

# Instant Medical History QuickStart

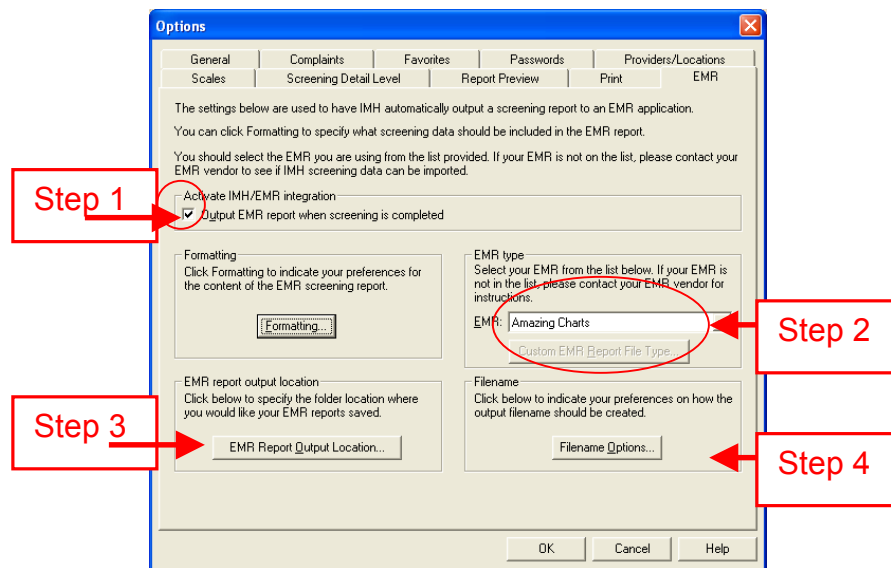
The Instant Medical History (IMH) application software is patient interview software. Patients enter information that allows IMH to generate preliminary documentation to make you faster. IMH reduces the time needed to interview a patient and record all of the responses. In all cases, the physician will still need to review the information recorded, and in some cases may wish to add additional information.

Using IMH and Amazing Charts together is as easy as Part A, Part B, Part C. This section will show you how to get the two programs communicating with each other. For detailed instructions about using IMH in your practice, please read the IMH manual called "Instant Medical History" that is included on the IMH installation disk.

