

# Recording ATSI status & searching for ATSI patients in MD3

## Identifying Indigenous Patients in MD3

The Practice Incentives Program (PIP) Indigenous Health Incentive will support general practices and Indigenous health services to provide better health care for Indigenous Australians, including best practice management of chronic disease

In addition, a number of EPC health checks and other preventative health measures such as free influenza and pneumococcal vaccines are available to GPs to improve the health of Indigenous Australians.

However very few GPs identify their Indigenous patients, which is essential for triggering preventative health prompts. It is relatively straight forward to identify Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander patients in Medical Director.

## Recording Indigenous status

In the patient's file, double-click on the grey area below the Tool bar in the patient's demographic data, ie DOB or address. The Patient details window will appear. On this window, below the patient's DOB, there is a drop-down box which identifies the ATSI status. Select the appropriate status and then Save.

The screenshot shows the Medical Director 3.10.5 interface. The main window displays patient details for David Anderson, DOB: 04/01/1955, living at 61 Wallace St, Melbourne, Vic 3000. A 'Patient details' window is open, showing a form for demographic data. The 'ATSI' dropdown menu is open, with 'Aboriginal and TSI' selected. The form includes fields for Title (Mr), First Name (David), Surname (Anderson), Date of Birth (04/01/1955), Gender (Male), City/Suburb (Melbourne), Postcode (3000), and Medicare Number (4133 40027 1). The 'Pension Status' section has 'None' selected. The 'Save' button is visible at the bottom of the window.



## Searching for Indigenous patients

The search function on the main menu is a powerful tool for accessing information stored in the databases of Medical Director. To begin the process, return to the **Main Screen** (please ensure that no patient records are open).

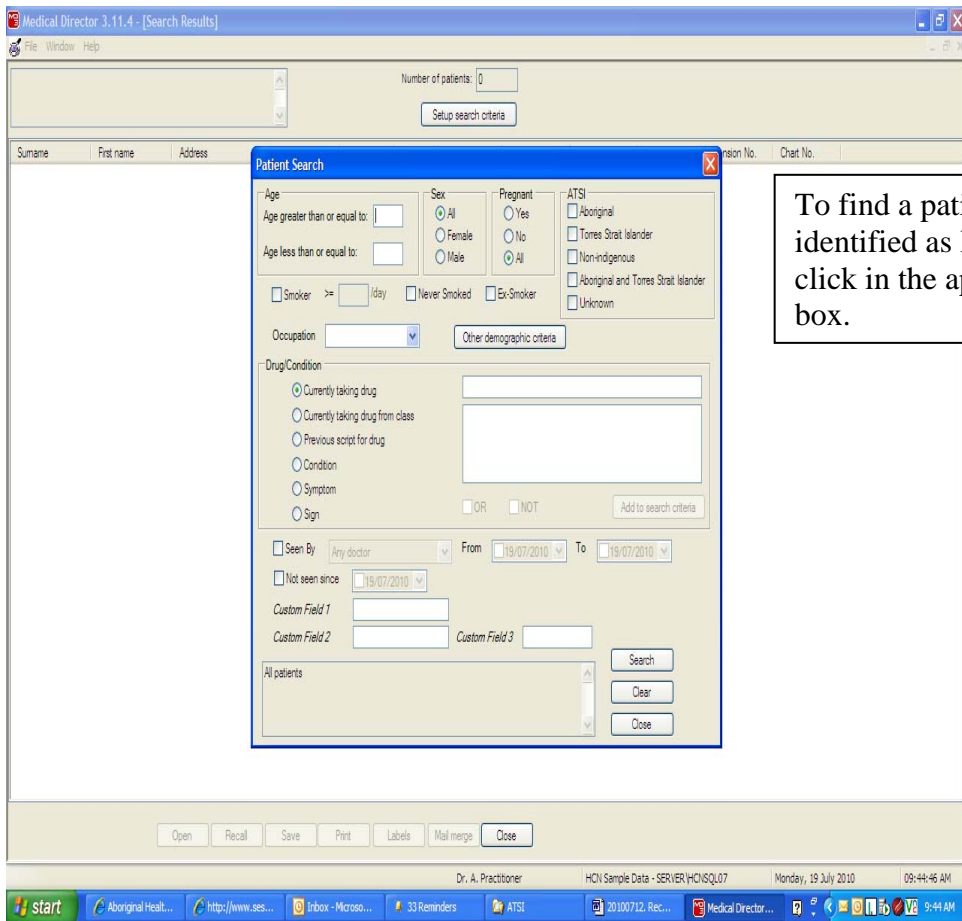
Click on 'SEARCH' and then 'Patient'. The 'Patient Search' screen will appear.



## 'Patient Search' Screen

This screen allows you to produce a list of patients matching criteria selected by the user. The description of your search criteria will be displayed in the box at the bottom of the screen. Click on SEARCH to display the results.

