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Preface

The purpose of this manual is to provide you with the information you need to use the latest enhancements to the Panel Definition window in the iCare (BQI) population management application.

This manual contains reference information about iCare views, examples of its processes, and step-by-step procedures to show you how to perform activities related to the Panel Definition window in the latest version of the iCare application.

For more information about iCare basic functionality, iCare usage, or training for iCare, you may consult these resources:

- iCare – IHS OIT available at [http://www.ihs.gov/icare/](http://www.ihs.gov/icare/)
- iCare Training available at [http://www.ihs.gov/icare/index.cfm?module=dsp_icare_cmet_training](http://www.ihs.gov/icare/index.cfm?module=dsp_icare_cmet_training)
- Recorded AdobeConnect sessions for iCare available at [https://ihs.adobeconnect.com/r6yazmoz1gm](https://ihs.adobeconnect.com/r6yazmoz1gm)
- Join the iCare listserv by sending an e-mail to [icare@listserv.ihs.gov](mailto:icare@listserv.ihs.gov)
1.0 Introduction

iCare is a Windows-based, client-server graphical user interface (GUI) to the IHS Resource and Patient Management System (RPMS). iCare retrieves key patient information from various components of the RPMS database and brings it together under a single, user-friendly interface. iCare is intended to help providers manage the care of their patients. The ability to create multiple panels of patients with common characteristics (e.g., age, diagnosis, community) allows users to personalize the way they view patient data.

The information included in this Panel Definition manual covers Panel Definition functionality in iCare Version 2.5. For more information about iCare basic functionality, iCare usage, or training for iCare, you can consult the resources listed above in the Preface.

1.1 Background

Along with the rest of the healthcare industry, IHS has already developed a set of chronic condition management (or register) applications, including for diabetes, asthma, and HIV. This type of application provides a way for healthcare providers to manage a specific group (register) of patients for a single disease state. Register management applications assist healthcare providers to identify high-risk patients, proactively track care reminders and health status of individuals or populations, provide more standardized and appropriate care by embedding evidence-based guidelines, and report outcomes.

Many patients, however, have more than one diagnosed disease. For instance, at the current time within the Indian Health system, a diabetic asthmatic woman could be a member of four RPMS registers (diabetes, asthma, women’s health, and immunizations). This ‘silop’ approach to patient care could potentially result in fragmented care, and could increase the risk of inadequate patient care management due to misidentification of the true level of risk.

1.2 iCare Graphical User Interface

The iCare GUI is intended to allow providers to see a more complete view of patients with multiple conditions, while maintaining the integrity of the user-defined, disease-specific registers.

iCare can help IHS providers by:

- Proactively identifying and managing different groups (populations) of patients who share user-defined characteristics.
- Providing an integrated view of a patient’s conditions that would minimize “stove piped” care management.
• Providing an intuitive and integrated interface to the diverse patient data elements of the RPMS database.

• Facilitating providers a review of clinical quality of care measures for their own patients to enable improvement in the quality of healthcare delivery.

• Enabling views of traditional healthcare information from the perspectives of community, population and public health.

• Providing the default tag selection as Proposed and Accepted. You can change the tag selection for any record by selecting or de-selecting any checkbox.

• Clicking the “use AND?” check box when there are multiple tags selected. The “And” option searches for patients who have ALL of the user-defined tags.

1.3 Who Should Use iCare?

Any provider who needs to identify a group of patients for long-term management or to create a temporary list should think about using iCare. Do you fit any of the following scenarios?

• I am a nurse at a facility that assigns a primary care provider to each patient. Every day, I want to create a list of scheduled patients for two different doctors in my clinic.

• I want to identify which of my patients are considered obese so I can recommend nutrition counseling.

• Because providers at our clinic have performance goals related to annual GPRA clinical measures, I want to identify which of my patients are missing key clinical data.

• Our Women’s Health Clinic wants to focus on two clinical performance improvement initiatives this year. We want to identify the performance problem areas for female patients between the ages of 18 and 50.

• I am one of two part-time case managers for a group of children, and I want to create a patient list that we both can use.
2.0 Panel Definition

You use the panel definition window to create or modify a panel of patients. A patient panel is a group of patients that needs to be managed collectively. Some users will have only one patient panel while others will have many.

You can create and use a panel for a day, a month, permanently. iCare provides you with many pre-defined search options to populate your panels, or you can add individually selected patients.

The key categories of a pre-defined population search include:

- Your “My Patients” definition, with additional filters such as visit date range, sex, age, community, and diagnosis
- Surrogate Provider - a provider different from yourself
- By scheduled appointments, defined by date range and/or clinics
- From reminder parameters
- From inpatient visits
- From ER visits
- From an existing QMan search template
- From a Register
- From an EHR personal list
- By any combination of patient data including age, sex, visit date range, primary visit provider, community, or pre-defined diagnosis
Figure 2-1: Initial Panel Definition window

**Definition tab:** used to define/edit search criteria to populate the list of patient members for a patient panel.

**Layouts tab:** used to customize your user template for defining the various layouts for the patient panel. In addition, you can specify to use the system default layout for any of them.

**Sharing tab:** used to share your panel with other RPMS users.

**Auto Repopulate Options tab:** used to determine if you want the contents of your panel to be dynamic, i.e., automatically refreshed.
3.0 Definition Tab

You use the Panel Definition window to create or modify a patient panel. A patient panel is a group of patients that needs to manage collectively. Some users will have only one patient panel while others will have many.

To create a new patient panel on the Panel List window, do any of the following:

- Click the New button
- Select the New option on the context menu
- Select File | Panel | New

To modify a patient panel on the Panel List window, highlight the panel to be edited and then do any of the following:

- Click the Modify button
- Select the Modify option on the context menu
- Select File | Panel | Modify

In either case, the application displays the Panel Definition window with focus on the Definition tab.

Figure 3-1: Sample Definition tab
Follow these steps to complete the Definition tab:

1. Type the unique name of the panel in the required Panel Name field, limited to 120 characters.

   If you enter a duplicate name, iCare displays a warning that states: It appears that you already have a panel by this name. Please change the panel name so that it is unique. You must change the name to a unique one in order to save the panel definition.

2. Use the Category option to group panels into a defined name and selectable color coded category. After defining this option, the category name and selected color categories will be visible on the Panel List tab.

   Click the Category button to access the Category Picker dialog.

![Category Picker dialog]

   Figure 3-2: Category Picker dialog

   Use the controls at the bottom as follows:

   - Highlight a record in the grid and click Select to cause that color to display by the Category field on the Panel Definition window.
   - Highlight a record in the grid and click Clear to cause that color to be removed by the Category field on the Panel Definition window.
   - Click Exit when the dialog is complete.

New

   Click New to create a new category color and name. The application displays the New Category dialog.
Type the name of the new category in the “Name” Free Text field.

Click the down-down list for Color and pick a color to represent the new category.

When the dialog is complete, click **OK** and the new category will appear in the grid on the Category Picker dialog. (Otherwise, click **Cancel**.)

**Edit**

Select a record in the grid on the Category Picker dialog and click **Edit** to display the Edit Category dialog. See “New” above to edit either field.

**Delete**

Select a record in the grid on the Category Picker dialog and click **Delete** to remove the record from the Category Picker dialog (there is no confirmation).

3. Select the “Designated IPC Panel?” check box to define a panel that will be displayed and can be selected on the IPC tab main view.

