#### **Updates Are Coming!**

The next Avanta update tape is set to be released in September and will include, among other changes, the new and improved demographic screens. The Avanta Bug Busters are currently testing the new demographic screens to ensure a smooth and efficient transition.

These new Patient Data and Insurance Data screens include several new data fields and a more user-friendly format. New fields include patient cell phone, fax number, email address, ethnicity, and marital status. The screens have been reorganized to use space more efficiently, while employing color for improved clarity and ease-of-use.

When Dan visits you to update your system, he will also assist you in filling out the HIPAA one-year extension. The deadline for compliance (for the Uniform Electronic Transaction Standards, which contains guidelines for simple, uniform electronic data submission formats,) was originally set for October 16, 2002. However, anticipating implementation problems on the part of the Medicare Administration, Congress has allowed for a one-year compliance extension to October 16, 2003. To receive this extension, your practice must file for an extension by October 15, 2002, which Dan will assist you in doing when he visits your office to perform a system update.

## unix system management



The Avanta system includes a utility to monitor user activity, cancel printer jobs, and change printer status. To access this program:

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Press [C] Special Functions from the home screen. Press [F] UNIX system Management.

Select to [1] Access Printer Functions, or [2] View User Activity.

**Access Printer Functions:** May be helpful in identifying printer activity, canceling print jobs, and enabling disabled printers.

- [1] View Printer Information: Displays the printer name and number, if the printer is enabled, current status, and number of pending requests.
- [2] View/Edit Print Requests: Allows you cancel print requests waiting to be printed in the Avanta gueue.
- [3] Enable Printers: Allows you to enable printers that may have become disabled in error. Note: Please read the warning before attempting to enable printers.

**View User Activity:** May be helpful in identifying the user that is holding up practice maintenance or other Avanta functions.

- [1] Activity Which May Hold Up Maintenance: Displays the users who can hold up the practice maintenance function, and what they are currently processing.
- [2] All User Activity: Displays all users and what they are currently processing.

If you have any questions regarding the UNIX System Management function, printer functions, or user activity, please call Avanta.

### Holiday Hours

Avanta will be closed Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, in observance of Labor Day. However, our automated phone attendant allows software and hardware team members to be paged in the event of an emergency. Have a fun and safe holiday!

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# The Appointment Scheduler Seminar & The Group Functions and MedBase Groupbuilder Seminar

**Location:** Avanta's Office

**Dates:** October 29, 30, 2002

**Times:** AM session 9-12 / PM session 2-5

This next free seminar will actually be two different seminar topics; the Appointment Scheduler Seminar will be offered on

I Tuesday, October 29, and the Groupbuilder Seminar will be ■

offered on Wednesday, October 30.

- ♦ The Appointment Scheduler Seminar will review all Appointment Scheduler features including setup, shortcuts, appointments, and customizing features that will allow your office to run more effectively and efficiently.
- ♦ The Groupbuilder Seminar will review how to make a group, use groups throughout the system, customize groups, use the MedBase Group Builder, and generally be more productive and efficient with Avanta groups.
- ◆ Avanta offers the choice of four free seminars over two days, a morning and afternoon session for each topic. Please contact Jennifer at Avanta to RSVP. As space is limited, a 48-hour cancellation notice is required. If you are unable to attend our office sessions, training can be individually scheduled at your office for the regular training fee.
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