VS GUI User Guide Addendum

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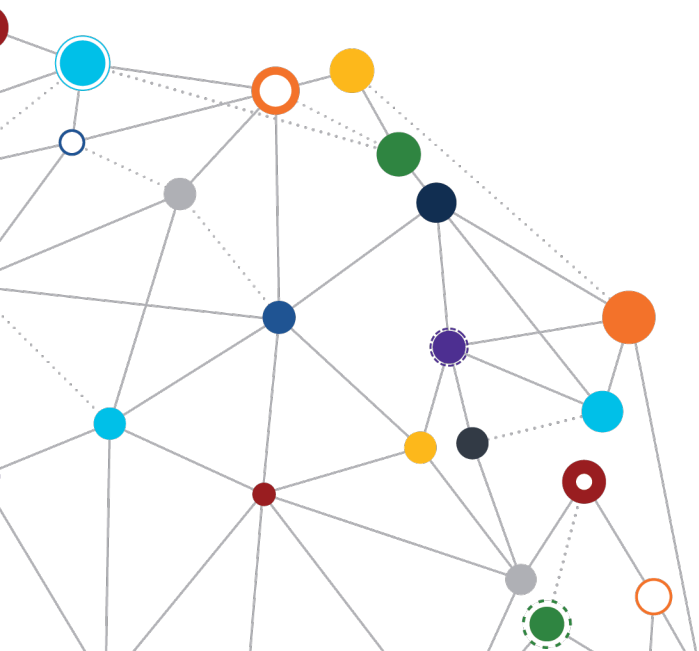
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1 Introduction

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Veterans Health Information Systems and Technology Architecture (VistA) Scheduling Graphical User Interface (VS GUI) module is the Windows GUI version of the Patient Information Management System (PIMS) Scheduling module. It provides appointment management functions included in PIMS Scheduling, but with the added convenience and usability of a GUI.

1.1 Purpose

The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Office of Veterans Access to Care (OVAC) requested an enterprise enhancement for the VS package that supports COVID-19 response. The enhancement reduces operating costs for VHA and improves operational efficiencies, resulting in patient-centered access to care, coordinated care, increased customer satisfaction, and the reduction of excessive cycle/wait time for scheduling patients.

1.2 Overview

VS GUI is a software module that allows schedulers to make appointments quickly by viewing multiple appointment request types and multiple clinics in one screen. A scheduler can easily view patient requests for service, find the next available open appointment, view the provider's availability in multiple clinics, and track a patient's appointment process. Refer to **System Summary** for a more detailed description of VS GUI functionality.

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1.4   Project References

1.4.1   Information

The VS GUI points of contact (POCs) include:

- » OVAC Program Office – REDACTED
- » OIT VistA Scheduling Enhancement (VSE) Technical Manager – REDACTED
- » OVAC Emerging Technologies Acting Legacy Program Manager – REDACTED
- » OVAC Emerging Technologies VSE Subject Matter Expert (SME) – REDACTED
- » OVAC Emerging Technologies VSE Subject Matter Expert (SME) – REDACTED
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VSE Resources

- » Veterans Health Administration (VHA) VSE SharePoint: REDACTED
- » VA Software Document Library (VDL) – Scheduling (VSE manuals near the bottom):
- » National Return to Clinic (RTC) Order: REDACTED

2   System Summary

The VSE project delivers a series of enhancements to legacy VistA Scheduling Version 5.3 via the VS GUI application.

This update is for the nationally released version 1.7.12, which includes VS GUI 1.7.12 and Emergency VistA patch SD*5.3*796. At time of publishing, install period is projected for October 2021.