4. Type a description of your panel (limited to 250 characters) in the “Panel Definition” Free Text field. This is not a required field but is strongly recommended. The Panel Description displays as a tooltip for the Panel group box on the Cover Sheet tab of the Patient Record window.

5. Select one of the Population Search Options radio buttons.

   - **No Predefined Population Search**: a blank panel will be created and you can add patients individually. This panel will not have a search logic associated with it and therefore all panel patient members will be added manually.
   - **My Patients**: the panel will be based on the “My Patients” definition set in your **User Preferences**.
   - **Patients Assigned to**: the panel will be based on a "My Patients" definition for another provider.
   - **Scheduled Appointments**: the panel will be based on the RPMS Scheduling application. You will select an appointment date range and appointment locations.
- **Inpatient Visits**: the panel will be based on current inpatients or non-current inpatients using on several types of parameters.
- **ER Visits**: the panel will be based on parameters associated with ER visits.
- **Qman Template**: the panel will be based on an existing QMan template.
- **RPMS Register**: the panel will be based on any existing Register that was created with case management software, including the Diabetes Management System (BDM), the Case Management System (ACM), the Asthma Register System (BAT), or the HIV Management System (BKM). This option searches for patients that are members of various register applications on the RPMS server.
- **EHR Personal List**: the panel will be based on a selected personal list from the RPMS-EHR application.
- **Ad Hoc Search**: the panel will be based on one or more data items.

6. If you are ready to save your panel, skip to step 10 below. Otherwise, you can perform the following actions (in steps 7–9) before you save your panel.

7. To change the screen layout of your panel, click the **Layouts tab**.

8. To share the panel with others, click the **Sharing tab**.

9. To have your panel repopulated automatically (add or delete patients based on your panel logic), click the **Auto Repopulate Options tab**.

10. Click **OK** to save and close the panel or **Cancel** to discard the incomplete panel.

    After all of the tabs have been completed, click **OK** on the Panel Definition dialog. Your new patient panel will display on your Panel List window.

    If you decide to NOT create a Patient Panel, click **Cancel** on the Panel Definition window to display a warning message.

![Figure 3-4: Warning Message About Saving Changes](image)

- Click **Yes** to save the changes to the panel. You will be warned about any missing information, if any.
- Click **No** to exit the Panel Definition window.
- Click **Cancel** to return to the current panel where you can continue to create the panel.
After saving the panel, and later you modify it, the top part of the Definition tab will have the “Properties” label (far, right side).

![Properties label on Definition tab](image)

Figure 3-5: Changing a patient panel with Properties on Definition tab

Move your mouse over the Properties label and the application will display information about the search criteria, for example.

![Sample Properties information](image)

Figure 3-6: Sample Properties information

If you have forgotten to enter a panel name or complete any of the search options, the following warning message will display: Complete the required information in the highlighted field(s).

If you click OK and it takes time to populate the panel, the “Background populate?” information message will display, asking you if you want to populate in the background. Click Yes to populate in the background. Click No to populate in the foreground.

3.1 No Predefined Population Search

The default option “No Predefined Population Search - Add Patients Manually” creates an empty panel. You add the patients to the panel using a search tool.

The application displays the Select Patients dialog.
Figure 3-7: Empty New Panel with Select Patients dialog

Type the name, HRN, SSN, or DOB of the individual patient you want to add to your panel in the Search field. Then click Find. There are two conditions: (a) one or more matches are found or (b) no matches are found.

• If one or more matches are found, they will be displayed in the grid on the Select Patients dialog.

Figure 3-8: Sample Populated Select Patients dialog

Highlight the patients and click Add. This adds the selected patients to the new panel. The Search field will be cleared of data.

• If no matches are found, the following warning message will display: No matching patients were found. Click OK to dismiss the message. You return to the Select Patients dialog. Try other search criteria.
Search for additional patients by continuing to type the name, HRN, SSN, or DOB in the Search box. Continue to highlight and add patients.

Click **Add** when you have added all of your patients. The Select Patients dialog will close and your panel will be displayed on the Panel List main window. (Otherwise, click **Close** to create a panel with no patients in it.)

### 3.2 My Patients

You must have “My Patients” defined in the User Preferences (on **Define My Patients Tab**). This search logic applies to any panel created using the “My Patients” option.

![My Patient Definition](image)

**Figure 3-9: My Patient Definition**

If you do NOT have “My Patient” defined, you will have to Cancel the Panel Definition and set a definition for “My Patients” from the **Tools | User Preferences**.

Select the “Apply Additional Filters” check box to display additional data that can be used to refine the search. These are the same fields that display when you select the **Ad Hoc Search** radio button.

After the Panel Definition dialog is complete, click **OK** (otherwise, click **Cancel**). After clicking **OK**, the application displays the “Background populate?” information message, asking if you want to background process. Click **Yes** to populate the panel in the background. Otherwise, click **No** to populate in the foreground.
Example: You want the panel to contain female patients, ages 45 to 47 for whom you are either the Designated Primary Care Provider or the Primary Visit Provider for at least three years in the past two years.

![Sample Panel Definition with Sex and Age Filters](image)

Figure 3-10: Sample Panel Definition with Sex and Age Filters

In this example, here are the steps to follow:

1. Make sure your “My Patients” definition has the following selections: the DPCP type and Primary Visit Provider type with 3 visits in the past 2 years. You can check this by holding your mouse over “Current Definition” phrase. If you need to modify “My Patient” definition, access it under **Tools | User Preferences**.

2. On the Panel Definition window, select **My Patients** and select the **Apply Additional Filters** check box.

3. Select Sex option Female.

4. Select Age “in range (inclusive)” and enter 45 and 47 for the age range.

**Note:** You can also create this same search logic by using the Patients Assigned To search option and selecting your name and provider definition.

### 3.3 Patients Assigned To

The “Patients Assigned to” option is similar to the “My Patients” definition but does not become a permanent User Preference. You will select your name or another provider’s name and then select one or more provider types that best define patients that are “assigned” to the provider selected. Refer to **Define My Patients Tab** for a more detailed explanation of each provider name and timeframe option.
This is a good option to use if you want to use a different definition for yourself for “your patients.” For example, if your User Preference designates “your” patients as Designated Primary Care Provider (DPCP) only, you might want to use both DPCP and primary visit provider.

This is also a good option for nurses or case managers who are responsible for working with two or three individual physicians. You can quickly create individual panels for each physician based on the physician’s specific role.

**Patients NOT Assigned to a DPCP**

Use the “Patient NOT Assigned to a DPCP” radio button to help identify patients who have not yet been assigned a Primary Care Provider.

**Note:** Creating a panel based on this selection could yield a very large number of patients. It will include all patients unless additional filters are applied, such as only ‘Living’ patients or only patients in a specific community.

**Providers**

Use the Providers radio button to filter the patients by particular providers.

Click **Edit** to access the **Add/Remove Providers** dialog.
When the Add/Remove dialog is complete, click OK and the names that appear in the Current Selections field will populate the Providers field. (Otherwise, click Cancel.)

After the Providers field is populated, you need to indicate what type of provider the selected name is.

**DPCP (Designated Primary Care Provider)**

Any patient whose documented DPCP is the selected provider/surrogate. Use this option if the selected provider is using the Designated Specialty Provider Management (DSPM) option, in the RPMS application.

If the selected provider is NOT running DSPM, then you use the last two options, the Primary Visit Provider or the Primary/Secondary Visit Provider.

**Specialty Provider**
Users are assigned as Specialty Providers to patients as defined in the Designated Specialty Provider Management (BDP) application.

