

WALK T1



24-Hour Ambulatory BP Monitoring System

1. User Manual

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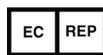
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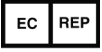
















3. Introduction to Ambulatory Blood Pressure Monitoring






Ambulatory blood pressure monitoring (ABPM) is an accepted clinical tool for collecting multiple blood pressure measurements. ABPM data is intended to better assist clinicians with the diagnosis and management of hypertension by providing data related to: blood pressure variability, estimation of true blood pressure, overnight changes in blood pressure, blood pressure load, sleep blood pressure dipping, and morning surge in blood pressure. In-clinic and home blood pressure measurements cannot provide the same depth of information that a 24-hour study provides. Several studies have shown that ambulatory blood pressure monitoring, when compared to clinic or home blood pressure measurement, is superior in predicting target organ damage, morbid events, or cardiovascular risk.

The data obtained from ambulatory blood pressure monitors is accurate and useful for managing a wide variety of hypertensive situations including:

- White-coat hypertension
- Resistant hypertension
- Masked hypertension
- Childhood hypertension
- Efficacy of anti-hypertensive drug therapy on a 24-hour basis
- Nocturnal hypertension
- Episodic hypertension and/or anxiety disorders
- Hypotensive symptoms
- Changes in diet and daily routine designed to reduce hypertension

4. Symbols Used in Labeling

Symbol	Description	Standard/Source
	General Warning Sign	ISO 7010-W001
	Batch Code	ISO 7000-2492
	Caution	ISO 7000-0434A
	Refer to Instruction Manual	ISO 7010-M002
	Authorized representative in the European Community	ISO 15223-1
	USB	Industry
	Consult Instructions for Use	ISO 7000-1641
	This product meets the requirements of the applicable Directives	EU Directive
	Disposal in compliance with WEEE Directive	WEEE Directive
	Manufacturer	ISO 7000-3082
	Date of Manufacture	ISO 7000-2497
	Serial Number	ISO 7000-2498
	CAUTION: Federal (U.S.A.) law restricts this device to sale by or on the order of a physician	FDA
	Cuff index line must fall within range markings	Manufacturer
	Arrow should be placed over artery	Manufacturer
	Symbol indicating limb circumference	Manufacturer
	Index line	Manufacturer
	Not made with natural rubber latex	Manufacturer
	Not made with PVC	Manufacturer
	Reference Number	ISO 7000-2493
	This product is Type BF defibrillator protected	IEC 60417-5334

	Fragile, handle with care	ISO 7000-0621
	Shipping and storage humidity should be kept between 15% to 95%	ISO 7000-2620
	Shipping and storage temperature should be kept between -20° C to 70°C	ISO 7000-0632
	This product and its shipping container should be kept dry	ISO 7000-0626
	Start/Stop a BP measurement	Manufacturer

5. The WALK T1 ABPM System

Indications for Use

The WALK T1 System is a non-invasive oscillometric ambulatory blood pressure monitor that is intended to be used with WALK PRO, a PC-based computer program for the recording and displaying of up to 250 measurements of systolic and diastolic blood pressure and heart rate. It is intended for use as an aid or adjunct to diagnosis and treatment when it is necessary to measure an adult and pediatric (> 3yrs.) patient's systolic and diastolic blood pressures over an extended period of time. The system is only for measurement, recording, and display to assist a licensed physician in making a diagnosis.

Products and Accessories

The WALK T1 System should contain the following items. If you are missing any item, please contact BPL Medical immediately (see Limited Warranty for contact information).

For additional information on how these accessories fit together consult the WALK T1 Quick Start Guide (82-0166-00).

WALK T1 ABPM System (Included Accessories)

Item Description	Part Number
WALK T1 ABP Monitor	MABPMWT1SW
WALK PRO	91MED429
USB Cable	91MED405
ABP Monitor Belt	91MED401
ABP Monitor Shoulder Strap	91MED402
WALK T1 Pouch	91MED403
WALK T1 User Guide	80-0096-00
WALK T1 Quick Start Guide	82-0166-00
ABPM Cuff, Size 2 (26cm-34cm)	91MED396
ABPM Cuff, Size 3 (32cm-44cm)	91MED397

* See table "WALK T1 ABPM System (Monitor Options)" to determine the part number and description for your WALK T1 ABP Monitor.

WALK T1 ABPM Optional Accessories

Item Description	Part Number
ABPM Cuff Size 1 (18-26 cm)	91MED395
ABPM Cuff, Size 4 (42cm-55cm)	91MED398

Method of Measurement	Oscillometric with step deflation
Blood Pressure Range	Systolic: 40-260 mmHg Diastolic: 25-200 mmHg
Heart Rate Range	40-200 bpm
Maximum Inflate Pressure	280 mmHg
Accuracy	Heart Rate accurate within +/-2% or +/-3 bpm, whichever is greater. Blood Pressure results meet or exceed ANSI/AAMI/ISO 81060-2:2013 standards for non-invasive accuracy: ±5 mmHg mean error & 8 mmHg standard deviation.
Validations	Clinically validated to ESH International Protocol, BHS (A/A), and ANSI/AAMI/ISO 81060-2:2013
Operating Conditions	10°C (50°F) to 50°C (122°F) 20-95% RH non-condensing
Shipping/Storage Conditions	-20°C (-4°F) to 70°C (158°F) 15-95% RH non-condensing
Classification	Continuous operation Power: Two (2) AA batteries, alkaline
Data Memory	Flash memory stores up to 250 readings
Calibration Check Recommendation	Minimally, once every two years
Safety Systems	Maximum inflation pressure limited to 300 mmHg; Auto safety release valve for power failure; Maximum measurement time limited to less than 140 seconds
Sampling Periods	24 independently programmable time periods (Time interval options: none, 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 45, 60, 90, and 120 minutes)

