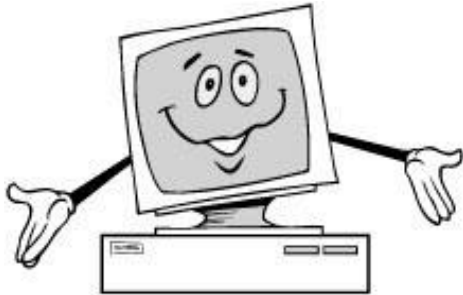


The PC Advantage



If you are still using monochrome terminals with your Avanta system, you are missing out on the speed, versatility, and color offered by a PC workstation.

A color monitor makes it far easier to differentiate fields and screens in the Avanta system, making it nicer to read and easier on the eyes. For example, the Appointment Scheduler uses a combination of eight foreground and background colors making it easier to view at a glance how your day is scheduled. The Patient Ledger screen also utilizes color by displaying charges and debits in green; payments and credits in red; memos in white; dates of service and transaction dates in blue; and the place of service, physician's initials, and insurance flags in yellow.

Another advantage of replacing your old terminals with PCs is the ability to connect to the Internet. Connecting to the Internet through a high-speed DSL (digital subscriber line) modem has never been easier or more cost-effective. DSL modems offer a "broadband" connection to the Internet, meaning that several PCs can simultaneously and continuously connect to the Internet at speeds many times faster than a 56K dial-up modem.

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Another PC advantage is their speed and versatility. Networked PC terminals are significantly faster than most other terminals and can support multiple Avanta sessions at one time. PCs can also be used to perform non-Avanta related functions such as payroll, spreadsheets, Internet/email, and graphic design.

In general, Avanta recommends buying name brand hardware and software that meet industry standards. Quality name brand PCs offer superior reliability and value, and are competitively priced in the PC market. Please contact Chip at Avanta if you have questions about upgrading to networked PC terminals.

Happy Halloween

Halloween's origins date back to the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain (pronounced sow-in). The Celts, celebrated their new year on November 1, and believed that on the night before the new year, the boundary between the worlds of the living and the dead became blurred. So, on the night of October 31 they celebrated Samhain, and during the celebration the Celts wore costumes, typically consisting of animal heads and skins, and attempted to tell each other's fortunes.

The American tradition of "trick-or-treating" probably dates back to the early All Souls' Day parades in England. During the festivities, poor citizens would beg for food and families would give them pastries called "soul cakes" in return for their promise to pray for the family's dead relatives.

The Avanta support team will be available through the celebration to support your system needs, regardless of how spooky they may be. 😊