After selecting the Specialty Provider radio button, you need to specify the specialty provider types. Click the **Edit** button to access the **Add/Remove Specialty Provider Types** dialog.

![Sample Add/Remove Specialty Providers Types dialog](image)

When the Add/Remove dialog is complete, click **OK** and the provider types in the Current Selections group box of the dialog will populate the **Specialty Type** field. (Otherwise, click **Cancel**.)

**Primary Visit Provider**

Any patient whose Primary Visit Provider is the selected provider/surrogate for a user-defined number of visits within a user-defined timeframe, e.g., a patient where the selected provider/surrogate was the Primary Visit Provider at least two times in the past six months. The defaults for the user-defined values are two visits within the past year.

**Primary/Secondary Visit Provider**

Any patient whose Primary/Secondary Visit Provider is the selected provider/surrogate for a user-defined number of visits within a user-defined timeframe. The defaults for the user-defined values are two visits within the past year.

**Minimum Visits**

You can select the minimum number of visits used in combination with a time frame to define whether a patient “belongs” to a provider, e.g., two (2) visits in the past year. Values are 1 through 9; you must select the value from the drop-down list. The Minimum Visits option is used with Provider Types “Primary Visit” and “Primary/Secondary Visit” only.
Minimum Visit Timeframe

You can select a timeframe to be used in combination with the minimum number of visits to define whether a patient “belongs” to a provider, e.g., 2 visits in the past year. Values are: 3 months, 6 months, 1 year, 2 years; you must select the value from the drop-down list. The Minimum Visit Timeframe option is used with Provider Types “Primary Visit Provider” and “Primary/Secondary Visit Provider” only.

If you selected the Primary Visit Provider or Primary/Secondary Visit Provider, specify both a minimum number of visits and a timeframe (required).

Team

Use the Team parameter to filter the patients by a particular Team. Only patients whose DPCP is a team member will be added to the panel.

![Team group box](image)

Select an option from the Team drop-down list. If there are pre-determined team members, their names will populate the Selected Team Includes field.

Select the **Apply Additional Filters?** check box to display additional data that can be used to refine the search. These are the same fields that display when you select the **Ad Hoc Search** radio button.

3.4 Scheduled Appts

You use the Scheduled Appointments search option to find the patients with scheduled appointments in a specified date range or time frame for the panel (required).

This is a good option to use if you are a nurse in a clinic that empanels patients (assigns a primary care provider to each patient), and you manage the patients for multiple physicians.
**Appointment Range**

Use the Appointment Range group box to set either a date range or a time frame. You must select one of the radio buttons.

![Appointment Range group box](image)

*Figure 3-16: Sample Scheduled Appointments Selection parameters*

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**By Date**

Select the By Date radio button where you enter the date range for the scheduled appointments. If you want one day only, both the beginning and end dates must be the same. The default is today’s date.

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**By Timeframe**

If you select this option, the panel should be set to automatically Auto Repopulate at first login (refer to [Auto Repopulate Options Tab](#) for more information).

Select the By Timeframe radio button to select the time frame associated with the date range (cannot be blank). Valid choices are on the drop-down list.

If you select the “By Timeframe” option on the Appointment Range and save, the application displays the message that states: This panel definition includes a Timeframe filter. It is recommended that this panel be set to Auto Populate. Do you agree? Click **Yes**, **No**, or **Cancel**.
• Click **Yes** to set the panel to Auto Panel. The application displays the message that states: Populating the panel may take some time and will run in the background. Do you want to continue and populate this panel? Click **OK** to run in background. (Otherwise, click **Cancel**).

• Click **No** to not set the panel to Auto Populate.

• Click **Cancel** to return focus to the Appoint Range group box.

**Appointment Locations**

Use the Appointment Locations group box to select the appointment locations by which to search. You must select one of the radio buttons (By Scheduling Clinic or Visit Clinic). Generally you will use the Appointment code to display the list from the RPMS Scheduling application.

![Appointment Locations group box](image)

Figure 3-18: **Appointment Locations** group box

**By Scheduling Clinic**

Select the By Scheduling Clinic radio button and then click **Edit** to access the **Add/Remove Scheduling Clinics** dialog.

![Add/Remove Scheduling Clinics dialog](image)

Figure 3-19: Sample **Add/Remove Scheduling Clinics** dialog

When the **Add/Remove dialog** is complete, click **OK** and the options in the Current Selections group box populate the By Scheduled Clinic field on the Panel Definition window. iCare searches for the patients in the clinics in the By Scheduled Clinic field. (Otherwise, click **Cancel**.)

**By Visit Clinic**
Select the **By Visit Clinic** radio button and then click **Edit** to access the **Add/Remove Visit Clinic** dialog.

![Add/Remove Visit Clinics dialog](image)

Figure 3-20: Sample **Add/Remove Visit Clinic** dialog

When the **Add/Remove dialog** is complete, click **OK** and the visit clinics in the Current Selections group box populate the By Visit Clinic field. iCare searches for the patients in the clinics displayed in the By Scheduled Clinic field. (Otherwise, click **Cancel**.)

**Appointment Status**

The Appointment Status field is populated by clicking the **Edit** button to access the Add/Remove Appt Types dialog. The intent of this option is to define a panel once and have it auto populate every day without having to manually change the date range. If you use this option, the panel should be set to Auto Repopulate (refer to **Auto Repopulate Options Tab** for more information).

![Add/Remove Appt Types dialog](image)

Figure 3-21: **Add/Remove Appt Types** dialog

When the **Add/Remove dialog** is complete, click **OK** and the appointment types in the Current Selections group box populate the Appointment Status field. (Otherwise, click **Cancel**.)
Select the **Apply Additional Filters?** check box to display additional data that can be used to refine the search. These are the same fields that display when you select the [Ad Hoc Search](#) radio button.

### 3.5 Inpatient Visits

You use the Inpatient Visits search option to restrict the search to current inpatient visits or to non-current inpatient visits where you define particular characteristics of the visit.

**Figure 3-22: Sample inpatient visits parameters**

#### Current Inpatient?

Select the **Current Inpatient?** check box to restrict the search to current inpatients. This action causes the fields in the lower panel to become active and the fields in the Discharge Range to become inactive.

Do not select the **Current Inpatient?** check box to restrict the search to a specified admit date range and a specified discharge date range.

#### Admit Range group box

Use the Admit Range group box to restrict the search for patients in a particular admin date range.

**Figure 3-23: Admit Range group box**

#### By Date

Select the **By Date** radio button to enter the date range for the admit dates. If you want one day only, both the beginning and end dates must be the same.
By Timeframe

If you select this option, the panel should be set the panel to automatically Auto Repopulate at first login (refer to Auto Repopulate Options Tab for more information).

Select the By Timeframe radio button to select the time frame associated with the admit date range (cannot be blank). Valid choices are on the drop-down list.

Discharge Range group box

Use the discharge range group box to restrict the search to patients in a specified discharge date range. The “By Date” and “By Timeframe” work like those for the Admin Range group box (above).

The lower group box becomes active when the “Current Inpatient” check box has been selected.

![Figure 3-24: Lower group box for current inpatient status](image)

The various fields on the lower group box define the restrictions for the search for current inpatients by admit type, attending provider, specialty, ward, nurse, and disposition type. They all operate in the same manner. Below is how to use the “Admin Type” restriction.

Admin Type

Use the Admit Type to restrict the search for current inpatients to particular admit types. Click Edit to access the Add/Remove Inpatient Admit Types dialog.

