The Royal College of Anaesthetists
ELECTRONIC LOGBOOK

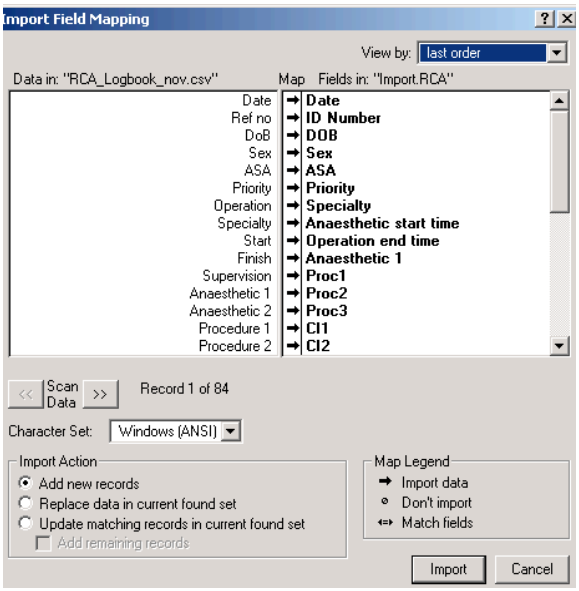
HanDBase to PC Glitches 2 PROBLEM PAGES

Q: WHY ARE THE FIELDS JUMBLED DURING THE IMPORT FROM HANDBASE TO PC?

This problem comes to light when the HanDBase exported text copy of the logbook ***RCA Logbook v6.00.txt*** (or RCA_Logbook_nov.csv in the example shown right) is imported into the PC Logbook.

When the field mapping window appears there is a mismatch between fields below the 6th line (Priority→Priority) so that operation is dumped into the specialty field, start time goes to operation end time, operation end time goes into the anaesthetic field etc.

This problem is caused by an incorrect setting in the PC HanDBase Desktop preferences which sets up the wrong export order of the HanDBase logbook fields.



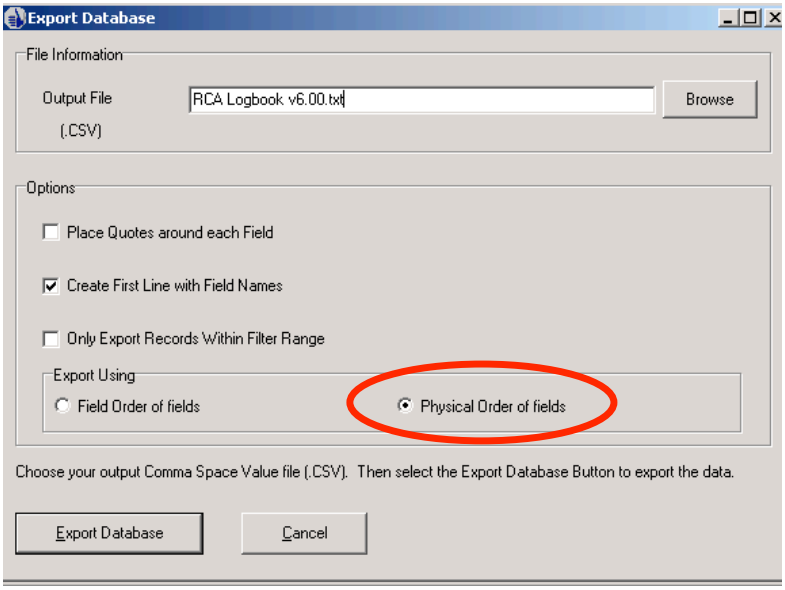
SOLUTION

You need to reset the HanDBase desktop export preferences. HanDBase can be set up automatically on the PC by replacing the ***HD.INI*** file in the **C:\Program Files\HanDBase(3)** folder with ***HD.INI*** file supplied with the logbook. Then you can click on the "Export to logbook" buttons on the left of the screen.
Alternatively, follow the manual instructions below:

The first time you export a text copy of the HanDBase logbook go to the 'File' portion of the menu and select **'Export..'**.

1. The first screen:
Asks you to pick a file format.
Pick CSV.

2. The second screen:
Looks like the one shown right.
It is safest to give the file a .txt suffix.
Tick the 'Create First Line with Field Names' option.
Export Using **PHYSICAL ORDER OF FIELDS**



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