Parameter	Standard	EU Norm
Safety	AAMI/ANSI ES60601-1:2005/(R) 2012 +A1:2012	EN 60601-1 :2006/A1:2013/ IEC 60601-1: 2005/A1:2012
Blood Pressure	IEC 80601-2-30 :2009 + A1:2013	N/A
Usability	IEC 60601-1-6 :2013 Ed. 3.1 IEC 62366:2015 Ed. 1.0	EN 60601-1-6 :2010 EN 62366:2008
EMC/EMI/ESD	IEC60601-1-2:2014	EN 60601-1-2:2015
Home Use	IEC 60601-1-11:2015 Ed. 2.0	EN IEC 60601-1-11:2010
Biocompatibility	ISO 10993-1:2009/(R)2013 ISO 10993-5:2009 ISO 10993-10:2010	EN ISO 10993-1:2009/AC:2010 EN ISO 10993-5:2009 N/A
Software	IEC 62304:2015	EN IEC 62304:2006/AC:2008
Symbols	ISO 15223-1:2016	EN ISO 15223-1:2016
Sphygmomanometers	ANSI/AAMI/ISO 81060-2:2013	EN ISO 81060-1:2012

Quality	ISO 13485:2016	EN ISO 13485:2016
Risk Management	ISO 14971:2007 (Ed. 2)	EN ISO 14971:2012
Size	Approximately 100 x 70 x 30 mm	
Weight	Approximately 233 g, including batteries	
Storage Conditions	-20°C (-4°F) to +70°C (158°F), 15%-95% RH non-condensing	
Data	USB 3.0 (USB-C)	

Safety and Effectiveness Considerations

The following safety and effectiveness issues are to be considered prior to the usage of the WALK T1 monitor.

NOTE: This device is defibrillator protected. No precautions specific to the WALK T1 are required during defibrillation, and defibrillation discharge has no effect on the WALK T1.

- The monitor is intended for use following consultation and instruction by a physician.
- The reliability of the device is dependent upon conformance with the operation and service instructions, as detailed in this manual.
- This device has been designed for use on patients with normal sinus rhythms.
- The interpretation of blood pressure measurements should only be made by a physician. The accuracy of any blood pressure recording may be affected by the position of the subject, his or her physical condition, and use outside the operating instructions detailed in this manual.
- Safety and effectiveness of central blood pressure measurements on children under the age of 18 years of age, pregnant women and neonates have not been tested.

Disposal

This symbol indicates that the monitor contains materials which may be hazardous to human health. This product complies with the WEEE Directive. Please return the WALK T1 monitor to BPL Medical for proper disposal. Please dispose of other materials according to local regulations.

Potential Adverse Reactions

Allergic exanthema (symptomatic eruption) in the area of the cuff may result, including the formation of urticaria (allergic reaction including raised edematous patches of skin or mucous membranes and intense itching) caused by the fabric material of the cuff.

Petechia (a minute reddish or purplish spot containing blood that appears in the skin) formation or Rumpel-Leede phenomenon (multiple petechia) on the forearm following the application of the cuff, which may lead to idiopathic thrombocytopenia (spontaneous persistent decrease in the number of platelets associated with hemorrhagic conditions) or phlebitis (inflammation of a vein) may be observed.

Cautions for Use

This monitor is designed to perform in conformity with the description thereof contained in this operation manual when operated, maintained and repaired in accordance with the instructions provided. The monitor should not be modified in any way. Ensure pressure compatibility for all patients. If any abnormality occurs in the monitor, suspend the operation immediately and disconnect it from the patient. If the monitor has

been used or stored outside its acceptable range (see Specifications page), it may not meet performance specifications. If the cuff fails to deflate, the patient should be instructed on its proper and safe removal.

Warnings

The general warning sign indicates a potentially hazardous situation which could result in serious injury.

WARNING: Do not use in the presence of flammable anesthetics; this could cause an explosion. This device is not suitable for use in an oxygen enriched environment.

WARNING: Do not immerse the monitor in any fluid, place fluids on top, or attempt to clean the monitor with any liquid detergents, cleaning agents, or solvents. This may cause an electrical hazard. Do not use the monitor if accidental wetting occurs; please return to BPL Medical (see Limited Warranty). Refer to Maintaining and Cleaning the WALK T1 ABP System, for care instructions.

WARNING: Too frequent measurements can cause injury to the patient due to blood flow interference.

WARNING: The cuff should not be applied over a wound as this can cause further injury.

WARNING: The cuff should not be placed on the arm on the side of a mastectomy. In the case of a double mastectomy use the side of the least dominant arm.

