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Stellar Update Highlights

EZNotes Interface

We have added a new interface to the EZNotes documentation system (www.eznotesinc.com), in addition to the existing interfaces to Chiro QuickCharts and DocumentPlus. If you are currently using any of these systems for documentation, give us a call and we can help you set up the interface to them; and if you are currently using or considering a different documentation system, let us know and we may be able to work out an interface with them as well.

Backup

Improvements have been made to Stellar's backup system which should considerably speed up copy-type backups, and also slightly speed up compressed backups.

Multi-Column Appointments

You can now replicate an appointment across multiple weeks to simplify scheduling of repeat visits using the multi-column scheduler, just like with the old single-column scheduler. In addition, you can now select which providers's patients and time shifts to show, instead of just showing all patients and using provider one's time shifts.

Stellar Tips

If you post a service incorrectly and need to change something other than its amount (such as its status, modifiers, or doctor number), you don't have to remove and re-post the treatment.

You can go to Tools/Changes/Change Patient, Insurance and History Info, click the History tab at the top, and select the patient from the list, which will display a grid containing the patient's history. You can then change most fields associated with the treatment.

Run the Pre-Insurance Report (under Billing Insurance) before creating your claims. It will report many errors that may affect your claims, letting you correct them before they become a problem.

Did you notice that there's a Diagnosis button on the Posting screen? If you need to change a patient's diagnosis at the same time as you post their services, you can click that button and save a trip to the patient's profile screen.

Hundreds of Chemicals Found in Newborns

From NaturalNews.com, by Kim Evans

The umbilical cord is the lifeline of infants; it brings nutrients and oxygen to the baby. These days, it also brings hundreds of poisons. Recently, the Environmental Working Group tested the umbilical cord blood of ten American minority infants, and found a total of 232 known poisons in their blood.

The study found BPA, a petrochemical found in baby bottles, water bottles, and computer equipment. BPA is an environmental estrogen connected to birth defects, sexual dysfunction, hormonal problems,

and diminished intellectual capability. BPA was found in nine out of ten of the blood samples. Perfluorobutanoic acid was found; it's a member of the PFC chemical family and is common in non-stick cookware and water-resistant coatings. The most studied PFCs are linked to cancer, birth defects, and infertility. Substances banned in the 70's were found in the blood headed to these infants. These substances, PCBs, cause damage to the immune system and disrupt the endocrine system. Synthetic fragrances from perfumes and detergents were found. Nine out of ten of the umbilical cords contained chemical components from rocket fuel, which interfere with brain development and the thyroid. A fire retardant was found that interferes with the thyroid's function and may disrupt the production of T-cells - and our bodies use T-cells to fight disease. Lead and mercury were also found.

Read the rest at:
http://www.naturalnews.com/027800_newborns_chemicals.html

Autism has Reached Crisis Proportions

From NaturalNews.com, by Luella May

Autism was first brought forth to the public's attention in the 1950's. Since then, it has been rising steadily. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has recently released that today 1 in 110 children are autistic. More alarming is the fact that on December 18, 2009, it reported that autism increased by 57% in the last four years.

Most experts attribute the cause of autism to be unknown, defining it as a combination of genetic and environmental factors. However, there has been much controversy as to what, indeed, is responsible for our children not being able to communicate, form relationships, and/or respond to their surroundings.

The most popular of these controversies is vaccines, pointing directly to the Mumps-Measles-Rubella vaccine and the mercury based preservative, thimerosal. Other theories include: Genetics, Atypical Brain Development, Immune Deficiency Disorder, Food Allergies, Poor Nutrition, Complications During Delivery, Environmental Toxins, and Exposure to Heavy Metals.

Experts explain the reason for this dramatic increase with the fact that they are more able to easily diagnose this disorder. However, those advocating more research state that the alarming rate at which this disorder is growing simply cannot be explained away. The statistics

have grown from 1 in 5,000 children 20 years ago to 1 in 100 today. This points the finger to environmental factors such as vaccines and environmental toxins to the very foods we eat.

Read the rest at:
http://www.naturalnews.com/027823_autism_statistics.html

Stellar Updates

Some recent changes and updates to Stellar (go to the Help menu in Stellar and click Download Stellar Update for the complete list):

Special Bill

The documentation (box 19) field is now printed below the diagnosis.

Find Waiting/Pending Insurance

You can now list waiting/pending insurance for just a single patient.

EZNotes Interface

Added bi-directional interface support for EZNotes documentation system (www.eznotesinc.com).

Multi-Column Appointments

Multiply Appointment button is now available to help replicate appointments.

Added doctor selection drop-down, which also shows provider-specific shifts.

You can now double-click the Time column to add an appointment.

Backup

Copy-type backups should now perform better.

Compressed backups now replace destination archive and should be faster.

Search History

You can now search for multiple filtered treatment types simultaneously.

Added checkbox to print a simple list that looks more like a transaction history.

You can now filter by patient account code.

Special Bill

"Balance due upon receipt" is now printed above message line if due date is blank.