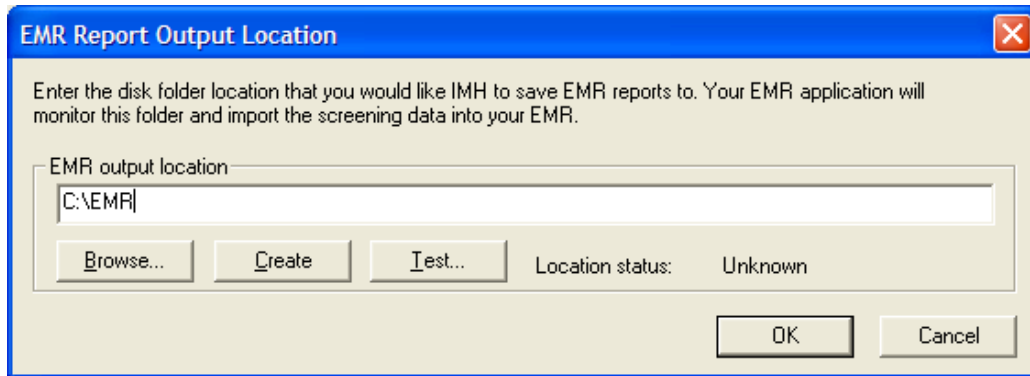
**IMPORTANT: THE DATA DIRECTORY MUST BE IDENTICAL IN AMAZING CHARTS AND IMH**

## Part A) Creating the data flow from IMH to Amazing Charts

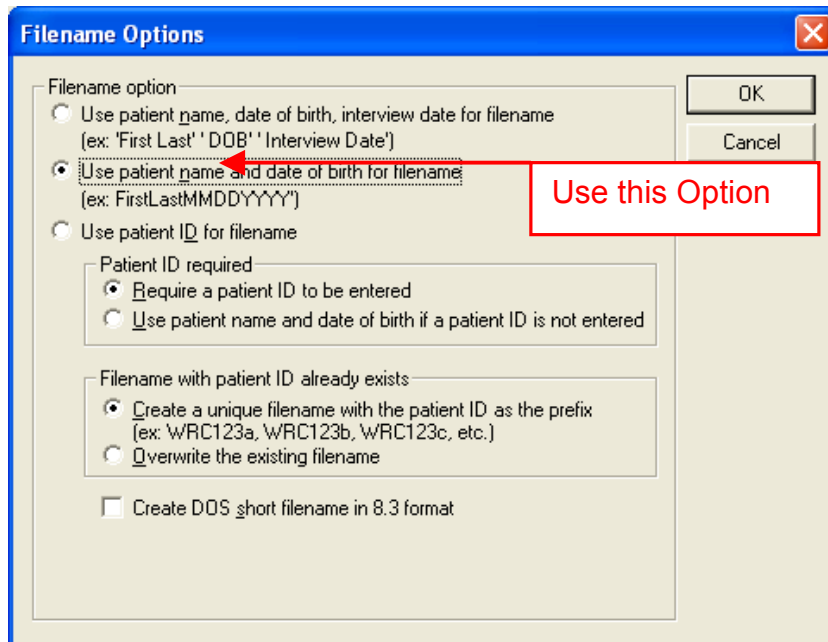
For these 4 steps, select the EMR option in the IMH Tools | Options menu. Click the "Output EMR Report when screening is completed" button and then move to the EMR type box. In Step 2, a list will appear; from which "Amazing Charts" should be selected.



Step 3: Use the “EMR report output location” button to define the output path where you would like to send the information when IMH completes an interview. Please be sure this matches the data directory you select for the interface in Amazing Charts



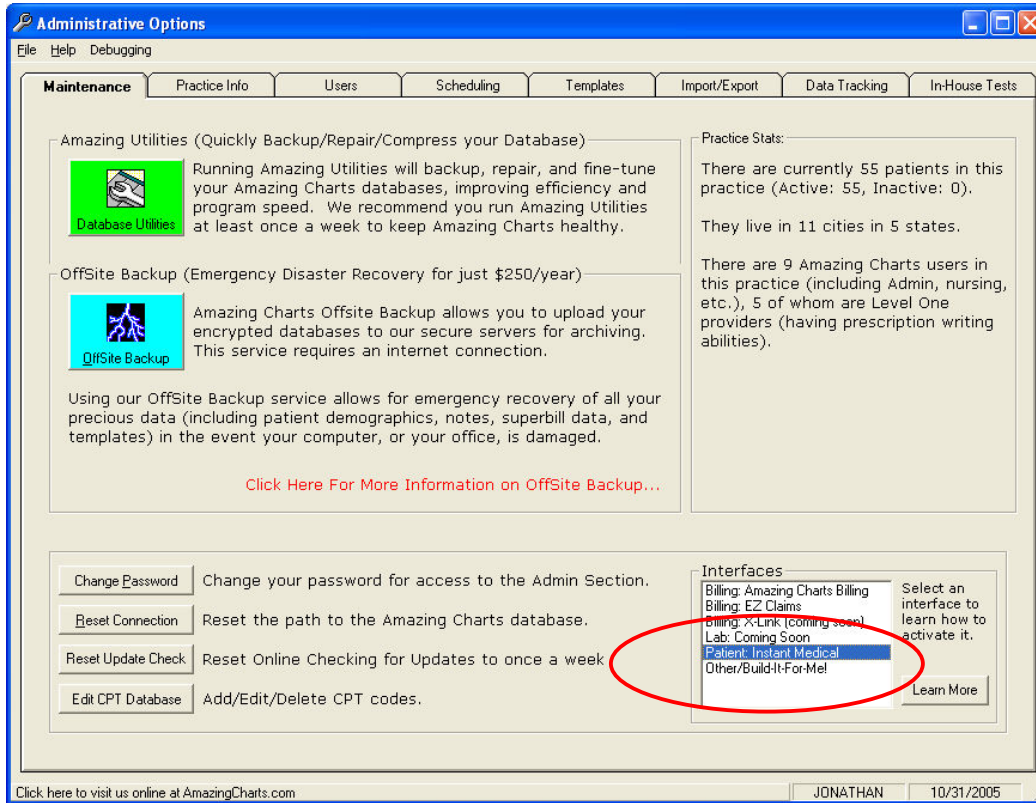
Step 4: How IMH writes the file name depends upon your EMR. For Amazing Charts, please select Patient Name and Date of Birth as the file name, so that Amazing Charts will be able to find the file easily. The information is sent in a format designed for Amazing Charts, and you are now ready to use IMH.