WARNING: Pressurization of the cuff can temporarily cause loss of function of simultaneously used monitoring equipment on the same limb.

WARNING: Do not use if device is dropped and/or is damaged. Have a qualified service representative check the monitor before using again.

WARNING: Do not attach the cuff to a limb being used for IV infusions or any other intravascular access, therapy or an arterio-venous (A-V) shunt. The cuff inflation can temporarily block blood flow, potentially causing harm to the patient.

WARNING: Use only with the cuffs supplied by BPL Medical. Different cuffs have not been validated with WALK T1 and measurements with non-validated components may not be accurate

WARNING: Use of an ACCESSORY, transducer or cable with ME EQUIPMENT and ME SYSTEMS other than those specified may result in increased EMISSIONS or decreased IMMUNITY of ME EQUIPMENT or ME SYSTEM.

WARNING: The WALK T1 may be interfered with by other equipment even if the other equipment complies with CISPR Emission Requirements.

WARNING: Performance can be affected by extremes of temperature, humidity and altitude.

WARNING: Do not use the monitor during magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) or in an MRI environment.

Cautions

The caution symbol indicates a potentially hazardous situation which may result in minor or moderate injury. It may also be used to alert against unsafe practices.

CAUTION: When downloading data from the monitor's communications USB port, the device should not be in use with a patient.

CAUTION: Do not remove monitor covers, except to replace batteries. The monitor does not contain any user serviceable components. Return monitor if service is required.

CAUTION: Do not use on neonates, pediatric patients less than 3 years old, or patients known to be readily susceptible to bruising.

CAUTION: Do not use the monitor if it has failed its diagnostic self test, or if it displays a greater than zero pressure with no cuff attached. The values displayed by such a monitor may be inaccurate.

CAUTION: Substitution of a component different from that supplied may result in measurement error. Repairs should be undertaken only by personnel trained or authorized by BPL Medical.

CAUTION: The WALK T1 does not contain any user serviceable internal parts and should only be repaired by an authorized BPL Medical service representative. Do not service the product while in use.

CAUTION: If cuff fails to deflate within two and a half minutes, instruct patient on manual removal of cuff.

CAUTION: Check that operation of the monitor does not result in prolonged impairment of the circulation of the patient.

CAUTION: Remove batteries when device is not in use for long periods of time to prevent possible battery leakage and product damage.

CAUTION: A compressed or kinked connection hose may cause continuous cuff pressure resulting in blood flow interference and potentially harmful injury to the patient.

CAUTION: Using an incorrect cuff size could result in erroneous and misleading blood pressure measurement results.

CAUTION: Do not machine wash the cuff bladder.

CAUTION: On hypotensive patients, the device should be used with caution.

Contraindications

The WALK T1 ABPM system should be used in conjunction with all other available medical histories and diagnostic test information about the patient. The following are reasons to withhold use of the WALK T1 ABPM system from a patient:

CONTRAINDICATION: Do not use on patients with erratic, accelerated or mechanically controlled irregular heart rhythms, including patients with arrhythmias.

CONTRAINDICATION: Do not use on patients with carotid or aortic valve stenosis.

CONTRAINDICATION: The system is not applicable in generalized constriction or localized spasm of muscular conduit arteries such as seen immediately after hypothermic cardiopulmonary bypass surgery or accompanying Raynaud's phenomenon or intense cold.

CONTRAINDICATION: Do not use system on patients who have had a double mastectomy

CONTRAINDICATION: Do not use on the same arm of patients with a peripherally inserted central catheter (PICC) line, Intravenous (IV) or arterial line.

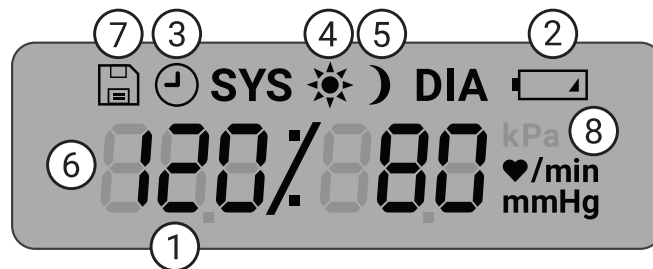
6. WALK T1 At a Glance

Device






1. Start/Stop Button
To Power On:
Press the Start/Stop button.
To Power Off:
When not taking a reading, press and HOLD the Start/Stop button until you hear 8 beeps (approx. 5 seconds), then release.
To Abort a Measurement:
Press the Start/Stop button any time during a reading.
To Start a Programmed ABP Study:
When time is flashing, press the Start/Stop button to take 1st reading.
To Start a Manual BP Reading:
When clock is displayed, press the Start/Stop button.
2. Male bayonet NIBP connector
3. Event Marker
4. Day/Night Button






Display



1. **Time** - Shown when the monitor is not taking a reading.
2. **Battery** - Indicates low battery; REPLACE BATTERIES.
3. **Clock** - ABP study in progress.
4. **Sun** - Indicates AWAKE portion of study.
5. **Moon** - Indicates ASLEEP portion of the study.
6. **BP Reading** - During a reading, displays the pressure of the cuff in mmHg or kPa. Immediately after a reading, shows the BP results in mmHg or kPa followed by heart rate in beats per minute.
7. **Readings Symbol** - Indicates number of BP readings in memory.
8. **Measurement unit** - indicates the unit of the displayed value in mmHg or kPa (blood pressure) or beats per minute (heart rate)