![Figure 3-25: Add/Remove Inpatient Admit Types dialog](image)
When the Add/Remove dialog is complete, click OK and the items in the Current Selections group box populates the field by the Edit button for Admit Type. (Otherwise, click Cancel.)

### 3.6 ER Visits

You use the ER Visits search option to restrict the search for patients with ER visits.

![ER Visits Parameters](image)

**Figure 3-26: ER Visits Parameters**

Populate the Admit Range or Discharge Range group box and the fields in the lower group box become active.

The group boxes on the ER Visits work like those for Inpatient Visits.

### 3.7 QMan Template

Use the QMan Template option to populate your panel with the patients identified in a specified QMan search template.

This is a good option to use if you or another RPMS user has already spent time creating QMan searches that you would like to reuse. For the expert user, QMan can produce highly complex searches.

![Sample QMan Template list](image)

**Figure 3-27: Sample QMan Template list**
You can search for a template by doing one of the following:

- Search for a template by typing a few characters in the Template Name field; the list will scroll to the first instance of the name containing those characters.
- Use the scroll bar to browse through the list.

Highlight the template name. Please note the following about the Template Type:

- The ‘P’ in the Template Type column means it is a patient centric QMan search.
- The ‘V’ in the Template Type column means it is a visit centric QMan search.

Select the “Apply Additional Filters?” check box to display additional data that can be used to refine the search. These are the same fields that display when you select the Ad Hoc Search radio button.

**Tip:** You can only select one QMan template for each panel. To create a panel containing multiple templates, create one panel for each template, and then copy all patients out of each panel into one combined panel. Duplicate patients will not be included.

Please note that if the QMan template is removed from the database and you try to modify that panel (using the template), the Template Name field will be empty. In this case, close the Panel Definition window and create a new panel and copy the patients to the new panel.

### 3.8 RPMS Register

Use the RPMS Register option to populate your panel with patients who are already on a Register for any existing RPMS case management system. Examples of case management systems are Diabetes Management System (BDM), Case Management (ACM), the Asthma Register System (BAT), and the HIV Management System (BKM). Currently, only the Case Management System has multiple Registers.

**Note:** Any Register created within the Diabetes Management System that is NOT the “official” IHS Diabetes Register but can be located by selecting the Case Management System option, and then scrolling to the named diabetes sub registers.
Type the name of the Register in the Register Name field and the list will scroll to the first occurrence of the typed letters. Highlight your selection.

The Case Management System option requires secondary data.

You must select a sub-register from the drop-down list.

The default Status is ACTIVE (for any of the Register options). To change the Status, click Edit to access the Add/Remove Register Statuses dialog.

The Status field also appears on the following Register Names: Diabetes, HIV Management System, Prediabetes.
When the Add/Remove dialog is complete, click **OK** and the options in the Current Selections group box populate the Status field on the RPMS Register Parameters area. (Otherwise, click **Cancel**.) If there is more than one status, the Status field on the RPMS Register Parameters group box will have a scroll bar.

Select the **Apply Additional Filters?** check box to display additional data that can be used to refine the search. These are the same fields that display when you select the **Ad Hoc Search** radio button.

### 3.9 EHR Personal List

You use the EHR Personal List option to use an existing defined personal list from the RPMS-EHR application.

After you select this option and there is no existing personal list, the application displays the Warning: No Selections Available message that reads: There is no EHR Personal Lists for selection. Click **OK** to dismiss the message.

![Sample EHR Personal List parameters](image)

Figure 3-31: Sample **EHR Personal List parameters**

Click the **Edit** button associated with the Personal List field to access the Add/Remove EHR Personal Lists dialog. You can use one or more selections. When the Add/Remove dialog is complete, click **OK** and the personal list names in the Current Selections group box populate the Personal List field. (Otherwise, click **Cancel**.)

Select the **Apply Additional Filters?** check box to display additional data that can be used to refine the search. These are the same fields that display when you select the **Ad Hoc Search** radio button.
3.10 Ad Hoc Search

Use the Ad Hoc Search option to combine one or more common search criteria, such as age, gender, community, or visit date range, to define the patient population that you want.

![Sample Ad Hoc filters](image)

After completing the filter options, click **OK** to use the filter options in creating a new patient panel. (Otherwise, click **Cancel**).

3.10.1 Patient (Category) Filter

Expand the Patient (Category) filter to display the criteria that you can select. Likewise, expand any of the filters under the Patient filter to use them in the search.
Patient Group Box

You can filter the patients in the panel by using the fields in the Patient group box.

Sex

Select the sex filter (male or female) from the drop-down list.

By Age

You can enter a filter by age by using a criteria statement and age.

Click the drop-down for the first field to select the criteria statement.

- Less than, e.g., a panel of children could be defined as ages less than 19.
- Less than or equal to, e.g., the same panel of children in the previous example could be defined as ages less than or equal to 18.
• Equal to, e.g., create a panel of patients aged 50 to identify those who should have a colorectal exam.

• Greater than or equal to, e.g., a panel of adults could be defined as ages greater than or equal to age 19.

• Greater than, e.g., the same panel of adults in the previous example could be defined as ages greater than age 18.

• In range (inclusive), e.g., create a panel of women ages 45 through 60 with this option.

• Out of range (exclusive), e.g., 20-25, exclusive means ages 21, 22, 23, 24.

There will be a date range for Age if you select: (1) in range (inclusive) or (2) out of range (exclusive). For example: 20-25, inclusive means 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 whereas 20-25, exclusive means 21, 22, 23, 24.

Type the age to be used in the search in the middle field (limited to 3 characters).

The drop-down list for the last field for the Age criteria defined the units of measure for the age: YRS (for years), MOS (for months), or DYS (for days).

**By DOB**

Filter by DOB by specifying a date range using the “Date of Birth” and “to” fields.

**Preferred Communication Method**

Select a filter for the Preferred Communication Method field by selecting an option from the drop-down list.

**Preferred Language**

Select a filter for the Preferred Language field by selecting an option from the drop-down list.

### 3.10.1.1 Beneficiary Filter

Use the Beneficiary to search for either AI/AN or non-AI/AN Classification/Beneficiary patient categories. This is similar to the CRS reports where users can select a patient population based on the Classification/Beneficiary categories in Patient Reg.

Click **Edit** to access the **Add/Remove Beneficiaries** dialog.
When the Add/Remove dialog is complete, click OK and the options in the Current Selections group box will populate the Beneficiary field in the Patient group box. (Otherwise, click Cancel.)

### 3.10.1.2 Category Filter

Use the Category group box to restrict your search to any of the following:

**Living**

Living patients are patients for whom all HRNs (health record numbers) have been activated through registration.

**Inactive**

Inactive patients are patients for whom all HRNs (health record numbers) have been inactivated through registration. If any HRN is still active, this patient is not considered to be Inactive.

**Deceased**

Select Deceased to specify a Date of Death date range. If you do not use a date of death date range, the application will search all deceased patients.

**Causes of Death**

Use the Cause of Death to search for reasons (only active when Deceased is selected).
Click **Edit** to access the **Add/Remove Causes of Death** dialog.

![Add/Remove Causes of Death dialog](image)

When the **Add/Remove dialog** is complete, click **OK** and the options in the **Current Selections** group box will populate the **Causes of Death** field. (Otherwise, click **Cancel**.)

### 3.10.1.3 Community Filter

Use the **Community** group box to restrict the search to patients defined in a community either by taxonomy or by name. This option uses the Active patients in the database for each associated Community of Residence.