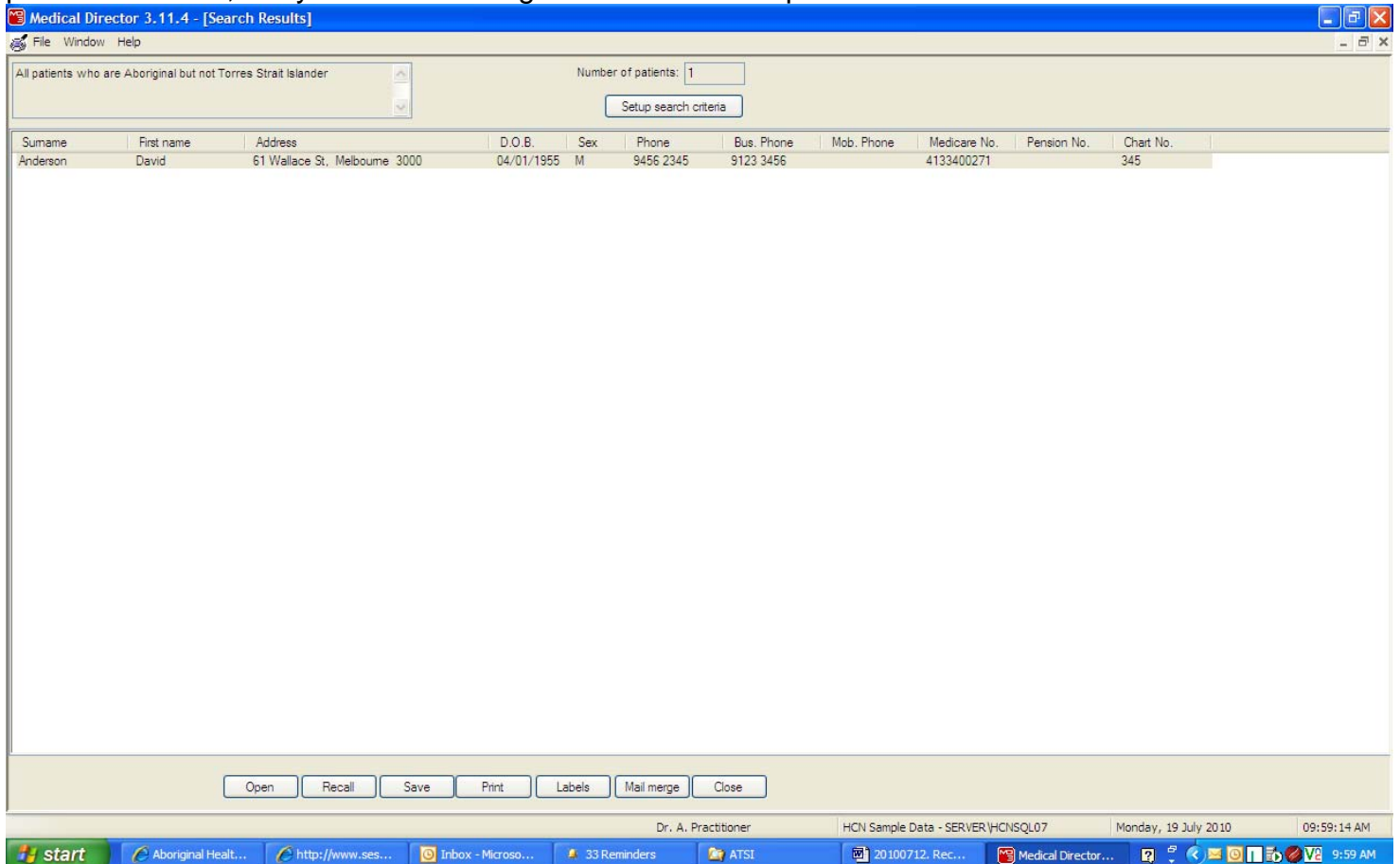
A range of patient searches can be performed to support the provision of various MBS items designed to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders (such as childhood immunisations, influenza vaccinations, Pneumovax vaccinations, EPC Health Assessments, ATSI health checks - MBS item 715).



To find a patient who has identified as Indigenous, click in the appropriate tick box.

## Patient Search Results

Based on criteria entered in the Patient Search screen, a list of patients will be produced. From this screen you can either 'Open' a patient file, add a 'Recall', 'Save' the list, 'Print' the list, produce 'Labels', carry out a 'Mail Merge' with a recall template or 'Close'.



**From the resulting lists of patients there are a number of options that can be selected at the foot of the screen:**

**Open-** Open a selected patient record

**Recall** - Add a recall entry to the record of every patient listed

**Save** - Save the list as a database file for reviewing or editing with another program. (e.g. MS Excel)

**Print** -Print the entire list of patients generated.

**Labels** - Print address labels for the patients on the list

**Mail Merge** - Perform a mail merge using a recall/reminder letter template within Medical Director. (A copy of the letter will then be stored in the patient's file).

**Close** - Close the list and return to the main screen.

***If you have any queries or concerns regarding an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander patients Medicare Card (eg, Change of address, expired card, children or family members not listed on card etc.) you can contact the Medicare Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Access Information Line on 1800 556 955***