Encounters

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In mSupply-HIS an encounter is a a record of an interaction between a patient and a hospital service. In this first version, the only type of encounter handled is an inpatient admission, but we will be able to use "encounter" to allow for outpatient consultations and interactions with laboratory, x-ray and other services in the future.

Choose **Patient > New encounter**, or click the *New Encounter* button on the navigator.

Entering a new inpatient encounter

🖢 New encounter... 21/09/2011 Name Date Time 10:28:49 - 22/09/2011 Estimated discharge date None Arrived by None ¥ Admitted from Ward ¥ Bed ¥ Graphical view Cancel OK OK & Next

Enter as much of the patient surname (and a comma, then the first name if you want to) then press <tab> to show a list of matching entries.

You can enter an expected discharge date (defaults to the next day), and where the patient was referred from and how they arrived at the hospital.

Once you choose a ward, a list of available beds is shown. If you choose to show the graphical view, you can see each bed, and you can click on a bed to assign the patient to that bed.

🏖 New enc	ounter.					
Name			Date	21/07/2010	-	Time 10:43:18
		Estimate	d discharge date	- 01/08/10	-	
Arrived by	None	~	Admitted from	None	~	
Ward	Sick Bay	~	Bed	6	~	Graphical view
Bed No: 6		Bed No: 6	Bed No: 7	Bed No: 8		Bed No: 9

Available beds are shown in green, and beds that are occupied are shown in red (or if you are using the drop-down list, only beds that are available are shown). The selected bed is shown in yellow.

The admission date defaults to the current date and time, but you can change these and the available beds will be updated accordingly. Once you have chosen a bed, click *OK* or *OK* & *Next*.

Showing encounters

Choose **Patient > Manage encounters**, or click the *Show Encounters* button on the navigator.

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•	New Encounter O	rder By Date	Patient Code	Name	Bed : Ward	Admitted From	Arrived By	Estimated DD
	Currently Admitted	09/07/2010	20	Patient, Im	3 : Holo	Referral clinic	Shipshape	01/09/2010
	Discharged							
•	Find							
•	By start date							
	Today							
	Yesterday							
	Last 7 days							
	Last 30 days							
	Date range							

The window has a side bar where you can show currently admitted patients or historical records. By default, it shows encounters for currently admitted patients who have been admitted in the last 30 days.

Clicking the Find entry in the side bar allows you to search for specific records.

Click the triangle beside the "By date" entry allows you to search for encounters entered today, yesterday, etc...

In the tool bar there is a New Encounter button, allowing you to add an encounter directly from there.

If you double-click an encounter you are shown the encounter details. The first tab lists the location(s) (i.e. the beds/wards occupied) during this encounter, and the fourth tab shows log records related to the encounter.

<note>Once a patient has been discharged, their encounter data can now longer be edited.</note>

Adding disease records

The second tab shows the disease records entered for this encounter. Clicking the *Add Encounter Disease* button will show this window:

🏖 Add an Enc	ounter Disease 🔰	K			
ICD					
ICD Code	ICD Description				
A000	Cholera due to Vibrio cholerae 01, biovar cholerae 📃				
A001	Cholera due to Vibrio cholerae 01, biovar eltor				
A009	Cholera, unspecified				
A0100	Typhoid fever, unspecified				
A0101	Typhoid meningitis				
A0102	Typhoid fever with heart involvement				
A0103	Typhoid pneumonia				
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Diagnosis					
Rank P	rimary 🗸				
Notes					
Notes					
Diagnosed by					
	Cancel OK				

The cursor will be in the ICD field, and you can type as much of the code or name as you know to find matching records. Double-click the record you wish to use in the list.

Choose from primary/secondary/tertiary for disease rank.

Enter any notes you wish to record.

You can enter the name of a clinician who diagnosed the condition if you want to. To do so, enter the start of the name and press <tab>... a list of matching clinicians is shown. Double-click on the clinician you wish to choose. If you want to add a new clinician, click the *New* button. A window to enter the clinician's details is shown (see Prescribers). Enter details and click *OK*.

Once you have entered the disease details, click OK to close the list of diseases for the current

encounter. You can now click the *Add encounter disease* button again to add another disease, or double-click an entry to edit it.

Adding procedure records

The third tab shows the procedure records entered for this encounter. Clicking the *Add Procedure* button will show this window:

🏚 Add a procedure			
Procedure Appendectomy	V		
Start 📄 27/08/2010	14:00		
End 📃 27/08/2010	16:00		
Location Sick Bay	Bec	1 7	🔽 🔽 Graphical view
Bed No: 6 Bed No: 6	Bed No: 7	Bed No: 8	Bed No: 9

As for encounter locations (see Encounters), you can specify a "bed" location (e.g. in a "ward" designated as an operating theatre) which is free for the specified time slot, and this can be viewed graphically. The list of procedures is generated from those previously entered via Procedures.

From the procedure list, you can also double-click on an existing procedure record to view/edit it.

Adding birth records

If the patient is female, there is an extra fifth tab which shows the birth records entered for this encounter. Clicking the *Add Birth* button will show this window:

Birth Details	Name Details
Date 21/09/11	First Name Baby
Time 12:07	Middle Name
Weight 0.00	Last Name Patient
Length 0.00	E Female
Multiple births 1	Status Normal

- The date/time defaults to the current date and time.
- The last name defaults to that of the mother.
- You can enter the birth weight (kg) and length (cm).
- You can specify if it is part of a multiple birth, and whether the birth was normal, premature, or stillborn.

<note>When the record is saved, a new patient record will be created for the baby, with its next of kin set to its mother. You can then add a separate encounter record for the baby if needed.</note>

You can also double-click on an existing birth record in the list to view/edit it.

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