Button Functionality

Buttons		Functions
Start/Stop		TO POWER ON: Press the Start/Stop button. TO POWER OFF: When the monitor is not taking a measurement, press and hold the Start/Stop button until you hear eight quick beeps, then release. TO STOP A MEASUREMENT IN PROGRESS: Press the Start/Stop button. TO START A PROGRAMMED STUDY: When the time is flashing, press the Start/Stop button. TO START A SINGLE BP READING: When the time is displayed, press the Start/Stop button.
Day/Night		Toggles between day (AWAKE) mode and night (ASLEEP) mode.
Event		Marks an event.

Display Symbols		Description
Time	10:45	Indicates current time. When flashing, the monitor will turn off in 20 seconds unless an ABPM study is in progress.
Pressure	75 mmHg	Indicates the pressure of the cuff in mmHg during a measurement.
Reading Result	120/80 mmHg	Immediately after a measurement is complete, the display shows the results, if enabled. BP in mmHg is shown first, followed by HR in beats per minute.
Clock		Denotes that a programmed ABP study is in progress.
Sun		Denotes the monitor is collecting readings according to the AWAKE program of the study.
Moon		Denotes the monitor is collecting readings according to the ASLEEP program of the study.
Battery		Indicates low battery voltage; BATTERIES NEED TO BE REPLACED.
Save Symbol		Indicates the number displayed indicates the number of readings in memory.

Setting Up The WALK T1 System

Setting up the WALK T1 System involves powering the WALK T1, installing WALK PRO on a personal computer (PC), and connecting the WALK T1 to the PC.

The WALK T1 ABPM system is packaged with everything you need to start. See Product and Accessories for complete contents.

Powering the WALK T1 for Use

Install two alkaline (2) AA batteries in the bay located at the back of the monitor. The bay shows the orientation in which the batteries should be placed. When batteries are properly loaded, the monitor's display will show the following:

1. Incrementing dashes
2. Software and safety version of the monitor
3. Battery voltage followed by three quick audible beeps
4. The number of BP readings in memory followed by one long audible beep
5. Time flashing

The monitor is now ready to be used.

NOTE: Ensure batteries are inserted with the correct polarity. Improper installation will prevent the monitor from functioning. Batteries are required for WALK T1 use at all times including programming, scheduling and retrieving.

NOTE: Install batteries before connecting WALK T1 to PC via USB.

NOTE: Device will not re-charge batteries via USB connection.

CAUTION: Remove batteries when device is not in use for long periods of time to prevent possible battery leakage and product damage.

Installing WALK PRO

PC System Requirements

- Windows 10, 8 or 7 (32 or 64 bit)
- SVGA or compatible display adapter and monitor. Minimum 1280 x 1024 recommended resolution
- One available USB A port
- Minimum 4GB of RAM
- Minimum of 30GB of disk space for patient database

NOTE: Install WALK PRO before connecting the USB cable to the computer.

1. Connect the USB cable to the USB connector on the ABP monitor (Figure 1; part A).
2. Connect the USB end of the cable to the USB port on your PC (Figure 1; part B).



Figure 1: Connecting the WALK T1 to a PC

NOTE: The cable can be left connected when the PC is off and the monitor is not connected to a patient.

Communicating with the WALK T1

To successfully complete an ambulatory blood pressure (ABP) study: Connect the WALK T1 to the PC then program the study in the downloaded application from your PC. When the patient returns you will again use the application on your computer to retrieve the collected data.

7. WALK PRO Layout

WALK PRO gives you the flexibility to program the ABP monitor the way you want and the simplicity to collect and retrieve important test data. The toolbar provides easy, one-click access to frequently used functions. The menu bar allows you to access all functions of the software.

Toolbar Buttons



Program: Opens the Program Monitor window



Retrieve: Initiates data retrieval from the monitor



BP Data: Opens the Open ABP Study – Select Patient window



Print Preview: Previews a report for the open ABP study



Print: Prints a report for the open ABP study



Print Page: Prints the report page of the displayed data



PDF: Saves the report for the open ABP study in PDF format



Settings: Opens the Configuration options window



Help: Opens the online help window



Exit: Closes WALK PRO



Languages: Enables the user to change the application language.

8. Conducting an Ambulatory Blood Pressure Study

Programming the WALK T1 for an ABP Study

Preparing the monitor for an ABP study involves filling out an on-screen form to set the parameters for your study to be programmed into the monitor. You can also use a template to fill out the form. Templates help to ensure consistent programming and adherence to specific protocols. WALK PRO provides default templates, or you can create your own.

