

## **DentaLab for QuickBooks Release 1.60 October 2019**

This document reviews the significant enhancements to DentaLab for QuickBooks (DQB) in the 2019 October Release 1.60 based on requests and suggestions from users of the system as well as the technical support staff.

The following enhancements are available in both the starter and standard versions:

### **Important Microsoft .NET Framework Advance**

The Microsoft .Net Framework provides the software support for the various functions of the Microsoft operating systems such as coordination with manufacturer controls for printers and other devices, user access and control, internet services, security measures. We have advanced the DentaLab systems beginning with DQB 1.58 to the latest version to provide better performance, reliability and security.

For the web-based features of DQB and its supplements, we have advanced the internet security measures to the latest industry standards.

### **DQB Invoice Selection by Customer**

This new feature provides for having alternate invoice templates by customer for printing in DQB. The standard DQB format will be the default selection for each customer. If you have requested a custom template and stored this in your Custom Reports folder, this will be your default selection.

If you have requested an additional custom template, this will be stored as rptInvoice1.mrt in the Custom Reports folder. For each customer that is to have this format, you can select it in Basic Lists-Customers or the Customer Center.

This feature can be particularly useful if you want use more than one language or have additional or different fields or text in the format.

In conjunction with this there is a new option under Invoice Settings/Additional Information called Use special billing invoice template. This is a local parameter for one computer that provides for printing a specific invoice template to a specific printer.

### **DQB Cases Received Report for Open Cases – Counting New vs. Reactivations**

At the end of the standard Cases Received Report for Open/In Lab Cases, we have always provided a count of the cases in the report. This new version also determines and shows counts for brand new cases vs. those being reactivated and rescheduled from another status such as On Hold or Out for Try-In.

### **DQB Batch Invoice Print – Show Total Amount for Selected Invoices**

In the DQB batch printing screen, you can select which invoices are to be printed. As you check or uncheck these, the total amount invoiced will be tallied and displayed.

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**DQB Case Entry Pan Code Check**

In Options/Case Settings there is a new indicator you can check to have the program check for matching pan codes in Open, On Hold and Out for Try-In Cases. The default setting is OFF.

If this is set ON, the program will issue a message when the user exits the pan code field if a matching pan code is found. The message will provide the case # and case status.

The following is available in the standard DentalRx version that is included in DQB service agreements:

**DentalRx – New Message for Lab Work Hours**

This is a new option in DentalRx for the user to enter a message to let the dental office know their work days and hours. This message will be displayed adjacent to the entry for the doctor's request date.

The following available to those who wish to synchronize with the online versions of QuickBooks and synchronize with DQB on a subscription basis:

**QBOE Synchronization**

We had been on the lookout to see if the QuickBooks Online Editions (QBOE) were capable of handling case management in DQB and this past March determined that we could move ahead with synchronizing DentaLab for QuickBooks (DQB) with QBOE. We needed jobs or sub-customers to cover the doctors in group practices, inventory features for those tracking their materials, classes, customer types and custom fields and these became available. At this time, the rep field is still not available and the number of custom fields for the case invoice is limited to 3.

We anticipated that this would be ready by early summer but in the midst of our development, Intuit greatly increased the security measures needed for other applications to connect to QBOE. The new standards have also been adopted by other major vendors who offer web-based software in the ongoing challenge to prevent data breaches and massive payouts to consumers. We will need to continually keep up with Intuit's security measures.

We are now ready to make synchronization with QBOE available to those who prefer software as a service. Except for those limitations imposed by Intuit, DQB will continue to have the same capabilities that have been so successful working with the desktop versions of QuickBooks.

Instead of a one-time license fee, there will be a small setup fee to cover the extra security measures involved in the installation. This will need to be performed by our trained technical support staff. Then there will be affordable monthly subscription fees to cover the license to use DQB, ongoing support and updates. We will continue to offer top-notch support, a voice in the development of the system and customizations upon request.

From our work so far with QBOE, here are some insights:

QuickBooks has achieved its ranking as the #1 accounting system in the world for being very intuitive, easy to learn, very reliable and capable. QBOE makes it even easier for novices but relies on YouTube videos, icons and having the user navigate around and try out possibilities in the system rather than menus and help guides.

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It does not have the full capabilities of the desktop versions. Intuit began with a very simple system and has gradually added more of the desktop fields and features. We and others have continually submitted feedback to request the development of more of the desktop features.

We like that Intuit offers 3 ways for QBOE users to continue with their data should they decide to cancel their subscription. Many vendors that offer software as a service do not do this. The 3 ways are: 1) Upgrade and transfer fully to a QB desktop version. 2) Export selected tables to Excel worksheets. 3) View only for one year after cancellation.