



Overview: 4PatientCare ASCII File Format

The 4PatientCare File Specification Document

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Introduction

This overview document describes the ASCII file creation requirements for 4PatientCare appointment reminders¹. The 4PatientCare File Interface Specification document is available upon request from 4PatientCare at info@4PatientCare.com or (877) 777-9078.

1 Field Descriptions

For appointment reminder communications the ASCII file must contain at a minimum seven fields. These include:

- Patient First Name
- Patient Last Name
- Patient ID
- Patient Home Phone #
- Provider Name or Code
- Appointment Date
- Appointment Time

2 Data Transmission

The 4PatientCare interface provides a secure automated method for transmission of data contained in the appointment data files. Files are never transmitted over the public Internet. Rather, data contained in the file (always behind your firewall) is parsed and updates are transmitted to 4PC via secure HTPPS POSTS. The integrated communication scheduler can transmit data multiple times throughout the day. It is recommended that the ASCII file transmission occur a minimum of once a day, higher frequency of transmission will improve effectiveness of the 4PatientCare system.

3 Example File

The following example file illustrates the appropriate file for a two-provider practice, Dr. Nichols, and Nancy Ferguson. The most important columns are presented from left to right).

- Appointment Date
- Appointment Time
- Patient ID

¹ Additional details for Appointment Reminders and other communication are detailed in the 4PatientCare File Specification Document.

- Last Name
- First Name
- Appointment Length
- Provider Name
- Appointment Reason
- Reserved Field
- Patient Phone #
- Patient SS #
- DOB
- Gender

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Figure 1: Example File

The 4PatientCare field specification wizard can order these data fields in the correct order. Thus, the columns need not adhere to a specific order.