Welcome to the January 2018 release of Fred Pak. This release makes Fred Pak compatible with the International Harmonisation of Ingredient Names changes in the February 2018 Fred Dispense release, and delivers the most-requested enhancements since the last Fred Pak release.

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New in this release

International Harmonisation of Ingredient Names (IHIN)

Fred Pak now supports the new generic medication names introduced by the TGA's IHIN programme.

   ⓘ   For details about support for IHIN in Fred Dispense, see the Fred Dispense February 2018 release notes.

   ⓘ   IHIN names are displayed by default on the Patient Medication Profile.

Packing Screen: Update a drug's generic name to its new IHIN name

On the Packing screen, the first time you select a drug that is affected by IHIN, its original generic name is displayed.

To update the drug to display its new, IHIN-compliant generic name:

1. Click to select the drug (for example, **Frusemide**).

2. Press [F] to flip the generic and brand names so that the brand name is on top. The generic name is updated to the drug's new IHIN name (for example, **Furosemide**).
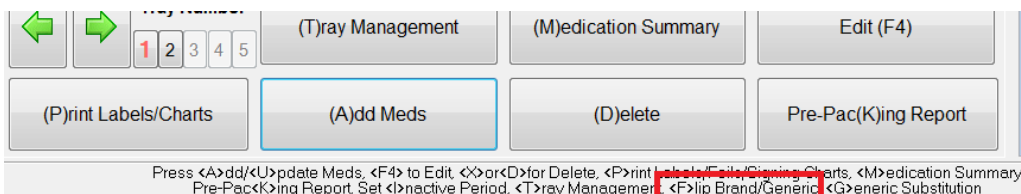
3. If required, press [F] again, to flip the description so that the generic name is on top.

IHIN names on Medico Pak foils

On Medico foils only, the IHIN translation for any relevant drugs packed is displayed on the fix-it patches (top left).

Update your medication descriptions with Patient Medication Profile data

Easily provide better drug descriptions by overwriting the description on the Medication Details window with the drug data stored in the Patient Medication Profile (PMP) database.

A new **Use PMP Drug Description** button is displayed on the Medication Details window when it is accessed from Packing View.

- If a PMP drug description is available for the selected drug, the button is enabled, and the PMP drug description is shown in blue text.
- If no PMP drug description is available, the button is greyed out.

Overwrite a drug description with the Patient Medication Profile drug description

4. On the Medication Details window, select **Use PMP Drug Description**.

The **Preferred Drug Description** field is overwritten with the PMP drug description.

ⓘ   When the cursor is in the **Preferred Drug Description** field, the help text at the bottom of the screen shows the maximum number of characters that will be displayed on various types of foil. Note that **Medico** displays only **18** characters, and **Webster** displays **17**.
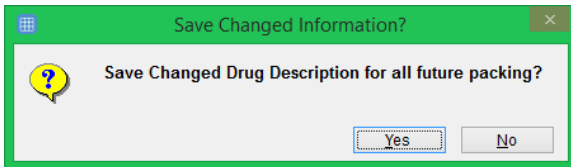
5. To apply the new description, click **Save** (alternatively, click **Cancel** to undo the change).

The *Save Changed Information?* prompt is displayed.

- To save the new drug description for all future packing, select **Yes**.
- To use the new drug description this time, but return to the old drug description for future packing, select **No**.

The *Description Update?* prompt is displayed.
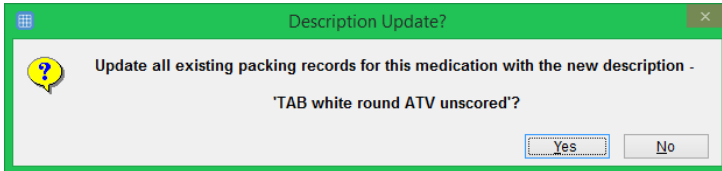
- To apply the new drug description across all packing records, select **Yes**.
- To use the new drug description only for the current patient, select **No**.

Set custom dosage frequencies

You can now specify a dosage frequency as a number of days.

