

## Comparison of Middleware Tools for General Practice

The Primary Care Sidebar and Doctors Control Panel are add-on utilities that sit alongside the clinical software and interpret an open patient record to provide decision support information. Their purpose is to streamline the way clinicians treat patients by providing visual prompts about various preventative health activities.

	Primary Care Sidebar	Doctors Control Panel
<b>Clinical and billing software compatibility</b>	MD2, MD3 and Best Practice	MD3, Best Practice, Pracsoft and Best Practice Management.
<b>Other software compatibility</b>	Pen CAT (search target groups and create prompts in CAT which show in the sidebar)	Wedgetail (online electronic health portal) integration for distributing checked, annotated, pathology and radiology results to patients online, allowing reduction in telephone calls for results
<b>Differentiating features</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Assessments</b> - AUSDRISK, CVD risk, Mental Health, Podiatry:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ some data auto-populated from MD or BP</li> <li>○ patient risk assessment history stored</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Australian Medicines Handbook (AMH)</b> link can be purchased to support medication prescribing decisions</li> <li>• <b>Prompts</b> (reminders) that have been generated in CAT are displayed in the Sidebar when the relevant patient record is opened</li> <li>• <b>eTG complete</b> – can be purchased as an optional extra. Provides evidence based recommendations about patient management</li> <li>• <b>cdmNET</b> – web based service for managing treatment of chronically ill patients by allowing them to create and manage GPMP's and TCA's.</li> <li>• <b>IMR</b> – prepopulated insurance templates and electronic submission of Insurance Medical Requests that pays you as you go for providing your patients' medical information</li> <li>• <b>Dynamed</b> – evidence based info on diagnosis, prognosis and treatment of ailments with integrated drug information</li> <li>• <b>NPS Clinical e-Audits Quicklink</b> – free quality improvement activities to help GPs review their prescribing practice in comparison to guidelines</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prompts for some adult immunisations, some measurements incl. when patient doesn't meet targets as per guidelines, some pathology and radiology, some indicated medications</li> <li>• Access <b>document facilities</b> to allow generation of CDM plans</li> <li>• Print the day's appointments <b>action items</b> and <b>data collection</b> required, assisting nurses / teams manage preventive care.</li> <li>• <b>Family display</b> (check the status of the whole family)</li> <li>• <b>Chart GP performance</b> in achieving preventive care guidelines</li> <li>• <b>Create lists</b> of patients by item due/ overdue, by disease etc.</li> </ul>
<b>Uploads to APCC web portal</b>	Yes - Diabetes and CV Risk assessments when used in conjunction with the CAT	No
<b>Decision support for MBS Items</b>	Available Q4 2011	Yes - billing timeline (requires billing package) and prompts for: TCA, GPMP, AHA, ATSIHA, HMR, RMMR, CMA, MHCP, Diabetes & Asthma PIP, 45 & 4yo Health Check, Intellectual Disorder HC, NIDDMRE
<b>RACGP Endorsed</b>	Yes	No
<b>Customisation</b>	Turn panels on/off & request to add/remove links on Quicklinks	All rules are completely configurable within the application settings
<b>Pricing Model</b>	Standard Sidebar – Free + eRedbook – free for RACGP members, \$90 non members + AMH Online - \$130 RACGP members, \$160 non members + eTG Complete – 90 day free trial for new users + cdmNet – fee per management/care plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DCP with billing \$110 p/a without billing \$75 p/a</li> <li>• Bulk licensing               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ For every 4 licenses purchased a 5th license is awarded</li> <li>○ Further discounts can be arranged for 15+ licenses</li> <li>○ 50% Discount for Aboriginal health clinics</li> </ul> </li> </ul>