The screenshot shows the 'Programming monitor' dialog box with the 'Standard' tab selected. The 'Patient Information' section includes a 'Patient ID *' field and three name fields: 'Last Name *', 'First Name', and 'Middle Name'. A 'Select/ Create Patient' button is located to the right of the name fields. The 'Measurement Schedule' section features a table with columns for 'Period', 'Hour', and 'Brachial BP Interval'. The 'Awake time' row shows '7:00' for the hour and '30 mins' for the interval. The 'Sleep time' row shows '22:30' for the hour and '45 mins' for the interval. Below the table is an 'Add special period' button. To the right of the table is a circular clock icon with markers at 00:00, 06:00, 12:00, and 18:00. At the bottom of the dialog, there are two toggle switches: 'Start study in 5 minutes' (which is turned on) and 'Quality Control' (which is turned off). The bottom toolbar contains five buttons: 'Program', 'Open template', 'Save template', 'Cancel', and 'Help'.

Figure 3: Programming the WALK T1 (Standard Tab)

To program the monitor:

1. From the **Monitor** menu, select **Program study**. Alternatively, click the **Program** button on the toolbar.
2. Enter the desired parameter settings in the **Measurement Schedule** (Figure 3). (See Parameter settings.)
3. Click one of the following:
 - **Program** to transfer the information to the WALK T1. An indicator bar shows the progress and disappears when programming is successfully completed.
 - **Cancel** to close the dialog box.
 - **Help** to start the online Help.

Figure 4: Programming the WALK T1 (Patient Information Window)

To create patient details before conducting a study:

1. In the **Programming Monitor** window, click the button for **Select/Create Patient**.
2. Click **Create New Patient**.
3. A new window **Patient Information** (Figure 4) will appear. Enter patient information.
4. Click **OK** to save the patient information to be used on this programmed study. Click **Cancel** to close the dialog box.

To add measurement periods:

1. Click the **Add special period** button.
2. Select a start time, an end time, and intervals from the pull-down menus. You can add up to two (2) additional time periods. A pie chart shows the time periods created for the study.
3. Clicking the **X** will delete the time period from the list.

To program the monitor using a template:

1. From the open Program Monitor window, click the **Open Template** button at the bottom of the Program Monitor window.
2. From the **Available Templates** dialog box (Figure 5), select the template name, and then click **Open**. The form automatically populates with the template's settings.
3. Click one of the following:

- **Program** to transfer the information to the WALK T1. An indicator bar shows the progress and disappears when programming is successfully completed.
- **Cancel** to close the dialog box.
- **Help** to start the online Help.

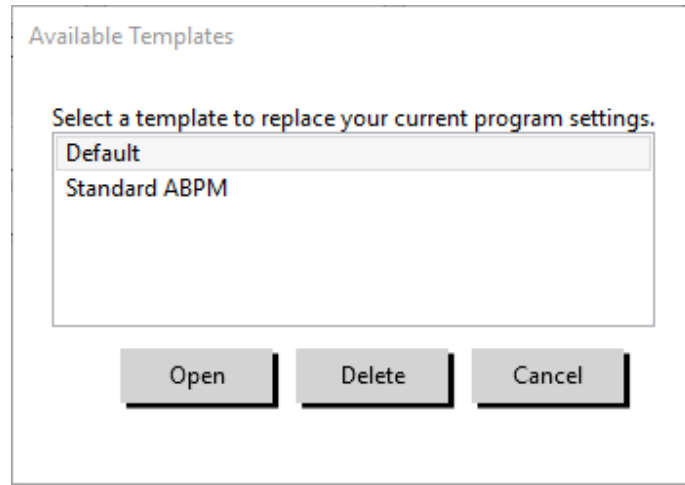


Figure 5: Available Templates Window

To create a template:

1. In the open **Programming Monitor** window, enter the desired parameter settings in the form. See Parameter settings.
2. Click the **Save Template** button at the bottom of the **Programming Monitor** window.
3. In the **Assign Template Name** dialog box, type a name for the template and click **Save**.

To open a template:

1. From the open **Programming Monitor** window, click the **Open Template** button at the bottom of the **Programming Monitor** window.
2. From the **Available Templates** dialog box, select the template name, and then click **Open**.
3. The template information will populate the corresponding information in the **Programming Monitor** window.

To delete a template:

1. From the **Programming Monitor** window, click the **Open Template** button at the bottom of the **Programming Monitor** window.
2. From the Available Templates dialog box, select the template name, and then click **Delete**.
3. At the prompt, click **Yes** to confirm deletion.

To email a template:

An email server must be specified before a Programming Template can be emailed. See Email Settings on page 45 for setup instructions.

1. From the File menu, select **Email > Programming Template**.
2. The Programming Templates window opens. Select the template(s) you want to email and click **OK**.

3. The Email dialog box will appear. Type in the recipient email address(es) with multiple email addresses separated by a semi-colon, a subject for your message, and a message.
4. Click **Send** to email the files. Click **Attach** to change the files you want to email. Click **Configure** to configure the email settings.

To export a template to disk:

1. From the File menu, select **Export > Programming Template**.
2. The Programming Templates window opens. Select the folder on the disk that to export to.
3. Select the template(s) you want to export and click **Export**.