For example, if you specify "every 4 days", the medication will be packed on its start date, then four days later, and will continue to be packed every four days until its end date (if set).

1. From the packing screen, select the option to **Add** or **Edit** a medication.

2. On the Medication Details window, in the **Freq** field, enter **C** (for custom frequency).

ⓘ A notification is displayed, listing the options for this field.

3. In the dropdown box below the **Freq** field, enter the number of days, then press [Enter].
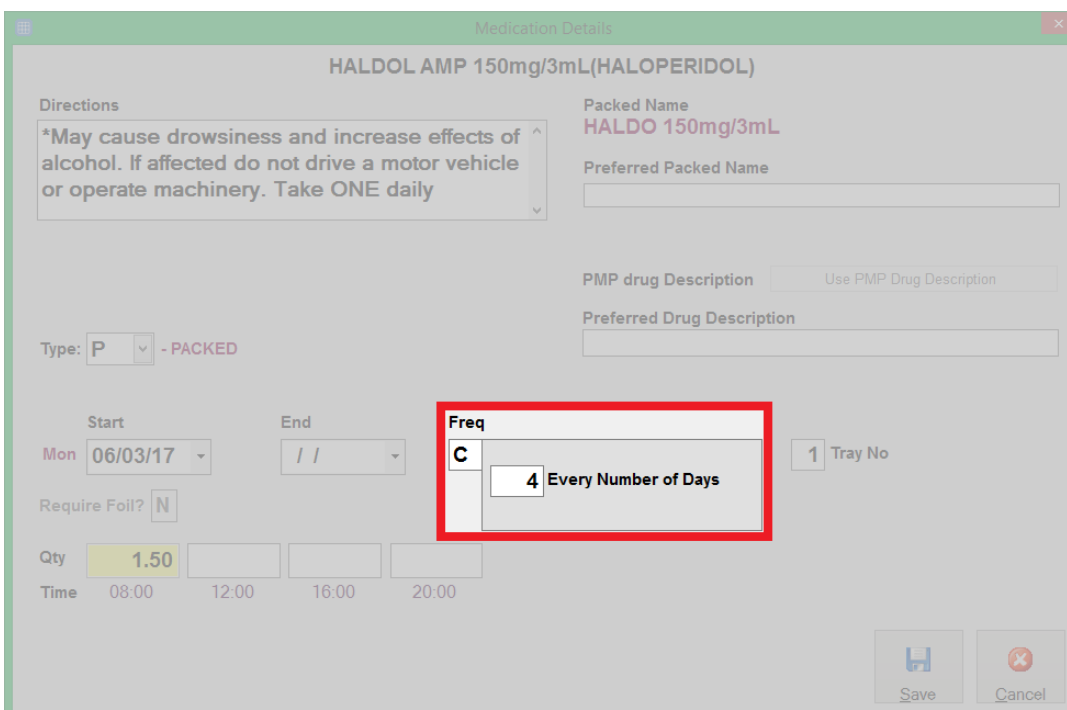
The frequency will be displayed on reports and printouts, including the Medication Summary report (shown below); the Pre Packing report; the Signing Sheet; and Medico Pak printouts.
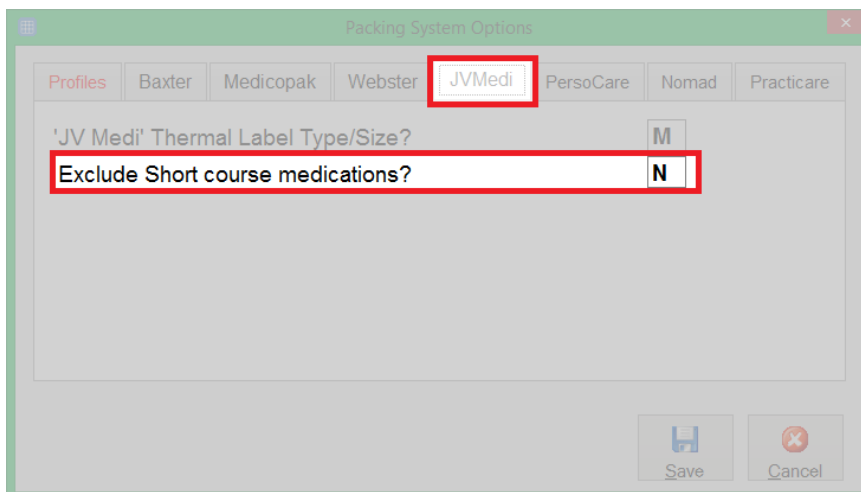
JVM users: Exclude short-term items from a packing run

