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Patient Timeline

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Introduction

The Patient Timeline is a graphical representation of the patient record over the lifetime of the patient. A Patient Timeline can be configured by adding different timeline items. Each timeline item will show a subset of the patient record e.g. the blood pressure timeline will show all blood pressure values recorded for the patient in question.

For example, a timeline could be created to help monitor diabetic patients. The items added on the timeline could include diabetic medication, HbA1c levels and any coded diabetes diagnoses.

From the Patient Timeline screen you can create your own timelines and save them to give you an at-a-glance view of any patient record.



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How to use the Patient Timeline

To access the Patient Timeline:

- 1. Retrieve a patient record.
- 2. Right-click on the 'New Journal' node of the Clinical Tree and select 'Timeline'.
- 3. The Timeline opens in a new window, allowing you to return to the open patient record or other screens in SystmOne.

You can also add a Timeline 'Quick Action' button to your toolbar:

- 1. Right-click on the Quick Action toolbar and select 'Configure Tool Bar'.
- 2. Select the toolbar you wish to add the Quick Action button to and then click on 'Amend Tool Bar'.
- 3. Select the 'Timeline' option from the 'Patient Actions>Core Clinical' folder by double-clicking.
- 4. 'Ok' the dialogs.

The Patient Timeline Screen

- The top section of the screen is the 'Overview'. This displays a chronological timeline of patient Problems (green), Medication (orange) and clinically relevant Journal entries (red) over the lifetime of the patient. You can select a specific time period here to view in the middle section of the Timeline in greater detail. Click and drag the mouse over the years you wish to see in more detail. You can then move this box backwards or forwards in time by right-clicking on the box and then dragging it to the left or right.
- The middle section is the 'Zoomed-In View'. This shows any timeline items which you have added to the timeline (e.g. blood pressure, medication). Each item has its own colour code in order to distinguish it from other items. This section shows information for the time period selected in the 'Overview' section. You can move backwards and forwards through time by using the scroll bar or the mouse wheel. You can also zoom in further over this section by clicking and dragging the mouse over a specific time period.
- The bottom section shows a view of the New Journal. When the mouse is moved around over the Zoomed-In View, the New Journal view will automatically move to the entry which relates to the date over which the mouse is hovering. By right-clicking on an entry in the New Journal section you can access all the usual options for Journal entries, e.g. 'Link/Unlink to Problem', or 'Record Sensitivity'.



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Creating a New Patient Timeline

To create a new Patient Timeline:

- 1. Retrieve a patient.
- 2. Right-click on the 'New Journal' node of the Clinical Tree and select 'Timeline', or click on the 'Timeline' Quick Action button on the toolbar if you have added this.
- 'Ok' the information dialog. 3.
- 4. Click on the 'Create a new timeline' button (sunburst icon) at the top left of the screen.





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- 5. Enter a name for the timeline and click 'Ok'.
- 6. The Overview section (top section) will show the lifetime of the patient as well as any Problems, Medication and Journal activity. The Zoomed-In View section will be blank.
- 7. To add an item to the Zoomed-In View, click the 'Add Timeline Item' button (clock face icon) to the left of the middle section. Select an item from the list.





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- 8. Depending on the item chosen in step 7, there may be additional dialogs to complete (for example when adding an 'Action Group', 'Numeric' or 'Read Code' you will need to select the specific action group, numeric or read code to be included on the timeline).
- The item will then be displayed on the Zoomed-In View. You can use the up and down arrow buttons to 9. change the order in which the items display, click the 'Configure this item' button (pencil icon) to configure an item or the 'Remove this item from the time' button ('X' icon) to delete an item.

Options on the Patient Timeline Screen

On the Timeline screen, it is possible to do the following:

- Create a new timeline: click the 'Create a new timeline' button (sunburst icon). Give the configuration a name and click 'Ok'. You can create multiple timelines in order to view different combinations of items in the Zoomed-In View.
- Select a timeline: you can select the timeline you wish to view from the drop-down list.
- Add an item to the timeline: click the 'Add Timeline Item' button on the left of the screen and select the item you would like to add, e.g. 'Problems', or 'Referrals'. A line then appears in the Zoomed-In View to show the item.
- Configure timeline items: click the pencil icon next to an item to configure it. The configuration options depend on the item selected.
- Remove timeline items: click the red X icon next to an item to remove it.
- Move an item up or down: click the arrows to change the position of the item in the Zoomed in View.
- Zoom in: click and drag the cursor on the Overview or Zoomed In View to select a section of time to • look at more closely.
- Move the zoom box along the timeline: on the Overview, right-click and drag the box to the left or right - the selection in the Zoomed In View will move forwards or backwards in time in order to match the position of the box in the Overview.
- Scroll along the timeline: move the scroll bar or use the mouse wheel.
- Rename a timeline: select the timeline you wish to rename from the 'Timeline' drop-down list at the top • of the screen, then click the pencil button next to it.
- Delete a timeline: select the timeline you wish to delete from the 'Timeline' drop-down list at the top of the screen, then click the trash can button.
- Save a timeline: to save your timeline configuration, click the green disc button on the left of the screen. It will then be available in the 'Timeline' drop-down list at the top of the screen.



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