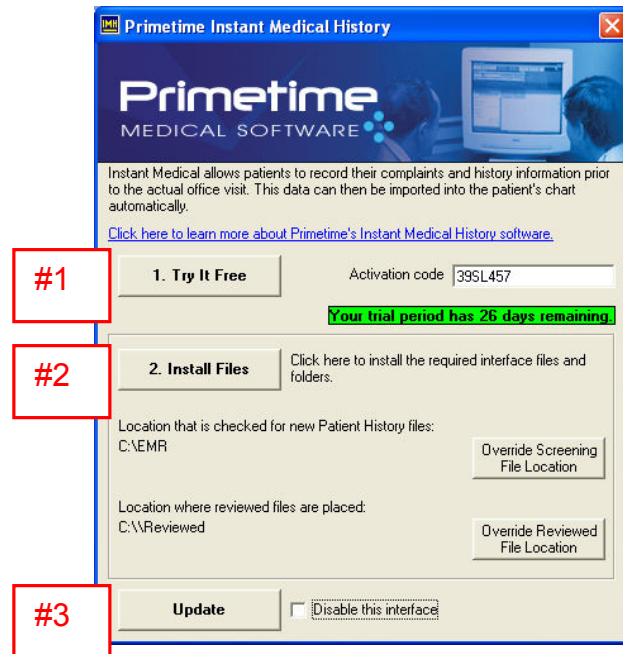
You may now wish to proceed to the Screening Level of Detail to adjust the length and focus of the questionnaires or to Favorites to establish easy access to some common screenings. Please note, you must be logged on to your computer as an Administrator for these changes to be saved.

## Part B) Creating the data flow from IMH to Amazing Charts

To configure Amazing Charts, please enter your Administrative Options and select Patient: Instant Medical from the main screen



The following dialog box should appear:

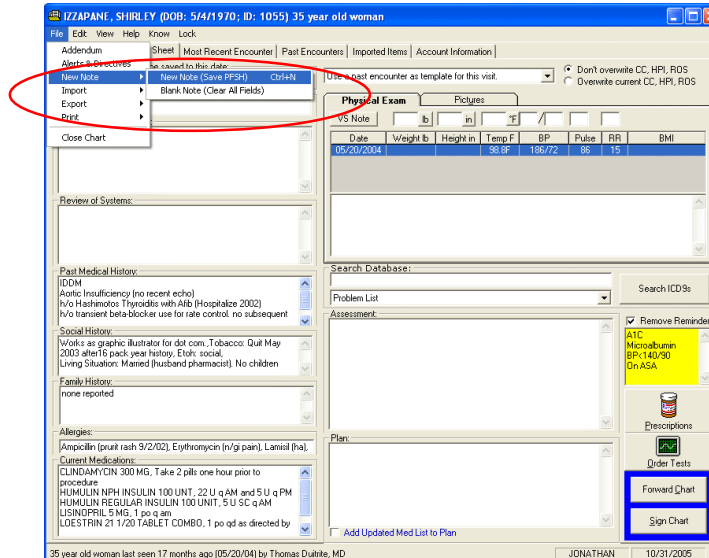


There are 3 things to check in the box. The first thing is to enter your Interface Activation code. The second is to install the interface files and folders. **IMPORTANT:** The Screening File Location **MUST** match the folder specified in Instant Medical History in Part A, Step 2. The Reviewed File is where files that have been read by Amazing Charts will be archived. The final step is to “Update” to active the interface.