![Community group box](image)

**By Taxonomy**

To define the community by taxonomy, select the **By Taxonomy** radio button.

Click **Edit** to access the **Add/Remove Community Taxonomies** dialog.
When the Add/Remove dialog is complete, click OK and the items in the Current Selection group box will populate the field by the Edit button as well as the “Selected Taxonomy Includes” field. (Otherwise, click Cancel.)

**By Name**

To define the community by name, select the **By Name** radio button. Select an option from the drop-down list for the By Name field; the selection determines the number of patients in the community (least one or all); the “With At Least One Patient” is the default.

Use the **Edit** button to determine which communities to use in the search. Click **Edit** to access the **Add/Remove Communities** dialog.

If you select more than one community, this activates the **Create Taxonomy** button.
The user must have either the iCare Editor (BQIZCMED) or iCare Package Manager (BQIZMGR) security key in order to use the Create Taxonomy button.

Clicking the **Create Taxonomy** button allows you to save those communities as a Community taxonomy. This action will change the panel definition from a list of communities to the new Community taxonomy name. Section 7.2 provides information about creating a Community taxonomy. Users are allowed to edit the Community Taxonomies that they created.

### 3.10.1.4 Diagnostic Tag Filter

Use this option to restrict your search to patients with one or more of the predefined diagnostic tags. You need to expand the **Diagnostic Tag** selection to display the entire **Diagnostic Tag** group box.

Click **Edit** to select the diagnostic tags. There are two conditions that could be present: (1) taxonomies that do not have any entries or (2) all taxonomies have entries.

If there are any taxonomies that do not have any entries, the iCare Taxonomy Check warning message displays, giving you information about the entries. This message makes you aware that some definitions are missing and might affect the accuracy of the diagnostic tags. (Click **OK** to dismiss the message).

When all taxonomies have entries, the **Add/Remove Diagnostic Tags** dialog displays.
When the Add/Remove dialog is complete, click OK and the options in the Current Selections group box will populate the Diagnostic Tag group box. (Otherwise, click Cancel.)

The default tag selection will be Proposed and Accepted. You can change the tag selection for any record by selecting or de-selecting any checkbox.

Select the Use AND? check box when there are multiple tags selected. The “And” option searches for patients who have ALL of the user-defined tags.

### 3.10.1.5 Allergies Filter

**No Allergy Assessment**
Select the “No Allergy Assessment” check box to restrict the search to patients without an allergy assessment. This action causes the “No Known Allergies” check box and the Edit button to become inactive.

**No Known Allergies**
Select the “No Known Allergies” check box to restrict the search to patients without an allergy assessment. This action causes the “No Allergy Assessment” check box and the Edit button to become inactive.

Use the Allergies group box to filter patients by one or more allergies.
Select the **Use AND?** check box when there are multiple allergies selected. The “And” option searches for patients who have ALL of the allergies.

Click **Edit** to access the **Add/Remove Allergies** dialog.

When the **Add/Remove dialog** is complete, click **OK** and the items in the Current Selections group box will populate the field by the Edit button on the Allergies group box. (Otherwise, click **Cancel**.)

### 3.10.1.6 Employer Filter

If you have been assigned the proper Employer Group security key, you will see this selection in the Optional Filters portion of Panel Definition. Use the Employer to filter the patients by the list of employers defined in the iCare Site Parameters.

Select the Employer check box to filter the patients by employer.

If you are changing a shared panel and you select this check box, the application displays an error message that states: Panel is already shared. Checking the employer filter is not permitted.
3.10.1.7 **Ethnicity Filter**

Use the Ethnicity group box to filter the patients by ethnicity.

![Ethnicity group box](image)

Figure 3-49: **Ethnicity** group box

Click **Edit** to access the **Add/Remove Ethnicities** dialog.

![Add/Remove Ethnicities dialog](image)

Figure 3-50: Sample Add/Remove Ethnicities dialog

When the **Add/Remove dialog** is complete, click **OK** and the items in the Current Selections group box will populate the field by the Edit button on the Ethnicity group box. (Otherwise, click **Cancel**.)

3.10.1.8 **Race Filter**

Use the Race group box to filter the patients by races.

![Race group box](image)

Figure 3-51: **Race** group box

Click **Edit** to access the **Add/Remove Race** dialog.
3.10.2 PCC

Use the PCC filter to filter the patients by CPTs, Lab Tests, Medications and Patient Education.

3.10.2.1 CPTs Filter

Use the CPTs group box to filter the population by CPTs. This can be done by date range or for patients who did not have CPTs during the selected range.

The Range group box operates like the Range group box on Lab Tests. Section 3.8.2.2 provides information about that group box.

After populating the date range or the timeframe fields, the bottom part of the group box becomes active.

If the patients did not have certain CPTs during the selected range, select the “Patient(s) did NOT have the following CPT(s) during the selected range” check box.
Use either of the radio buttons to define the CPTs by taxonomy or by name. These operate like those in Lab Tests. Section 3.8.2.2 provides information about these radio buttons.

### 3.10.2.2 Lab Tests Filter

Use the Lab Test group box to filter the population by lab tests. This can be by date range or for patients who did not have lab tests during the selected range to filter by Taxonomy or by Name. For example, patients with the pregnancy tag who have not had an HIV screening.

![Lab Tests group box](image)

**Figure 3-54: Lab Tests group box**

**Range – By Date**

Click the **By Date** radio button where you enter the date range for the lab tests. If you want one day only, both the beginning and end dates must be the same.

**Range – By Timeframe**

If you select this option, the panel should be set to automatically Auto Repopulate at first login. Section 6.0 provides information about this function.

Select the Timeframe radio button to select the time frame associated with the date range (cannot be blank). Valid choices are on the drop-down list.

After populating the date range or the timeframe, the bottom part of the group box becomes active.
If the patients did not have the following lab tests during the selected range, select the “Patient(s) did NOT have the following lab test(s) during the selected range” check box. Use either of the radio buttons to define by taxonomy or by name. For example, patients with an asthma tag who do not have a controller medication.

**By Taxonomy**

To define patient without lab test by taxonomy, select the “By Taxonomy” radio button and then select an option from the By Taxonomy drop-down list. If the selected Taxonomy includes certain items, those items display in the field below the “Selected Taxonomy Includes” label.

Selecting a taxonomy activates the “Filter on Lab Results/Values area.

**By Name**

To define the patients without lab tests by name, select the **By Name** radio button and then click the **Edit** button to access the **Add/Remove Lab Tests** dialog.

When the **Add/Remove dialog** is complete, click **OK** and the items in the **Current Selection** field will populate the **By Name** field. (Otherwise, click **Cancel**.)
After populating the **By Name** lab tests, the Filter on Lab Results/Values becomes active.

**Filter on Lab Results/Values**
This area becomes active after selecting the “By Taxonomy” radio button.

Select the Filter on Results/Value check box to identify the lab result ranges to be used in the filter. The application populates the appropriate taxonomy name(s).

![Sample Filter on Lab Results/Values group box](image)

Select the **Use AND?** check box when there are multiple Lab Tests. The “And” option searches for patients who have ALL of the lab tests.

You can edit or delete any taxonomy listed.

**Edit**

Select a name under the Lab Test column to edit and then click **Edit**. The application displays the **Lab Result Detail** dialog.

![Sample Lab Results Detail dialog](image)

Select an option from the drop-down list and then populate the second field with the result number. After the dialog is complete, click **OK** and the Range value is populated on the Lab Result Ranges group box. (Otherwise, click **Cancel**.)