VistA Scheduling (VS) Graphical User Interface (GUI) Release 1.7.12 and SD*5.3*796 delivers users several enhancements and defect corrections. The release corrects data causing errors in the Request Management (RM) grid, corrects Recall appointments mapped to the wrong provider, ensures that VVS links are cleared for VVS appointments canceled through VistA, stops the GUI from crashing if an appointment in an inactive clinic is selected, and corrects tabbing on the Make Appointment Request window so that the PID field is not skipped. This GUI version also adds the ability to print a medication list for a patient, displays check-in indicators in the check-in screen, and ensures "provider" and the provider's name are displayed in the "Requested By" and "Requestor" fields, respectively, for consult and procedure requests. Lastly, this release ensures that the PID for an appointment entered in VistA is set to the date the appointment is made.

New functionality is described in the following sections.

3   Key Feature Update in Version 1.7.12

3.1   Print a Patient's Medication List

This release introduces the ability to print a medication list for a patient. To print a patient's medication list, first bring the patient into context, then click on "Medication" button in the Tools section of the ribbon bar. The PDF version of patient's list of medication will open in your default PDF Viewer.
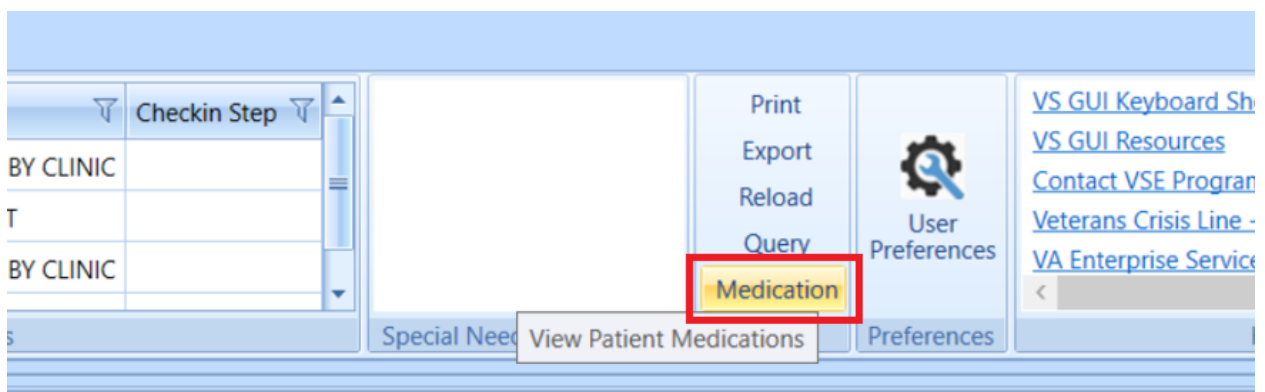

