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DIAGNOSIS CHRONICITY (*User's Manual, pgs. 942-944*)

Version 5.0 lets you specify whether each Diagnosis in the patient's Diagnosis Editor is Acute, Subacute, Chronic, or Recurring. You can then sort the Diagnosis Editor to show first the Acute, then the Subacute, Recurring and finally the Chronic problems. Let's do this:

1. Press Write\Diagnoses and enter a patient's name.
2. Press

UTILITY\Sort.

3. Check **Sort by Chronicity** and press **Ok**.

To have the program automatically assign a Chronicity each time you add a new Diagnosis:

1. Press System\Diagnosis Options.
2. Check **Auto Assign Chronicity** and press **Ok**.

Diagnosis	ICD	Activity	Date start	Date end	C	Chronicity
angina	413.9	Active	3-20-2006			Acute
hepatitis	573.3	Active	4-3-2005			Acute
esophageal abscess	530.19	Active	1-23-2005			Acute
fracture	829.0	Active	10-11-2003			Acute
Hip fracture	820.8	Active	10-11-2003			Acute
Diarrhea	787.91	Active	10-11-2003			Acute
rabies	071	Active	10-11-2003			Acute
subacute bacterial endocarditis	421.0	Active	10-11-2003			Subacute
diaphragmatic hernia	553.3	Active	1-23-2005			Chronic
Hiccups	786.8	Active	10-11-2003			Chronic
hypertension	401.1	Active	4-24-2003			Chronic
renal failure	586	Active	4-3-2005			Recurring

To have the program

automatically go back through all of the Diagnoses in a single patient's Diagnosis Editor and assign a Chronicity to each Diagnosis without one:

1. Press Write\Diagnosis and enter the patient's name.
2. Press **UTILITY\Chronicity\Assign this patient** and answer **Yes**.

To have the program automatically go back through all of the Diagnoses for ALL patients in the practice and assign a Chronicity to each Diagnosis without one:

1. Press Write\Diagnosis and enter any patient's name.
2. Press **UTILITY\Chronicity\Assign all patients**.
3. Answer **Yes** when asked if you are sure you want to do this.
4. Provide the Master Password.

To have the Parser automatically assign a Chronicity to each new diagnosis it recognizes:

1. Press System\Parser Options.
2. Check **Parse Chronicity**.
3. You may also wish to set the **Default** beneath that to some value. If you are not sure, just leave it as **Unassigned**. But, for example, if you mainly see acute problems, you might set it to **Acute**. The Default setting is used by the Parser when it encounters a diagnosis for which it doesn't know what Chronicity to use.

The automatic assignment of Chronicity from the Diagnosis Editor uses the same algorithm as the Parser. The Parser inspects the diagnosis for any label specifying its Chronicity, (i.e. "acute", "subacute", "chronic", "recurrent", "recurring", etc.) and uses that label, if present, to assign the Chronicity. If there is no such label, it consults a table of default Chronicity values for thousands of diagnoses and applies that to the Diagnosis. For example, it assumes any fracture is Acute, whereas hypertension is Chronic.