JVM users now have the option to exclude short course medications from packing runs, so that they are not packed with the normal sachets.

ⓘ   You can still use the **Pick** function to print short-term medications separately.

1. From the **Setup** menu, select **Packing Options**.

    The Packing System Options window is displayed.

2. Select the **JVMedi** tab.

3. In the **Exclude Short Course Medications?** field, enter:

    - **Y** to exclude short course medications from packing runs.
    - **N** to include short course medications in packing runs.

Improvements to Medico Pak Foils

Pack Count

Pack count now includes the word "Pack" (for example, "Pack 1/2"), and is displayed on both the front and back of the foil.

Dosage Quantity

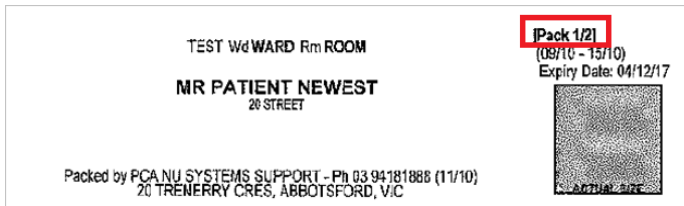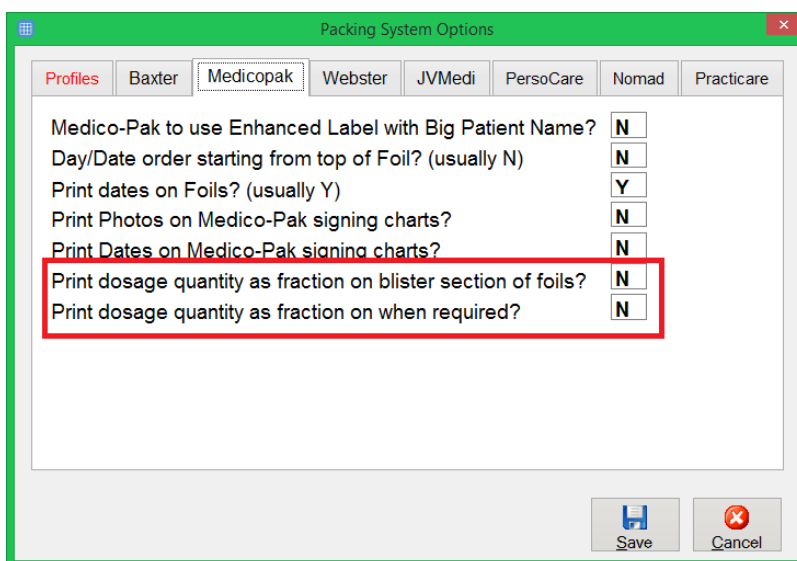You now have the option to print the dosage quantity as a fraction.

1. From the **Setup** menu, select **Packing Options**.

    The Packing System Options window is displayed.

2. Select the **Medicopak** tab.

Two new fields are available:

*   **Print dosage quantity as fraction on blister section of foils?**

*   **Print dosage quantity as fraction on when required?**

Enter **Y** in these fields to display the dosage quantity as a fraction on foils (for regular or "when required" items, respectively).
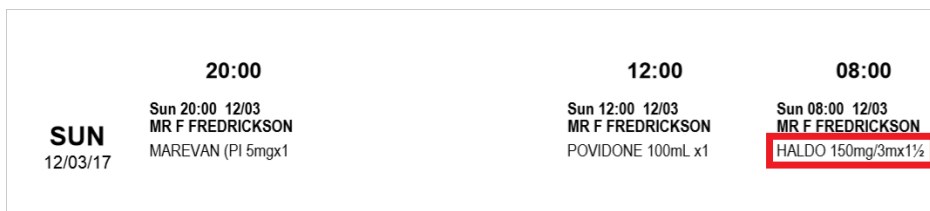
Enter **N** (default) to display the dosage quantity as a decimal.