**Delete**
Use the Delete function to delete a selected row in the grid. Select the row to delete and then click **Delete** to access the Delete Row information message that states: Choose Yes to delete the row or No to exit. Click **Yes** to delete the row (otherwise, click **No**.)

### 3.10.2.3 Medications Filter

Use the Medications group box to filter by medications.

![Sample Medications group box](image)

Select any of the check boxes at the top and this will cause all the remaining fields to become in active.

**No Documented Medications**

Select this check box if the patient’s medications were not documented. This action causes the “No Active Medications” check box to become inactive but the Medication List Not Reviewed stays active.

**No Active Medications**

Select this check box if the patient has no active medications. This action causes the “No Documented Medications” check box to become inactive but the Medication List Not Reviewed stays active.

**Medication List Not Reviewed**

Select this check box if the patient’s medication list has not been reviewed.

The Range group box operates like the Lab Test group box. Section 3.10.2.2 provides information about the Lab Test group box.

After populating the date range or the timeframe, the bottom part of the group box becomes active.

If the patient did not have the particular medications during the selected range, select the “Patient(s) did NOT have the following medications during the selected range” check box.
Use either of the radio buttons to define the medications by taxonomy or by name. These operate like those in Lab Tests. Section 3.8.2.2 provides information about these radio buttons.

### 3.10.2.4 Patient Education Filter

Use the Patient Education group box to filter by patient education given to the patients.

*Figure 3-60: Sample **Patient Education** group box*

The Range group box operates the Range group box for Lab Tests. Section 3.10.2.2 provides information about this group box.

After populating the date range or the timeframe, the bottom part of the group box becomes active.

If the patients did not attend patient education classes during the selected range, select the “Patient(s) did NOT attend the following education classes during the selected range” check box.

*Figure 3-61: Lower group box for Patient Education filter*

**By Name**

To define patients not attending patient education classes by name, select the **By Name** radio button.
Click **Edit** to access the **Add/Remove Pat Ed** dialog.

When the **Add/Remove dialog** is complete, click **OK** and the items in the Current Selections group box will populate the field by the Edit button for By Name. (Otherwise, click **Cancel**.)

Select the **Use AND?** check box when there are multiple patient education classes. The “And” option searches for patients who have ALL of the classes.

The ‘By EHR Pick List’, ‘By Topic’, and ‘By Taxonomy’ radio buttons all operate in the same manner. Below is an example using the EHR pick list.

**By EHR Pick List**

To define patients not attending patient education classes by EHR Pick List, select the **By EHR Pick List** radio button.

Select an option from the drop-down list. The particular selection also populates the “Selection Includes” field.
3.10.3 Problems Filter

Use the Problem group box to filter the population by patient problems.

![Sample Problem group box](image)

No Documented Problems
Select this check box if the patient’s problem list is not documented. This action causes the No Active Problems check box to become inactive but the Problem List Not Reviewed stays active.

No Active Problems
Select this check box if the patient has no active problems. This action causes the “No Documented Problems” check box to become inactive but the Problem List Not Reviewed stays active.

Problem List Not Reviewed in Last 365 Days
Select this check box if the patient’s problem list has not been reviewed in the last 365 days.

Range
The Range group box operates like the Lab Test group box. Section 3.10.2.2 provides information about the Lab Test group box.

After populating the By Date or By Timeframe option, the bottom part of the group box becomes active.

![Lower part of the group box](image)
Use either of the radio buttons to define the problems by taxonomy or by name. These operate like those in Lab Tests group box. Section 3.8.2.2 provides information about these radio buttons.

**Status**

After using either the By Taxonomy or By Name radio button the Status field becomes active. This allows you to filter the patient problems by statuses. Click **Edit** to access the **Add/Remove Problem Statuses** dialog.

![Add/Remove Problem Statuses dialog](image)

When the **Add/Remove dialog** is complete, click **OK** and the items in the Current Selections group box populate the field by the Edit button for Status.

### 3.10.4 Reminders Filter

Use the Reminder group box to filter the population by patient reminders.

![Sample Reminders filters](image)

**Reminder**

Select a reminder from the drop-down list to restrict the search to a particular reminder.
Figure 3-70: Overdue/Due radio buttons and Range group box

**Overdue/Due**
Determine the status of the reminder by selecting either the Due or Overdue radio button. Selecting Due will activate the Range group box controls.

**Range**

**By Date**
Select the By Date radio button to enter the date range for the minimum number of visits with the provider. If you want one day only, both the beginning and ending dates must be the same.

**By Timeframe**
If you select this option, the panel should be set to automatically Auto Repopulate at first login (refer to Auto Repopulate Options Tab for more information).

Select the By Timeframe radio button to select the time frame associated with the date range (cannot be blank). Valid choices are on the drop-down list.

3.10.5 **Visit Filter**
The Visit group box consists of defining the visit filter by Visit Range and by Visit Detail.

Figure 3-71: Visit filter

**Visit Range**
Use the Visit range option to filter the patients to particular visits by date range or by timeframe.
Enter a filter by using the fields in the Visit group box for either BY DATE or BY TIMEFRAME (not both).

**By Date**
Select the By Date radio button where you enter the date range for the visit filter. If you want one day only, both the beginning and end dates must be the same. The intent of this feature is to define a panel once and have it auto populate every day without having to manually change the date range.

**By Timeframe**
Use this feature to define a panel once and have it auto populate every day without having to manually change the date range. After clicking the By Timeframe radio button, select an option from the drop-down list.

**Visit Detail Group Box**
After populating either radio button in the Visit Range group box, the bottom part of the Visit filter becomes active.

Use this group box to create a panel based on the number of visits and/or to a specific provider or clinic.

**Use AND?**
Check this checkbox to have ALL of the visit details used in the search.

**Add**
Click the Add button to add a row to the Visit Detail grid. This creates a panel based on a specific provider. After clicking Add, you access the Visit Detail dialog.
# of Visits

Specify the additional filter for the number of visits within the date range. Populate this field by selecting an option from the drop-down list (required). The modifier options (in the first field) are the same as those of age (less than, less than or equal to, equal to, greater than, greater than or equal to, in range, out of range). The purpose of the second field is to allow you to create panels of patients who have had so many visits within a user-defined timeframe. The default value is 1. Use any value 1 - 99.

Visit Clinic

Select an option from the drop-down list to restrict the visit to a particular visit clinic.

Visit Provider

Select an option from the drop-down list to restrict the visit to a particular provider.

When the Visit Details dialog is complete, click OK and the application updates the Visit Detail group box. (Otherwise, click Cancel.)

Edit

Select a row in the grid and click Edit to access the Visit Details dialog. Here you can change any data on the dialog.

Delete

Select a row in the grid and click Delete to access the Delete Row information message that states: Choose Yes to delete the row or No to exit. Click Yes to delete the row from the grid (otherwise, click No).

3.10.6 Other Filter

You can enter a filter for panels in the Other group box. This restricts your search to those patients who are members of a panel (you can select one or more panels).
To search by Panels, click **Edit** to access the **Add/Remove Panels** dialog.

When the **Add/Remove dialog** is complete, click **OK** and the panels in the Current Panels area populate the Panel field in the Other group box. (Otherwise, click **Cancel**.)
4.0 **Layouts Tab**

Use the Layouts tab to customize your user template for defining the Patient List, Reminders, Natl Measures, Asthma, HIV/AIDS, Events, Tracked Events, and Follow-up Events layouts for patient panels. In addition, you can specify to use the system default layout for any of them.