Study Parameter Settings

Study parameter settings can be adjusted as follows:

Standard Tab

UI Item	Description
Patient ID	Patient ID for reporting and referencing data.
Patient name	Enter patient name (first, middle, last).
Select/Create Patient	Click to open the Patient Information window. Use this window to use existing patient information or to create a new patient entry.
Measurement Schedule:	Specifies when and how often the monitor takes readings. For Awake time and Sleep time, select from the Hour pull-down menu to establish the start time for these periods. From the BP Interval pull-down menu, select the desired interval between readings (none, 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 45, 60, 90 or 120 minutes).
Start study in 5 minutes:	Slider denotes that the study will start automatically after programming; unchecked denotes that the study will be started with the first press of the Start/Stop button when the monitor is powered ON.
Quality Control	Shows the Quality Control tab that allows setting requirements for minimum readings in a study to pass Quality Control

Advanced Tab

UI Item	Description
Max Pressure	Establishes the maximum inflation pressure for the monitor (options between 160 and 280 mmHg). Suggested setting is 30 mmHg above the highest expected systolic BP. NOTE: The ABP monitor will not inflate to Max Pressure with each reading; instead it inflates to 30 mmHg above the previous systolic reading.
Intervals	Set interval type. Select Fixed to set the intervals to exact times. Select Standard for +/- 5 minutes around the selected intervals.
Display results	When on, allows the patient to view the results immediately after a measurement. NOTE: Display Results is always on for the first 30 minutes of study.

UI Item	Description
Manual readings	When on, allows the patient to take measurements outside of the scheduled program using the Start/Stop key. If manual readings are disabled/off, Start Study in 5 minutes MUST be enabled/on. If Start study in 5 minutes is enabled/on, user can elect to enable/on or disable/off manual readings NOTE: Start study in 5 minutes requires the batteries to be inserted during programming. NOTE: Manual Readings is always ON for the first 30 minutes of the study.
Audible alerts	Play an alert sound at the beginning and upon completion of each reading, during the awake period only.
Retry attempts	The monitor will reattempt a measurement that initially fails.
Note 1, Note 2	Enter up to 20 alphanumeric characters.
Time zone difference	Adjust the monitor's clock to the time zone that the patient is in relative to your time zone. (The PC Time and Monitor Time fields are populated automatically.)
Day/night button	When on, enables the Day/Night button on the monitor, allowing the patient to start the Awake and Sleep periods according to their daily schedule. A period can be activated to four hours before the programmed period begins. The monitor will also record the time the day/night button is pressed.
Event marking	When enabled, allows the patient to mark up to 30 events during the study.

Quality Control Tab (if quality control is selected in the programming monitor window)

UI Item	Description
QC Review Period:	Select start and end times for a quality control review period for the study program.
Minimum Reading Requirements:	Enter the requirements for a minimum percentage of scheduled readings captured during the defined QC period. The minimum number of readings captured per hour during the defined QC period (between 1 and 12). The minimum number of hours to contain readings for the entire study. NOTE: To access the Quality Control tab you must first turn on the "Quality Control" dial at the bottom of the Program Monitor window.

Fitting a Patient with the WALK T1 and ABPM Cuff

After you have successfully programmed the WALK T1 using WALK PRO, you may begin fitting the patient with the monitor and a blood pressure cuff. Cuffs may be used on either arm.

1. Choose the proper cuff size

To determine the correct cuff size for your patient, wrap the cuff around the patient's upper arm without sliding the arm through the sleeve. Use the color-coded **RANGE** indicator on the inside of the cuff and the bold **INDEX** marker to check that the arm circumference falls within the cuff range. If the arm is within range, this cuff size is correct for your patient. If the marker is outside the **RANGE** indicator, select a new cuff size as indicated by color.

CAUTION: Using an incorrect cuff size could result in erroneous and misleading blood pressure measurements.

2. Apply the ABPM cuff

To apply the ABPM cuff, simply slide the sleeve up the patient's arm, ensuring the color size indicator is at the top of the cuff. The cuff should be midway between the elbow and shoulder. Be sure the ARTERY indicator is over the patient's brachial artery, between the bicep and tricep muscles. Wrap the cuff snugly around the patient's upper arm. There should be space for approximately 1 finger underneath the bottom of the cuff.

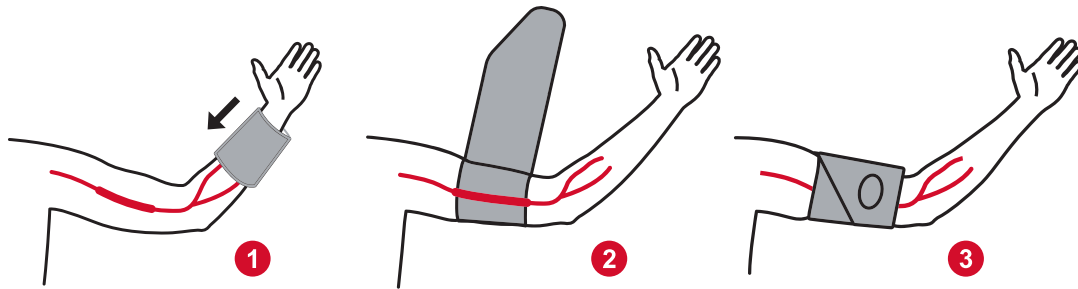


Figure 6: Instructions for Applying the ABPM Cuff

3. Connect the BP hose to the device and the cuff

Connect the BP hose to the WALK T1 monitor and to the cuff by pushing the fittings together until it is locked into place. The hose can be released by pulling the female fitting away from the male connection. Drape the hose over the patient's shoulder, behind the neck and across to the opposite side of the body.

