Book an Appointment

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Summary

Appointments can be booked from from three areas of the system: The Reception Screen, Diary and Treatment Screen.

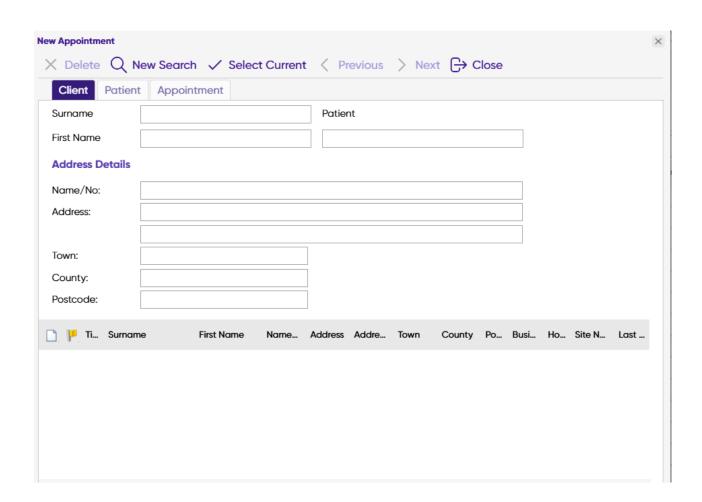
Details

New Appointment Screen

When booking an appointment, the 'New Appointment' window will display.

When using the "New Appointment" window, an option is available to use the Current client details by clicking 'Select Current'. If selected, the current client and patient will auto fill the new appointment screen.

Alternatively, the user can search for a new client by typing in the client details and Merlin will begin to search for the client and list them at the bottom of the window.



| The following details can be captured when booking an appointment: |
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| Duration |
| The length of the appointment. |
| Reason |
| The appointment reason (free-text or selected from a pre-defined list). |
| Location |
| Location of the patient, this is pre-populated with the patient's address. |
| Note |
| A field to record any notes related to the appointment (i.e. Symptoms). |
| Initials |
| The user's initials. |
| Client |
| The Client's Surname (for reference). |
| Patient |
| The Patient's name (for reference). This can be changed to another one of the Client's patients via a drop-down list. |
| Next Reminder Date |
| Shows the next reminder date |
| Referral Practice |
| Used to capture the practice the Patient has been referred from. This is pre-populated with if registered. |
| Int. Stable |
| A field to record which stable/kennel an animal is stored in. |
| Daylist Practitioner |
| Displays the Surgeon the Patient is booked to see (pre-populated with diary column's surgeon). |
| Used to capture the referring vet. This is pre-populated if registered. |
| Once the appointment information has been entered, the user is able to finalise by clicking 'Save'. There is also the option to click 'Save & Book Next' to create another appointment for the same client and patient. When selecting the next appointment slot it will pre-define the client and patient details from the user |

previously input.

Appointments can be booked in multiple ways (as detailed below).

From Reception

- 1. Search for the client and patient in Reception (e.g. by client surname, address, patient name).
- 2. With the patient selected, select the 'Make Appt' button.
- 3. Double-click a time slot.
- 4. Enter the appointment reason, notes and initials.
- 5. Select Save.

From Treatment Screen

- 1. Enter a patient's Treatment History Screen.
- 2. Select the 'Make Appt' button.
- 3. Double-click a time slot.
- 4. Enter the appointment reason, notes and initials.
- 5. Select Save.

From the Diary

Option 1

- 1. Double-click a time slot.
- 2. Search for the client
- 3. Select the patient
- 4. Enter the appointment reason, notes and initials.
- 5. Select Save.

Option 2

- 1. Click on time slot and click New
- 2. Search for the Client or click Select Current
- 3. Select the Patient
- 4. Enter the appointment Reason, Notes and Initials
- 5. Select Save

Booking appointment for another site

To book an appointment for another site, select the desired site from the 'Site' drop-down list in the top right corner of the Diary.

This list will display any sites the logged in user has access to.