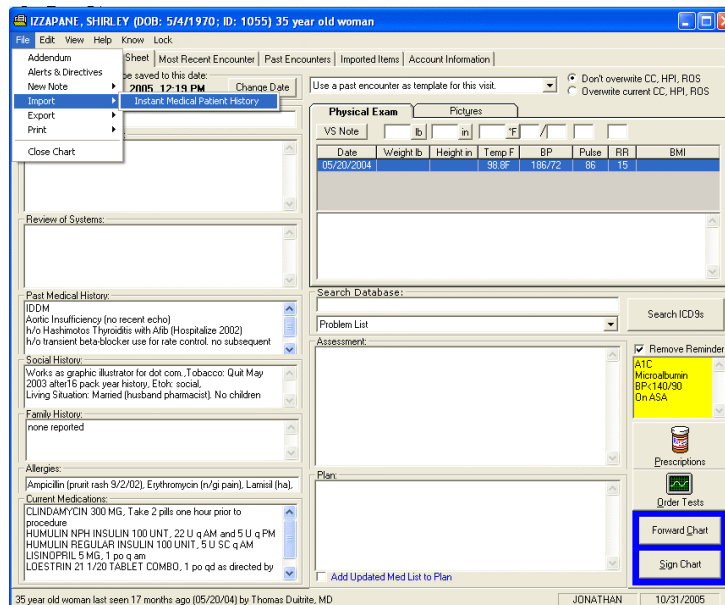
At this point, all of the configuration work is done. You will only need to make adjustments if you wish to change the appropriate folders.

