



Computer Hardware – the Master Computer

We wanted to devote some space in the newsletter to an often-overlooked part of your business: the computers, and most importantly, the MASTER computer. The master computer is crucial to the smooth running of your shop and if it's not running well then staff time is wasted and this costs MONEY.



If your PharmacyPro computers are running slowly, then it's probably time to upgrade your master computer. It is false economy to put up with old machines as you are compromising work efficiency. There are a lot of programs running behind the scenes eg. Windows and Anti-Virus Updates, Integrated EFTPOS, MIMS, Med+Info and/or eScripts.

A new master is not as expensive as you might think, although we do not recommend that you go for a cheaply made computer; after all, your business relies on it. We also do not recommend going for expensive server machines as these are overkill and can cause problems of their own.

A good quality business class computer will cost around \$1195 plus GST and installation (excluding monitor), so not a huge outlay when compared to the cost of wasted staff time and lost sales.

The basic specifications for a master computer are:

- Windows 7 64Bit operating system (PLEASE note "64 BIT")
- 4 GB of RAM
- Core duo or i3 CPU
- Gigabit Networking
- 250GB Hard Drive

Note that at least **TWO** good computers are required in the PharmacyPro network. Should the current master die, you will need to use a second computer as the temporary master

Please remember that we are happy to advise you on your computers and their suitability for today's requirements. If you have a local technician who looks after your IT hardware, please ask him to call us BEFORE installing a new PC.

Faster and More Reliable

With the new SQL version of PharmacyPro, the program checks for updates every 4 hours. The latest updates and supplier files are loaded into your program automatically. Recent changes will be on the Update Details tab on the PharmacyPro Start Menu.



There has been a massive amount of development behind the scenes during the last year to keep PharmacyPro future-proofed and ready to provide more to your business.

Thank you for all your patience as PharmacyPro's faster and more reliable development is completed. Our rollout to all sites is progressing well.

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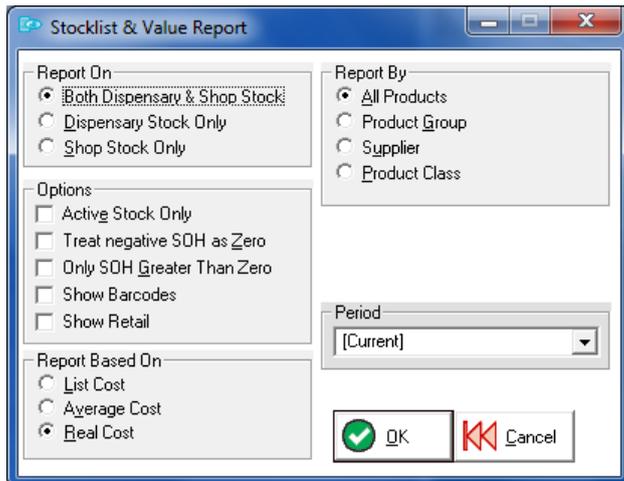


END OF YEAR STOCKTAKE

If you have been doing daily Rolling Stocktakes, your Stocklist Report will be pretty accurate. But you might want to check the Unusual Cards and Missing Stocktakes Reports (from the PharmacyPro Start Menu go to Reports, Stock Reports, Unusual Cards or Missing Stocktakes).



For the Stocklist: from the PharmacyPro Start Menu go to Reports, Stock Reports, StockList and Value. Include in your choices either 'Treat Negative SOH as Zero' OR 'Only SOH Greater Than Zero'. There is an option to print totals only. Select OK.



For 'Report Based On' we recommend you choose List Cost, unless you are sure you have maintained all the Real Costs correctly.

For 'Report By' select All Products, then press OK and select either Export or Print as required. (There is an option to print totals only.) This report will show 'Cost ex GST'.

Running a Product Group Report for the previous 12 months (and we suggest also running this weekly and monthly) gives a huge insight to where your profit and sales come from. Using this report, take a closer look at:

Gross Profit: How do your Groups compare and where are your most profitable areas?

Mark Up %: While you may think you are getting 60% or 65% in stockcards, how has the year actually performed after discounts and sales?

SOH Value: SOH climbing? Use the Dead Stock Report to see where slow stock is sitting.

Remember, with accurate stock on hand levels and always using Automatic Orders, PharmacyPro will manage your stock levels to 97% accuracy (that's proven to be better than any person). Daily 'Rolling Stocktakes' are the key.

MAKING YOUR LIFE EASIER - PHARMACYPRO TIPS

- There are many ways PharmacyPro will give business a boost, the main one being very smart ordering that allows you to just bring up an order and send it. No need to manually go through and adjust unless you know something the computer doesn't.

Not only will PharmacyPro save you time, but you will buy better, save double handling and cut your dead stock. Have the right stock on the shelf at the right time.

- When dispensing, press CTRL & K and you'll jump straight to the stock on hand of the drug you've selected. It makes it really easy to adjust as you go.