![Layouts tab](image)

Figure 4-1: **Layouts** tab

Each button functions similarly. In this following we will review the first button, Edit Patient List Layout.

Each layout determines the columns for the particular topic. These layouts will have the following areas: Available Columns (all column names will be listed), Display Columns (these are the columns you want to display), Available Sorts (the sorts that are available for the column), and the Sort Columns (the columns you want to sort).

4.1 **Panel Definition Layouts Functionality**

After you click the **Edit** button by the Patient List on the Layouts tab, the **Patient List Layout** dialog displays. (This will be the example used in this section.)
4.2 Template Group Box

When you first access the layout dialog, the application displays the template for the particular patient list.

- If you leave the System Default radio button selected, then the application displays the system default columns. In this case, the Add and Remove buttons are not active (and you cannot change anything) on the Patient List Layout dialog. You can change the column layout for the default template by using the Layouts tab on the User Preferences dialog.

- If you select the Customized radio button, the application lets you change the columns (the Add and Remove buttons become active, for example). Anything you change on the layout dialog will be used for the Customized template.

- You can name the customized template by selecting the Template radio button. This action causes the field with the drop-down list to become active (and the Customized and System Default radio buttons are not selected). Once you add a name, it is added to the Template name drop-down list. Later, you can choose which template you want to use during an iCare session.
4.3 Display and Available Columns

Use the Display Columns to determine what columns you want to display for the particular window or tab.

![Sample Display and Available columns](image)

The listing in the Display Columns area shows the columns that will be displayed for your population. The column names in italics are required and cannot be removed.

To move a Column name in the Available Columns area to the list in the Display Columns area, highlight the column name in the Available Columns area and click Add. This moves the column name from the left panel to right panel.

Likewise, you can remove a column name in the Display Columns area and move it to the Available Columns area by highlighting the column name (in the Display Columns area) and clicking Remove. This moves the column name from the right panel to the left panel.

**Note:** You cannot remove any column names in italics.

You can determine the order the columns display in the Display Columns area by using the Up and Down buttons. Highlight a column name and click the appropriate button. You might have to click the button more than once to move it to the desired location.

4.4 Columns to Sort

Sorting a column means you want to arrange the items in the column in alpha-numeric order.
Figure 4-5: Sample **Available Sorts** and **Sort Columns** area

To move a highlighted Column name in the Available Sorts area to the list in the Sort Columns area, click **Add**. This moves the column name from the left panel to right panel.

Likewise, you can remove a highlighted column in the Sort Columns area and move it to the Available Sorts area and clicking **Remove**. This moves the column name from the right panel to the left panel.

**Note:** You cannot remove any column names in italics.

### 4.4.1 Column Sort Order

You use the Sort Columns area to determine what columns you want to sort for the particular window or tab.

You determine which order the columns are sorted in the Sort Columns area by using the Up and Down buttons. Highlight a column name and click the appropriate button. You might have to click the button more than once to move it to the desired location. For example, if you have Gender, Patient Name, and Diagnosis Tags in the right column, the Gender sort is applied first then the Patient Name and then the Diagnosis Tags is last.

### 4.4.2 Switch Sort Direction

The names of columns in the Sort Columns area show “ASC” appended to the name, for example Patient Name ASC. You can switch the sort order for a selected column by clicking the **Switch Sort Direction** button. In the example, the name changes to Patient Name DESC. You can use the “switch sort direction” action on more than one column.
5.0 Sharing Tab

If you want to share your panel with other RPMS users, select the Sharing tab on the Panel Definition window. You can select one or more users who can share your panel and can assign access rights to each user.

When you share a panel, the shared user will receive a notification about the shared panel. If you do not see a panel that is shared with you, select View | Refresh on the iCare main window.

This tab will not be available if the Share button is inactive on the Panel List view for the patient list.

![Sample Sharing tab](image)

Figure 5-1: Sample Sharing tab

5.1 Fields on Sharing Tab

The following information describes the fields on the Sharing tab.

**Shared with**: Your selection from the drop-down list is the person with whom you want to share your panel.

**Shared Access**: The radio buttons become active after you populate the “Shared with” field.
Read Only: use this radio button to allow the person sharing your panel to only view your panel. The shared user can change the layout of a panel.

Read/Write: use this radio button to allow the person sharing your panel to view and change your panel (for example, add or delete patients).

Inactive: use this radio button to assign the person sharing your panel inactive access rights.

Temporary: Select the Temporary check box to display a date range for the temporary status of the shared user. The access rights will only apply during the specified data range and will automatically expire once the specified date range has passed.

You must select a date range when using the Temporary status.

Shared Layouts?: Select the Shared Layouts? checkbox if you want to share the layouts of one or more of three panel views: Patient List, Reminders, and/or National Measures. The shared user will see the same layout modifications made by the creator.

- This causes the Shared Layouts cell (in the grid) to contain Y (for yes).
- The shared user will continue to be able to make modifications to the layouts of that shared panel. These modifications will not affect the creator’s layouts.

5.2 Grid on Sharing Tab

The grid shows a history of the users (that have not been removed/deleted) with whom you have shared the current panel.

Add: click this button to add the information in the Shared with, Shared Access, Temporary, and Shared Layouts fields to the grid.
**Apply**: click this button to change the Shared Access and/or Temporary status of a selected user in the grid. You can change the shared access rights; for example, change the access rights from Read Only to Read/Write.

Example: Highlight a user in the grid. The current access right (Read Only, Read/Write, Inactive) shows in the Shared Access area. Assume you want to change the selected user’s Read Only access right to Read/Write. Select the Read/Write radio button. Then click the **Apply** button to reflect the changes in the grid.

**Remove**: highlight one or more names in the grid and click this button to remove the name(s) from the grid. It might be more useful to inactivate the user instead of removing the user. After clicking the **Remove** button, the “Delete Row” information message displays, asking if you want to delete the selected names. Click **Yes** to delete (otherwise, click **No**).
6.0 **Auto Repopulate Options Tab**

Use the Auto Repopulate Options if you want the contents of your panel to be dynamic, i.e., *automatically* refreshed. This is a good option to use if you have defined panels by ages or by visit dates; patients will be automatically added or deleted based on the search logic.

**Note:** You can manually repopulate a panel at any time by selecting the panel from the Panel List and clicking the **Repopulate** button.

![Auto Repopulate Options tab](image)

The only group box that is active on this tab is the Repopulate Settings. (This option is not active if the panel definition was based on No Predefined Population Search.)

![Repopulate Settings group box](image)

Check the Auto Repopulate check box to specify that you want the panel to automatically refresh the patient list based on the panel’s defined search criteria.

You must then select when you want your panel to be re-populated, either During Nightly Job or First Login Each Day.
Note: A large panel (over 1,000 records) might take a lot of time to repopulate. It is recommended that you use the During Nightly Job option for the larger panels.
7.0 iCare Features Used by Panel Definition

This section focuses on the iCare features that are used by the Panel Definition. This focus is on those things that influence the functionality of the Panel Definition window.

7.1 User Preferences

The following provides information about the User Preference settings that affect the Panel Definition window.

![Sample User Preferences window]

After the User Preferences window is complete, click **OK** and the user preferences will be in effect for the operation of the iCare application. (Otherwise, click **Cancel**.)

