VistA Scheduling Enhancements (VSE) Release 1.5

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1. Introduction

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has a need to improve the efficiencies of the outpatient medical scheduling processes through improved visibility of information. Over the next few years, VA will create a comprehensive scheduling solution to modernize Veterans Health Information Systems and Technology Architecture (VistA) scheduling. In order to facilitate transition to the new business processes, VA requires enhancements to the current VistA scheduling system.

1.1   Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide a summary of the enhancements and defect corrections that make up the VistA Scheduling (VS) Graphical User Interface (GUI) Release 1.5. The Release 1.5 software package is comprised of the following:

- VS GUI application v2.0.0.15
- VistA M patches SD*5.3*679 and GMRC*3.0*98

1.2   Audience

This document targets users and administrators of the VistA Scheduling package, version 5.3.

2. This Release

The following sections provide, in brief, the new features and defect corrections implemented by the VistA Scheduling Enhancements (VSE) project.

3. Features and Functionality

The following subsections contain features included in the VS GUI v 2.0.0.15 package and VistA M patches GMRC*3.0*98 and SD*5.3*679.

3.1.   Enhancements Implemented

Ticket Number	Enhancement Description	Patch Number(s)
R16560417FY17	**Pending Appointments Enhancement:** When the user right-clicks on the Pending Appointments list in the ribbon in VS GUI, a new menu option, Print Pending, is now available. This option will print a list of all of the current patient's appointments that occur in the SD*5.3*679 future.	VS GUI 2.0.0.15

Ticket Number	Enhancement Description	Patch Number(s)
R16775634FY18	**Ribbon Enhancement:** In the Select Patient pane in the ribbon, additional fields have been added to the patient information displayed. These include Primary Care Provider (PCP), Mental Health Provider (MHP), and phone number.	SD*5.3*679 VS GUI 2.0.0.15
I15980703FY17	**Make Appointment Enhancement:** The New Appointment dialog will now check to make sure that the slot being booked into has not been made unavailable since the user started working on the appointment (such as a clinic that was temporarily opened on a holiday being re-closed).	SD*5.3*679 VS GUI 2.0.0.15
R16581333FY17	**Schedule View Enhancement:** View only users and users without privileges in restricted clinics can now access both the View Appointment and Expand Entry options when right-clicking on an appointment. Neither of these options allow changing of any data	VS GUI 2.0.0.15
I12603678FY17	**Appointment Cancelation Enhancement:** The system will now allow a user to cancel an appointment for a deceased patient.	VS GUI 2.0.0.15
N/A	**Pending Appointments Enhancement:** When the user right-clicks on the Pending Appointments list in the ribbon in VS GUI, a new menu option, Cancel Appointment, is now available. This option will allow a patient to cancel the appointment directly from the Pending Appointments list without needing to locate the appointment on the schedule.	VS GUI 2.0.0.15
N/A	**Pending Appointments Enhancement:** The columns in the Pending Appointments list are now sortable.	VS GUI 2.0.0.15
N/A	**Pending Appointments Enhancement:** Filters can be placed on each column in the Pending Appointments list (especially the Date column).	VS GUI 2.0.0.15
N/A	**Pending Appointments Enhancement:** The date range for the Pending Appointments list has changed from (-365 days to +365 days) to (-365 days to +1000 days).	SD*5.3*679
N/A	**Patient Selection Enhancement:** When a patient is selected, the system no longer immediately jumps to the New Request workflow and prompts the user for a request type. The user can click the New Request button in the ribbon in order to start a new request, as they could previously.	VS GUI 2.0.0.15
N/A	**Ribbon Enhancement:** The View Mode selector in the Arrangement pane of the ribbon has been removed, as it was unused.	VS GUI 2.0.0.15
N/A	**Letter Printing Enhancement:** The print buttons in the letter printing window previous read Print (Local) and Print (Server). Now they read Print (Windows Printer) and Print (VistA Print Device), respectively.	VS GUI 2.0.0.15

Ticket Number	Enhancement Description	Patch Number(s)
N/A	**Make Appointment Enhancement:** The New Appointment dialog will now have the Comments field filled with the comments from the original appointment request, whether that is an Appointment (Appt.) Request, Patient Centered Scheduling (PtCSch) Electronic Wait List (EWL), or consult request.	VS GUI 2.0.0.15

3.2   Defects Corrected

Note: The defect corrections included in this release are complete and do not require any workarounds to be effective.

Ticket Number	Defect Description	Patch Number(s)
No Ticket	When a Multiple Return To Clinic (MRTC) child appointment is canceled after all children have been scheduled, the MRTC parent request should reopen in addition to the child request.	VS GUI 2.0.0.15
I17168559FY18	CIN - <PARAMETER>APPADD^SDEC07 error showing in the error trap	SD*5.3*679
I16857061FY18	Consults are showing activities out of order in CPRS; VistA FM shows activities in correct chronological order	SD*5.3*679 GMRC*3.0*98
No Ticket	The tooltip in the Request Management (RM) grid would say "1 to 1 of 0" when there were no requests to display. Now, this tooltip is no longer displayed when there are no requests.	VS GUI 2.0.0.15
R15408067FY17	Please send to NTL.APP.VistA.Scheduling5_3. When edit the special needs and preferences you can pick AM or PM and it will update the patients chart. But when you go back in to edit it again the default kicks it back to both. The days of the week and the written section stay but, the morning/afternoon reverts back to both. If the MSA doesn't notice and hits ok the patients chart will change their preferences to both which is miss information.	VS GUI 2.0.0.15
R16256976FY17	New Issue? - Error pop up indicating county does not belong in state	SD*5.3*679
I15673411FY17	Is this GUI able to accommodate for schedules that start on the 10 minute or will the scheduler have to manually type in the time every time she schedules in this clinic?	VS GUI 2.0.0.15
I16714975FY17	VSE issue - Selected appointment is 1 year in future and not showing in VS	SD*5.3*679
I16734058FY17	Vista scheduler attempts to save user preferences in VS GUI as default preferences. However, every time she logs back in, the preferences have reverted and she must reset them again.	VS GUI 2.0.0.15

4. User Documentation

Documentation distributed with this project includes the following and may be retrieved from the VistA Documentation Library (VDL) on the Internet at the following link: Scheduling.

File Names	Description
VS_GUI_UG.PDF	VS GUI User Guide
GUI_TM.PDF	VS GUI Technical Manual
VSE_VS_GUI_IG_v10.PDF	VS GUI Installation Guide
VSE_1_5_Release_Notes.PDF	VSE Release 1.5 Release Notes

5. Known Issues

All known issues for this release are documented by ServiceNow tickets as part of the ongoing Post Warranty Sustainment effort. Known issues are documented as Open items on the latest ticket list here.