, supply items, etc.

DHCP	See VistA.
DIF	Drug Information Framework
Dispense Drug	The Dispense Drug name has the strength attached to it (e.g., Acetaminophen 325 mg). The name alone without a strength attached is the Orderable Item name.
DNS	Domain Name Space
DoD	Department of Defense
Dosage Ordered	After the user has selected the drug during order entry, the dosage ordered prompt is displayed.
Drug/Drug Interaction	The pharmacological or clinical response to the administration of a drug combination different from that anticipated from the known effects of the two agents when given alone.
DUE	Drug Usage Evaluation
ETC	Enhanced Therapeutic Classification
Expiration/Stop	The date on which a prescription is no longer active. Typically, this date is 30 days after the issue date for narcotics, 365 days after the issue date for other medications and 365 days after the issue date for supplies.
FDB	First DataBank
Finish	Term used for completing orders from Order Entry/Results Reporting V. 3.0.
GUI	Acronym for Graphical User Interface.
HDR-Hx	Health Data Repository Historical
HDR-IMS	Health Data Repository- Interim Messaging Solution
Issue Date	The date on which the prescription was written. This date is usually, but not always, the same as the first fill date. This date cannot be later than the first fill date.
HFS	Host File Server.
Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA)	A Federal law that makes a number of changes that have the goal of allowing persons to qualify immediately for comparable health insurance coverage when they change their employment relationships. Title II, Subtitle F, of HIPAA gives HHS the authority to mandate the use of standards for the electronic exchange of health care data; to specify what medical and administrative code sets should be used within those standards; to require the use of national identification systems for health care patients, providers, payers (or plans), and employers (or sponsors); and to specify the types of measures required to protect the security and privacy of personally identifiable health care information. Also known as the Kennedy-Kassebaum Bill, the Kassebaum-Kennedy Bill, K2, or Public Law 104-191.
JCAHO	Acronym for Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations

Label/Profile Monitor	A file for each printer which records, in the order in which they were printed, the last 1000 labels or profiles printed on that printer. This allows a rapid reprint of a series of labels or profiles that were damaged by a printer malfunction or other event.
Local Possible Dosages	Free text dosages that are associated with drugs that do not meet all of the criteria for Possible Dosages.
Medication Instruction File	The MEDICATION INSTRUCTION file is used by Unit Dose and Outpatient Pharmacy. It contains the medication instruction name, expansion and intended use.
Medication Order	A prescription.
Medication Profile	A list of all active or recently canceled or expired prescriptions for a patient sorted either by date, drug, or classification. Unlike the action profile, this profile is for information only and does not provide a signature line for a physician to indicate action to be taken on the prescription.
Medication Routes File	The MEDICATION ROUTES file contains medication route names. The user can enter an abbreviation for each route to be used at the local site. The abbreviation will most likely be the Latin abbreviation for the term.
Med Route	The method in which the prescription is to be administered (e.g., oral, injection).
NCCC	Acronym for National Clozapine Coordinating Center.
Non-Formulary Drugs	The medications, which are defined as commercially available drug products not included in the VA National Formulary.
Non-VA Meds	Term that encompasses any Over-the-Counter (OTC) medications, Herbal supplements, Veterans Health Administration (VHA) prescribed medications but purchased by the patient at an outside pharmacy, and medications prescribed by providers outside VHA. All Non-VA Meds must be documented in patients' medical records.
OPAI	Outpatient Pharmacy Automated Interface
Order	Request for medication.
Orderable Item	An Orderable Item name has no strength attached to it (e.g., Acetaminophen). The name with a strength attached to it is the Dispense drug name (e.g., Acetaminophen 325mg).
Partial Prescription	A prescription that has been filled for a quantity smaller than requested. A possible reason for a partial fill is that a patient is to return to the clinic in ten days but the prescription calls for a thirty-day supply. Partials do count as workload but do not count against the total number of refills for a prescription.
Payer	In health care, an entity that assumes the risk of paying for medical treatments. This can be an uninsured patient, a self-insured employer, or a health care plan or Health Maintenance Organization (HMO).

Pending Order	A pending order is one that has been entered by a provider through CPRS without Pharmacy finishing the order. Once Pharmacy has finished the order, it will become active.
Pharmacy Narrative	OUTPATIENT NARRATIVE field that may be used by pharmacy staff to display information specific to the patient.
Polypharmacy	The administration of many drugs together.
POE	Acronym for Pharmacy Ordering Enhancements (POE) project. Patch PSO*7*46 contains all the related changes for Outpatient Pharmacy.
Possible Dosages	Dosages that have a numeric dosage and numeric dispense units per dose appropriate for administration. For a drug to have possible dosages, it must be a single ingredient product that is matched to the DRUG file. The DRUG file entry must have a numeric strength and the dosage form/unit combination must be such that a numeric strength combined with the unit can be an appropriate dosage selection.
Prescription	This term is now referred to throughout the software as medication orders.
Prescription Status	<p>A prescription can have one of the following statuses.</p> <p>Active - A prescription with this status can be filled or refilled.</p> <p>Canceled - This term is now referred to throughout the software as Discontinued. (See Discontinued.)</p> <p>Discontinued - This status is used when a prescription was made inactive either by a new prescription or by the request of a physician.</p> <p>Discontinued (Edit) - Discontinued (Edit) is the status used when a medication order has been edited and causes a new order to be created due to the editing of certain data elements.</p> <p>Deleted - This status is used when a prescription is deleted. Prescriptions are no longer physically deleted from the system, but marked as deleted. Once a prescription is marked deleted no access is allowed other than view.</p> <p>Expired - This status indicates the expiration date has passed.</p> <p>*Note: A prescription that was canceled or has expired more recently than the date specified by the cutoff date, typically 120 days in the past, can still be acted upon.</p> <p>Hold - A prescription that was placed on hold due to reasons determined by the pharmacist.</p> <p>Non-verified - There are two types of non-verified statuses. Depending on a site parameter, prescriptions entered by a technician do not become active until a pharmacist reviews them. Until such review, they remain non-verified and cannot be printed, canceled or edited except through the <i>Verification</i> menu.</p> <p>The second non-verified status is given to prescriptions when a drug/drug interaction is encountered during the new order entry or editing of a</p>