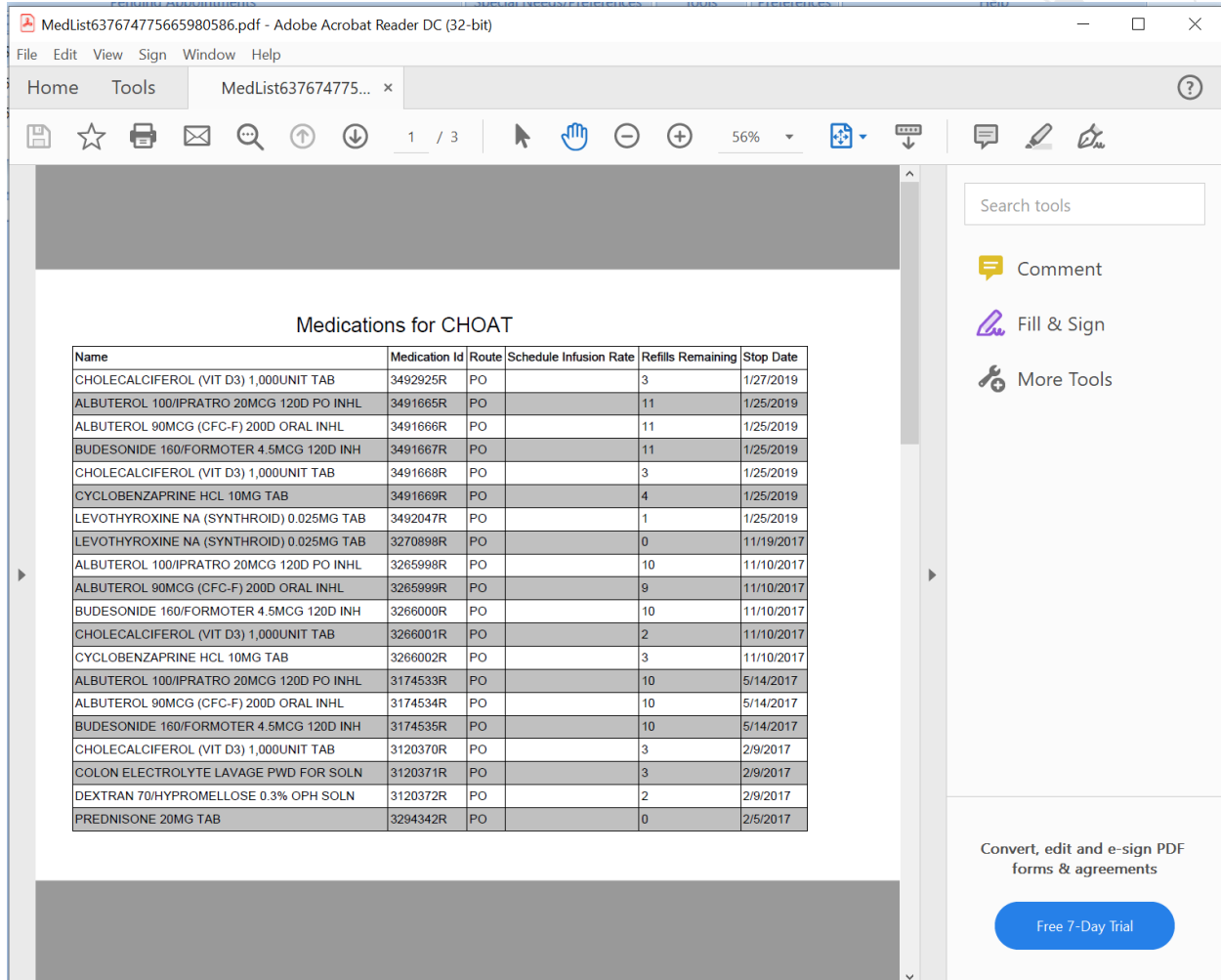*Figure 1: Click The "Medication" Button To View Patient's Medications.*

Figure 2: Patient's List Of Medication.

3.2   View Check-In Indicators

As the continued effort to improve veteran check-in experience, this release introduces the ability to view check-in indicators. To view check-in indicators, on the Pending Appointments section of the ribbon bar, right-click the appointment you are checking in and select "Check In Patient." The Appointment Check In window will display.
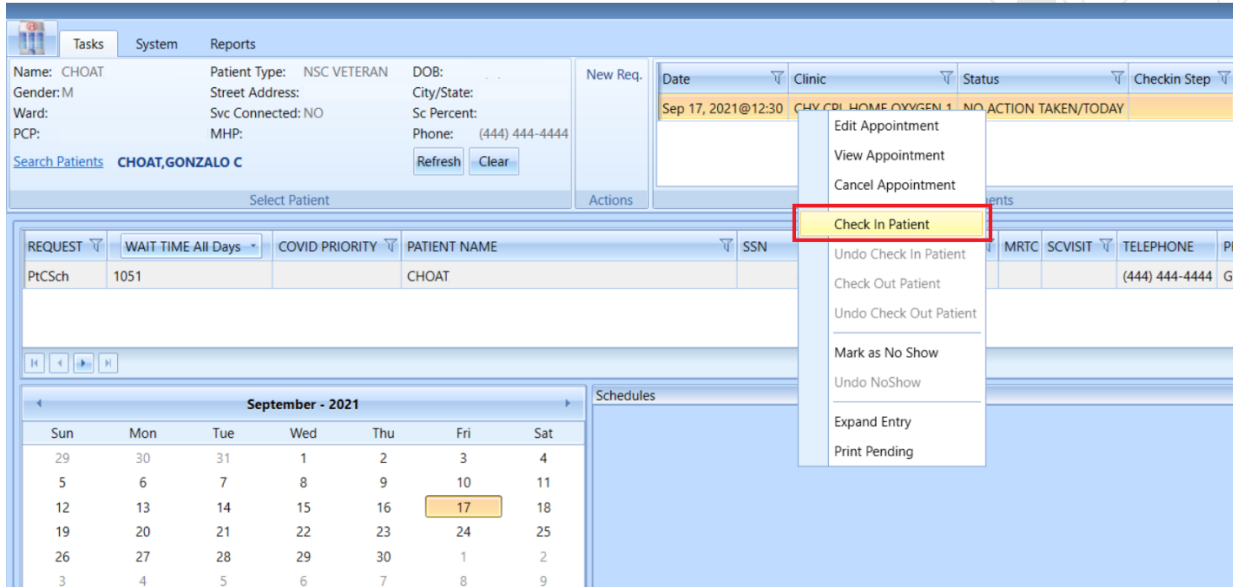
Figure 3: Check-In Patient.