4. Attach to patient

Insert the WALK T1 into its pouch with the display showing through the window. Attach the pouch to the patient using the belt (Figure 7).



Figure 7: Fitting the ABPM Cuff to the Patient

Preparing and Educating the Patient

When conducting blood pressure measurements, with an oscillometric NIBP device, it is important to follow suitable procedures to ensure valid, accurate results. Preparing your patient for the ABP study is the most important step to achieving a successful test. Review the following instructions with your patient.

- When the pressure in the cuff increases, the patient must avoid excess movement during measurements. Let the cuffed arm hang loosely, slightly away from the body with the middle of the cuff at heart level. Avoid flexing the muscles or moving the hand and fingers of the cuffed arm.
- The patient can stop a measurement in progress by pressing the Start/Stop button momentarily.
- If the Manual Readings setting is on, the patient can start a measurement at any time by pressing the Start/Stop button momentarily.
- The cuff should not be removed between BP measurements.
- Before sleeping, the patient should make sure that the hose is not kinked and will not become kinked.
- The batteries can be replaced during a study without the data being lost or interrupting the monitor's program. Alternatively, the monitor can be turned off without losing its data.
- Instruct the patient on how and when to fill out the patient diary.
- If the Day/Night button is on, instruct the patient on how to set day and night modes.
- If Event Marking is on, instruct the patient on how and when to mark events.
- Ensure the patient knows how to care for the monitor. Keep the monitor dry and do not drop it.
- If the monitor or cuff causes extreme pain, or pain not normally associated with blood pressure measurement, the patient should remove the cuff and turn off the monitor.
- The patient should not talk during BP measurements. The patient should be seated, standing or lying down. If seated, the patient should have legs uncrossed, feet flat on the floor with back and arms supported.

Starting the Study

Before the patient leaves with the monitor and cuff, verify that the monitor operates correctly. To verify proper monitor operation, ensure that the monitor is on and start a BP reading by pressing the Start/Stop button. The cuff will inflate and complete the BP measurement. The cuff will then be fully deflated. The clock icon should appear on the display of the WALK T1 indicating that the study is in progress. If problems occur, review the setup and fitting of the system.

Replace the batteries (2 AA alkaline batteries) for every study with new batteries. Failure to do so may result in incomplete 24-hour studies.

To record an event:

Press the Event button 

The monitor sounds a long audible beep for confirmation, and "rcd : 01" appears on the display (Subsequent recordings use 02, 03, and so on). The monitor can record up to 30 events. If the patient tries to record more than 30 events, the monitor beeps four times, and "No rcd" appears on the display.

Note: If Event Marking is enabled, then the Dosage Response feature will be disabled.

To manually set day (Awake) or night (Asleep) mode:

Press the Day/Night button. ☾*

The monitor beeps and displays either the sun or moon icon depending on the mode that it was switched to. If switching to Night mode, the monitor will display a moon icon.

If switching to Day mode, the monitor will display a sun icon.

Finishing the Study

If you wish to finish the study before the patient returns, instruct the patient to turn off the monitor by holding down the Start/Stop button for five (5) seconds. The WALK T1 will beep five (5) times and the display will turn off.

When the patient returns, take the cuff, monitor, and belt off and download the captured data to WALK PRO for review.

9. Notes on Blood Pressure Data

Any blood pressure reading can be affected by the measurement site, the position of the patient, motion, or the patient's physiologic condition. Environmental or operational factors which can affect the performance of the device and/or its blood pressure reading are common arrhythmias such as atrial or ventricular premature beats or atrial fibrillation, arterial sclerosis, poor perfusion, diabetes, age, pregnancy, preeclampsia, renal diseases, patient motion, trembling, and shivering.

Retrieving Data from the ABP Monitor

To retrieve the data:

1. Connect the WALK T1 to the computer.
2. In WALK PRO, click the **Retrieve** toolbar button, or select **Retrieve Data** from the **Monitor** menu. The dialog box on the screen shows the progress as the data is transferred. After completion, a dialog box appears to confirm patient details.
3. In the dialog box, do one of the following:
 1. Click **No**. A list of current patient files appears. Select the patient file to save the retrieved data.
 2. Click **Yes**. The **Patient information** dialog box appears. Enter patient information in the data fields
4. Click **OK** to save the data.
5. If the alert for adjusting Awake and Asleep times appears, click **Yes** or **No** according to your preference.
6. If the study contains quality control settings, review the results in the **Quality Control Results** dialog box that appears, and then click **Close**.

NOTE: A green checkmark in the results indicates that the study meets that requirement. A red x indicates that the study failed to meet that requirement.

The BP file will now open automatically and the patient's BP data is now saved to the WALK PRO patient

database.

CAUTION: If you do not retrieve data from the monitor, this data will be lost when you program it for the next study.

10. Reviewing and Editing an ABP Study

Opening A Patient File

WALK PRO will automatically open a patient file directly after the data is retrieved.

