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IN-BOX COMMENTS VS. LAB BOOK COMMENTS *(User's Manual, pgs. 872,908-9)*

You can attach Comments to any item in the In-Box if you have checked In-Box\OPTIONS\Use **Network Index**. You can also write Comments about certain items in the program, such as Lab Book results, using the **Comment** field. Although both are called "Comments", they are intended to be used for different purposes. Let's see a typical way of using these.


First, let's record a Lab Book result with a Comment:

1. Press View\Lab Book.
2. Choose the name of a patient.
3. Press **ADD**.
4. For **Test**, enter POTASSIUM.
5. For **Abnormal**, select **Slightly High**.
6. For **Result**, enter 5.5
7. In the **Comment** field, type in "specimen hemolyzed"

This is the main intended use of the Comment field for a Lab Book result: something that usually comes from the laboratory, telling you about the result itself, such as "not enough serum", or how to interpret the results.

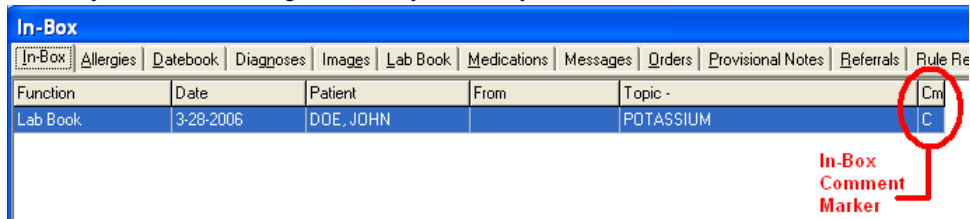
8. Press the In-Box Comment button  in the lower right corner of the screen.
9. Enter the Comment: "Tell him to have his blood drawn again, specimen isn't accurate."


This is the main purpose of an In-Box Comment; it is something separate from what the lab told you about the test, usually something you want to tell another user at your site about the test.

10. Press **OK** to store this Comment. Note that the In-Box Comment button in the Lab Book screen now has a red "C" indicating there is now an attached In-Box Comment.
11. Now, press the Send button  to send this Lab Book result to another user.
12. Check the name of a user (e.g. Suzy Secretary) and press **OK**.
13. Press **OK** to store this Lab Book entry.
14. Press **CANCEL** to leave the Add Lab Book Entry window.
15. Notice that when you return now to the Lab Book window, the Comment column to the far right has a marker in it, signifying that this result has a Lab Book Comment attached to it. Also, note that you could have entered the In-Box Comment or Sent the result from this window as well, by pressing these buttons at the lower right corner of the window.

Now, let's log on as Suzy Secretary and look at her In-Box:

1. Press System\User and log on as Suzy Secretary.



2. View Suzy's In-Box. (Make sure she has Lab Book chosen to **Include**, and either John Doe's Provider checked under **Providers**, or else **Providers: Ignore if Sent**, and that **Use Network Index** is checked. Otherwise, the item will not appear in her In-Box).
3. Note that this Lab Book item contains a "C" in the In-Box Comment column, signifying that there is an In-Box Comment attached to this item.
4. To read or respond this In-Box Comment, either a) right click on the item and select **Comment**, or b) highlight the item, press the **TOOLS** button at the bottom of the In-Box and select **Comment**. You can now see that you should contact the patient and notify him to repeat the test. (You could then type in a response, like "patient notified" which is appended to the In-Box Comment for this lab test). Note that the name of the user and the time that the Comment was stored are automatically recorded for you inside the Comment.
5. If you want to see the Lab Book result itself, along with the *Lab Book* Comment, either a) double-click this line in the In-Box, or b) highlight this line and press the **EDIT** button at the bottom of the In-Box.
6. This takes you back to the Add Lab Book Entry window, where again you can read the Lab Book Comment ("specimen hemolyzed") or press the In-Box Comment button  to read or respond to the In-Box Comment.

MEDCOM AT AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS ANNUAL SESSION

MEDCOM Information Systems will have a booth again this year at the American College of Physicians Annual Session in Philadelphia, April 6-8. Stop by and see the latest features, and chat with Dr. Welford and some of the other folks from MEDCOM.

APRIL QUARTERLY UPDATE RELEASED

This month we are releasing the April, 2006 Quarterly update. The update includes new medications, diagnostic terms, drug interactions, drug dosing information, spelling words, drug-disease Alerts, Web Links, algorithms, medication test reminders, cross-reacting allergies, and dozens of new patient education brochures. This update has over 6600 drug interactions with over 2400 references, over 11,500 Alerts, over 9800 Web Links, and over 1350 Brochures, including new or revised Brochures on amlodipine-benazepril, bevacizumab, cinacalcet, fomepizole, glipizide-metformin, lenaloidomide, loteprednol, mecasermin, micafungin, peginterferon alfa-2a, rosiglitazone-glimepiride, triptorelin, acute myeloid leukemia, autoimmune hepatitis, benign prostatic hyperplasia, candidiasis, carbon monoxide poisoning, colorectal cancer, cystic fibrosis, hirsutism, hyperparathyroidism, insomnia, patent foramen ovale, renal cancer, subarachnoid hemorrhage, and many others.

NEWS ON UPCOMING VERSIONS

We are continuing work on version 5.0. It lets you control the colors of Alerts and Interaction warnings by their severity, allowing the more severe ones to stand out. Please let us know if there are new features you would like to see included.

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