The Appointment Check In window displays insurance status—"Compliant" or "Not Compliant", to indicate whether insurance updates are needed. The Appointment Check In window also displays Pre Check-In and E Check-In status.

Note: At time of release, Pre Check-In and E Check-in status will display as "NOT STARTED" for patients at all sites except those participating in the pilot e-check-in program.
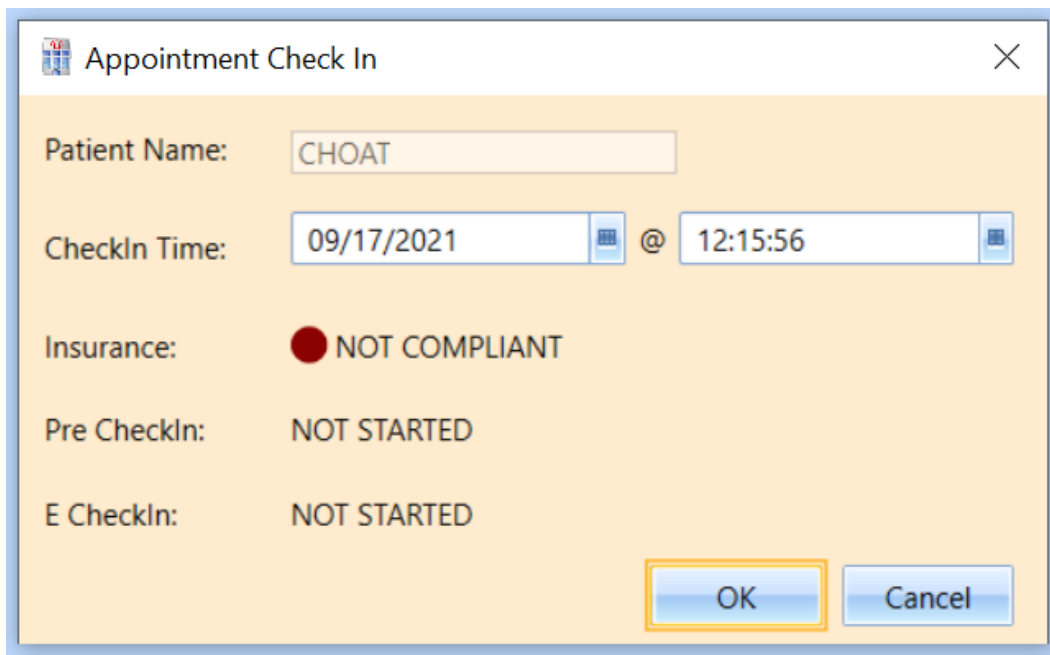

Figure 4: Appointment Check In Window.