7.1.1 Define My Patients Tab

“My Patients” is a way to easily identify a group of patients assigned to you as a provider. Selecting a “My Patients” definition when you first log in will cause iCare to create a default My Patients panel.
Figure 7-2: **Define My Patients** tab

Select the definition that best describes your patient assignment.

**Note:** Many users do not have patients assigned to them and will choose “No Provider Selected.” This will not negatively affect your ability to fully use the iCare application.

You can select your own name (the default) or set up a definition for another provider (surrogate) by selecting the other name.

For example, if your site empanels patients (assigns each patient to a specific primary care provider), you would use the DPCP (Designated Primary Care Provider) provider type to create a core list of patients assigned to you.

If your site does not use the DPCP designation, you might consider “your” patients to be anyone you saw at least twice in the past year as a primary provider.

**No Provider Selected**

Select the “No Provider Selected” checkbox if you do NOT want to define patients by selecting any provider. If this is the option you use, then the default “My Patients” panel will NOT be created. In this case, the remaining fields will then be inactive. This means iCare will NOT create the default “My Patient” panel. You can later change the User Preferences to a provider and create panels based on “My Patients” definition.

If you plan to defined “My Patient” panel, do the following:

**Provider**

Select a provider name from the Provider drop-down list. The default name displayed will be the user’s name. All RPMS providers are available on the drop-down list.

**Type**

Click the appropriate checkboxes to select one or more Provider Types from the list.
**DPCP** (Designated Primary Care Provider): Sites can assign a primary care provider to an individual patient through the Patient file or by using the RPMS Designated Specialty Provider Management (DSPM) application. Selecting the DPCP option will provide a list of patients assigned to you, regardless of when their last visits were.

**Specialty Provider**: Users are assigned as Specialty Providers to patients as defined in the Designated Specialty Provider Management (BDP) application. Selecting the Specialty Provider option activates the Specialty Type field. Click **Edit** to access the Add/Remove Specialty Provider Types dialog.

![Figure 7-3: Sample Add/Remove Specialty Provider Types dialog](image)

When the **Add/Remove dialog** is complete, click **OK** and the provider types shown in the Current Selections area will populate the Specialty Type field. (Otherwise, click **Cancel**.)

**Primary Visit Provider**: The provider name documented as the primary provider for a specific patient visit. Selecting this Provider Type also requires you to indicate the number of visits and a timeframe. For example, you might consider “your” patients to be anyone you have seen as a primary provider at least three times in the past two years; you would select 3 visits and 2 years. The default value is twice in the past year.

**Primary/Secondary Visit Provider**: The provider name documented as either the primary or secondary provider for a specific patient visit. Selecting this Provider Type also requires you to indicate the number of visits and a timeframe. For example, you might consider “your” patients to be anyone you have seen at least three times in the past two years; you would select 3 visits and 2 years. The default value is twice in the past year.

Below are descriptions of Minimum Visits and Timeframes.
**Minimum Visits**: You can select the minimum number of visits used in combination with a time frame to define whether a patient “belongs” to a provider, e.g., two (2) visits in the past year. Values are 1 through 9; the default value is 2. The Minimum Visits option is used with Provider Types “Primary Visit” and “Primary/Secondary Visit” only.

**Minimum Visit Timeframe**: You can select a timeframe to be used in combination with the minimum number of visits to define whether a patient “belongs” to a provider, e.g., Last 3 months as the timeframe. The Minimum Visit Timeframe option is used with Provider Types “Primary Visit Provider” and “Primary/Secondary Visit Provider” only. Values are: Last 3 months; Last 6 months; Last year; Last 2 years.

### 7.2 Creating a Community Taxonomy

You access the Community Taxonomy function in the panel definition process, under the Ad Hoc search.

![Sample Community group box using By Name](image)

**Figure 7-4**: Sample **Community** group box using By Name

You create a taxonomy by populating the By Name communities. You can determine how many patients will be in the taxonomy by selecting an option on the drop-down list for the By Name radio button.

Click the **Edit** button to access the **Add/Remove Communities** dialog.

![Sample Add/Remove Communities dialog](image)

**Figure 7-5**: Sample **Add/Remove Communities** dialog
Available Selections

You can change the Available Selections by selecting an option from the drop-down list. The default is the one you selected on the Community group box using By Name.

After this dialog is complete, click **OK** and the items in the Current Selections area populate the By Name communities area of the Community group box on the Ad Hoc search dialog. (Otherwise, click **Cancel**.)

![Figure 7-6: Sample Community group box with By Name field populated](image)

If the By Names area contains 2 or more names, the Create Taxonomy button becomes active.

Click the **Create Taxonomy** button to access the **Create/Update Community Taxonomy** dialog.

![Figure 7-7: Sample Create/Update Community Taxonomy dialog](image)

Populate the fields on the dialog. The Community Taxonomy Name field is required. After the dialog is complete, click **OK** (otherwise, click **Cancel**).

After clicking **OK** and if you use a duplicate taxonomy name to a previous taxonomy created by you, iCare will provide a warning that the user might be overwriting the user’s taxonomy. The user can overwrite (Yes), save as another name (No), or cancel (to return to the **Create/Update Community Taxonomy** dialog).

After clicking **OK** and if you use a unique name, the application confirms saving the data to the RPMS server.
Click **Yes** to save the data. (Otherwise, click **No**.)

If you use Yes, the application displays the following message:

After clicking **OK**, the Community group box will change, showing the taxonomy name and what the taxonomy includes.

The taxonomy creating function is independent of the panel save function, that is, the taxonomy will be saved to the server once the user selects the Taxonomy Save function. The user has the potential for creating multiple community taxonomies within the Panel Definition function and can create a community taxonomy without actually creating a panel.

The iCare application will observe the underlying business rules for taxonomy creation: a user can only edit the user’s created taxonomy. iCare will not allow a duplicate taxonomy name if the user is not the owner of the original taxonomy.

### 7.3 Add/Remove Functionality

There are several Add/Remove dialogs used in iCare.
Use the “Add/Remove” dialog in the following manner:

- Type a few characters in the Find field to filter the list to those options containing those characters.
- Click Add to move a highlighted selection from the Available Selections area to the Current Selections area.
- Click Remove to move a highlighted selection from the Current Selections area to the Available Selections area.

When the dialog is complete, click OK to populate the appropriate field with the data in the Current Selections area. (Otherwise, click Cancel).
Glossary

Context Menu
The menu of options when you right-click on an entity.

Designated Primary Care Provider (DPCP)
In RPMS, the provider name that is assigned as the primary care physician for a patient or group of patients at a specific facility. This is not a required function.

Free Text Field
A field where the user can type text, just like typing a note to someone.

iCare Package Manager
The designated person with authority to manage all information settings for iCare.

Panel Definition
The membership criteria used to create a panel of patients.

Patient Panel
A list of patients defined in iCare by the user.

Providers
Any staff member in an I/T/U facility who provides direct healthcare to patients, e.g. general practice or specialty physicians, registered nurses, social workers, physician assistants, etc.

Within RPMS, the term “provider” has different specific meanings. See definitions for Designated Primary Care Provider (DPCP); Primary Provider; Visit Providers.

Taxonomy
In RPMS, a grouping of functionally related data elements, such as ICD codes, that are created and maintained within the RPMS Taxonomy Setup application. Taxonomies will be used as definitions for diagnoses, procedures, lab tests, medications, and other clinical data types.

If you need a change or addition to an existing taxonomy, please see your CRS coordinator.

Tooltip
A common GUI element used to provide additional information to users. To display a Tooltip, hover the mouse pointer, without clicking, over a column heading or field.
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