Preferred packed name is now displayed on "when required" foils
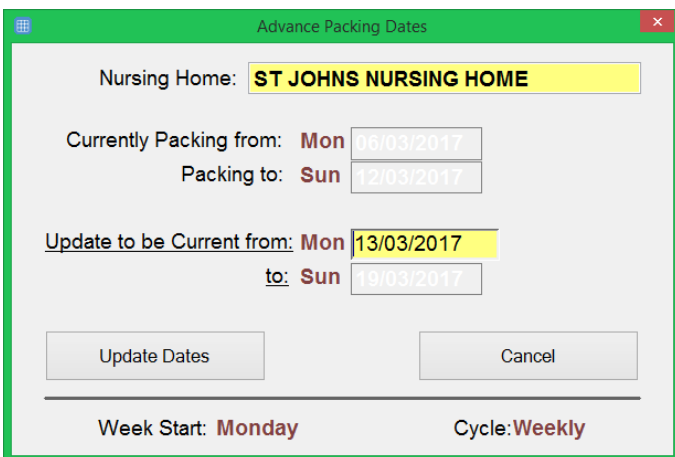
In previous versions of Fred Pak, Medico Pak "when required" foils always used the default medication name. Now, if a medication has a **preferred packed name** set, it will be used on "when required" foils, in both the pack header and the bubble.

ⓘ   If a **preferred generic header** or **preferred brand header** exist, they will override the **preferred packed name**.

Improved readability on the Advance Packing Dates window

For better readability, the font colour of the **from:** and **to:** fields on the Advance Packing Dates window has been changed from white to black.

Previous version:
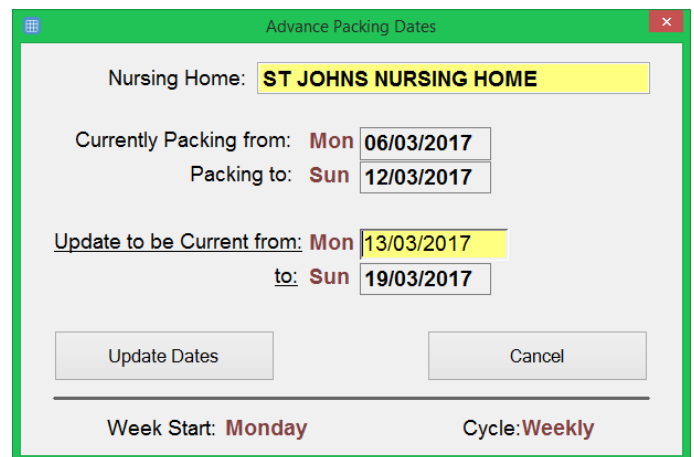
This version:

Fixed in this release

"Error 94" when storing specific instructions for a drug that was not dispensed

Previously, if you added a medication to a patient's medication profile, added either the 'Purpose of Medication' or 'Specific Instructions' notes, then selected Yes when prompted to Memorise Changed Drug 'Specific Instructions', an error message would display, with the title Error 94.

This error no longer occurs.

After clearing timeslot titles, no timeslots are available to add/edit packing items

Previously, if you pressed [F8] to clear a patient's timeslot titles (for example, *B'Fast*, *Lunch*, *Dinner,* and *B'Time*) then tried to add or edit a packing item, Fred Pak would not show any available timeslots.

Now, when you clear all of a patient's timeslots, they default to the values that have been set for the patient's nursing home.

ⓘ   This applies only if you clear *all* of the patient's timeslots. If a patient has *some* (but not all) blank timeslots, Fred Pak assumes this is intentional.