## Part C) Using the IMH information in Amazing Charts

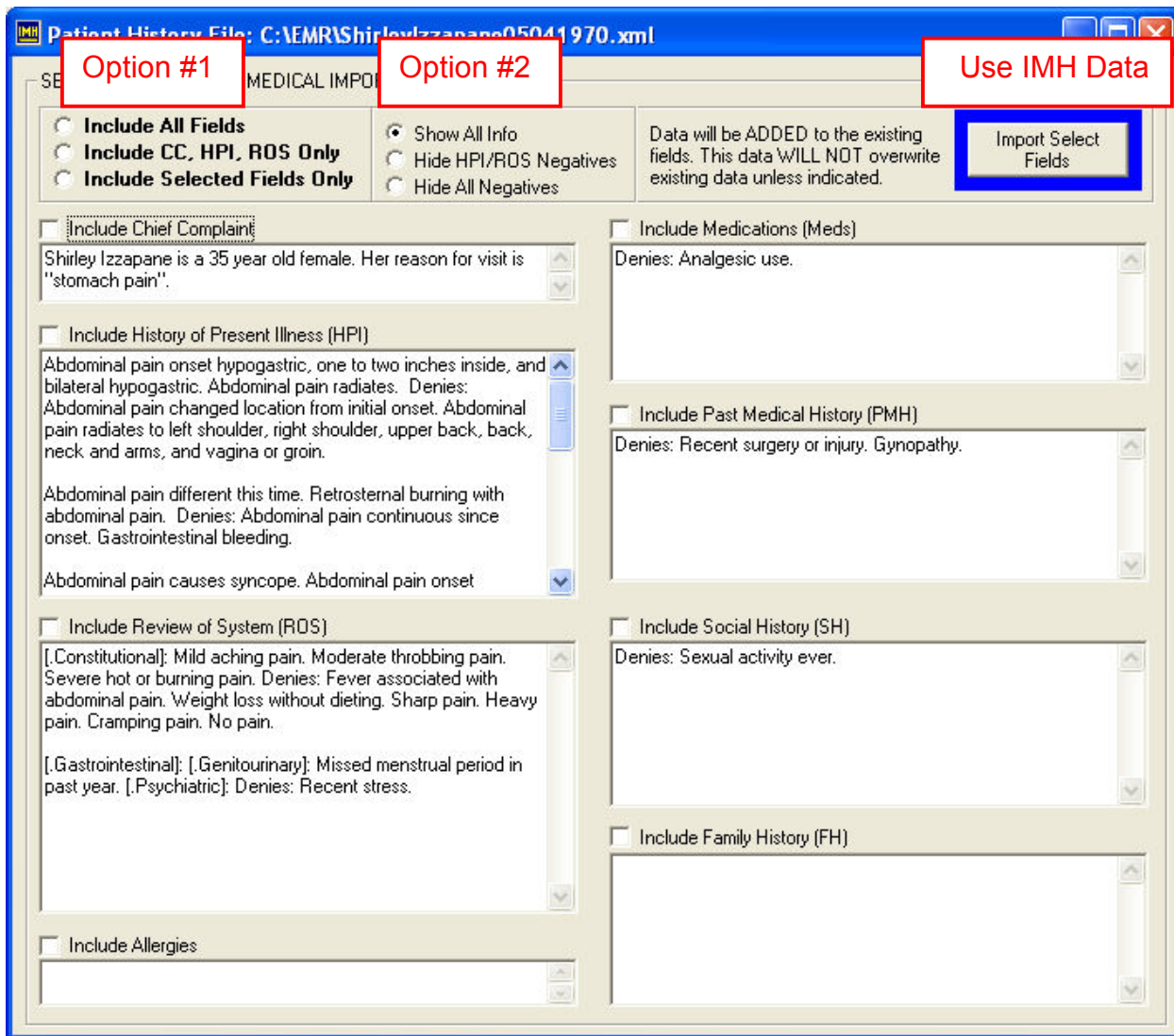
Each patient arrives at the clinic for his/her appointment. The patient can use IMH in the waiting room, in the exam room, or over the internet before arriving. You may wish to have your staff assist the patient for a few minutes in getting started using IMH, especially the first few times they use it. An example 'Patient Instruction Sheet' is at the end of this QuickStart. Once the patient has completed IMH, a special Amazing Charts file is placed into the output folder you have specified. When ready to see this patient, please open a New Note:



The next step is to Import the Instant Medical History



Once you have done this, you will see a full screen with several options for handling data. You may choose to accept all fields, the CC, HPI and ROS only, or only those fields that you desire (Option #1). You may also choose to suppress the negatives so that only positive findings are entered into the chart (Option #2). This information is entered into the CC, HPI, and ROS fields for the current note. The PMH, SH, and FH are appended to your existing information and will appear at the bottom of the appropriate box.



## Patient Instructions

There are a few very simple things to know to assist your physician in gathering your medical history. The next few computer screens will present you with questions and answer choices to the side. Please use the mouse to click on the best possible answer, or use the keyboard to type.

There are no “wrong” answers. The questionnaires are designed to get information, not to test you. If you make a mistake, you may be able to use the ‘go back’ button to go back to a previous question. The results of the questionnaire will be reviewed with you. If there are any misunderstandings or additions, they can be corrected at the time of the review. A few other tips:

1. If you are not sure how to answer a question about a problem or symptom, please answer yes. It can be corrected during the review, but please do not deny having a symptom that might be an important clue because the computer didn't ask the question clearly.
2. The computer is not very smart. It sometimes asks questions that are similar to previous questions (although it never asks the identical question twice). It also does not understand the meaning of the answers. Please be patient, and answer all of the questions. Even though some questions may appear to be very similar, they often have very different meanings. Each question is a valuable piece of information your physician needs to help you.
3. When the computer finishes, it will let you know the questions are over. Please wait patiently for our staff to assist you with the rest of your visit