1. From the **File** menu, select **Open**. Alternatively, from the toolbar, click the **BP Data** button.
2. The **Open ABP Study - Select Patient** dialog box appears, allowing you to select the patient file to open. Select the patient whose BP data you wish to review by clicking on the patient's name.
3. Click **OK**.
4. If the patient has more than one ABP study, a second dialog box, **Choose Date**, appears. Select a study date and click **OK**. The patient's data appears in the display area. You can now review the BP study or print a report.

Each study in a patient file contains data that is displayed in the views accessed by the tabs at the bottom of the application. The study information bar located toward the top of the view identifies the patient name, patient ID, patient age (at the time of the study) and the study date of the displayed file.

Tabs and their contents.

- **ABP Data:** ABP measurement data from the monitor and relevant graphs.
- **Patient Info:** Patient name, ID, contact information, and physical description.
- **Physician Info:** Patient history, clinical information, and interpretation.
- **Statistics:** Statistical analysis of the ABP study.
- **Time-Slice Statistics:** Statistical analysis of specific user-defined time windows.
- **Hourly Averages:** Analysis of ABP study data including study comparison.
- **Summary:** Interpretative summary settings and results for current study.

Viewing an Ambulatory Blood Pressure Study

In the upper portion of the ABP Data tab, a table displays the results for each of the BP measurements taken or attempted during the study. The table also includes events recorded by the patient. To display only these events in the table, select Events Only from the Show pull-down menu. Events and Readings displays all records.

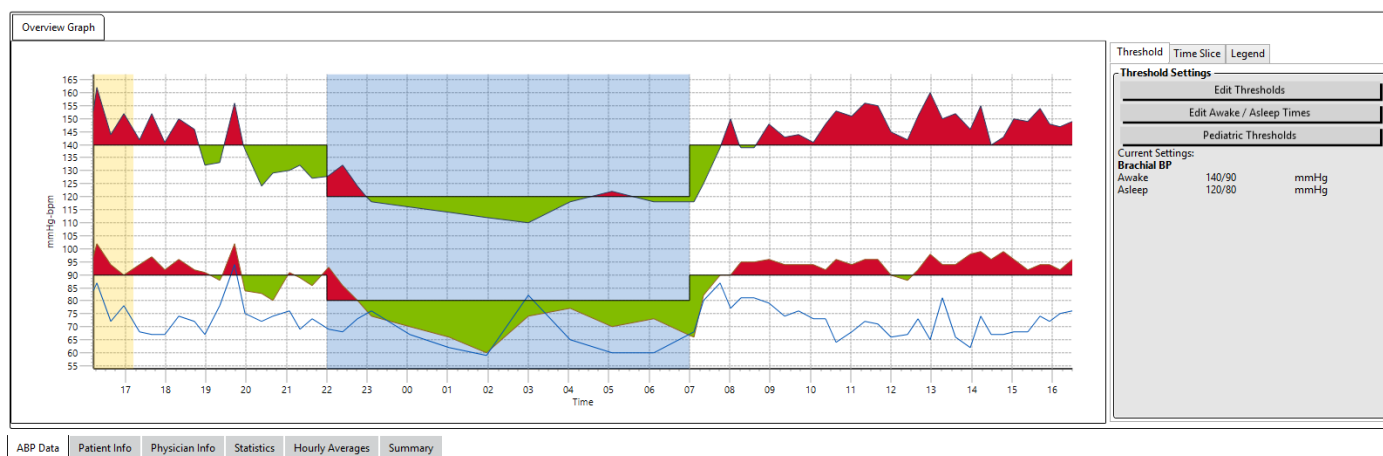


Figure 8: ABP Date Graph, Threshold tab

To adjust the size of the data table:

1. Position the mouse pointer over the bottom boundary of the table.
2. When the pointer turns to a double arrow, drag it up or down.

Overview Graph

The scale of the vertical axis represents blood pressure (mmHg) and heart rate (bpm). The horizontal axis displays the time in clock hours. Clicking on any point, measurement or event, in the graph highlights the corresponding row in the table.

There are three tabs to the right of the graph: Threshold, Time-Slice, and Legend. The Threshold tab allows the user to change the Threshold settings on the graph. The Time-Slice tab allows users to define specific time windows in which to perform a statistical analysis. The Legend tab provides details on the configuration of colors for the Overview Graph.

Shading on the graph indicates various periods of the study. The default colors (see Display Settings) and definitions are:

- **Blue shading:** Indicates the asleep period of the study.
- **Yellow shading:** Indicates the white coat period, which is the first hour of the study (appears only if enabled).
- **Light orange shading:** Indicates the periods used to calculate Morning Surge (appears only if enabled).

AASI Graph

The AASI Graph tab is optional, and can be enabled by selecting **Ambulatory Arterial Stiffness Index** on the Report>Configuration>Data (see **Customizing and Configuring WALK PRO**). The graph on this tab plots the diastolic on systolic BP values for each measurement captured in the study. Additionally, this tab lists the calculated AASI value, diastolic as a function of systolic, systolic as a function of diastolic, the correlation coefficient of the linear regression equation, and the coordinate of the average systolic and diastolic. The calculated AASI value will also be added to the Overall results on the Statistics tab.

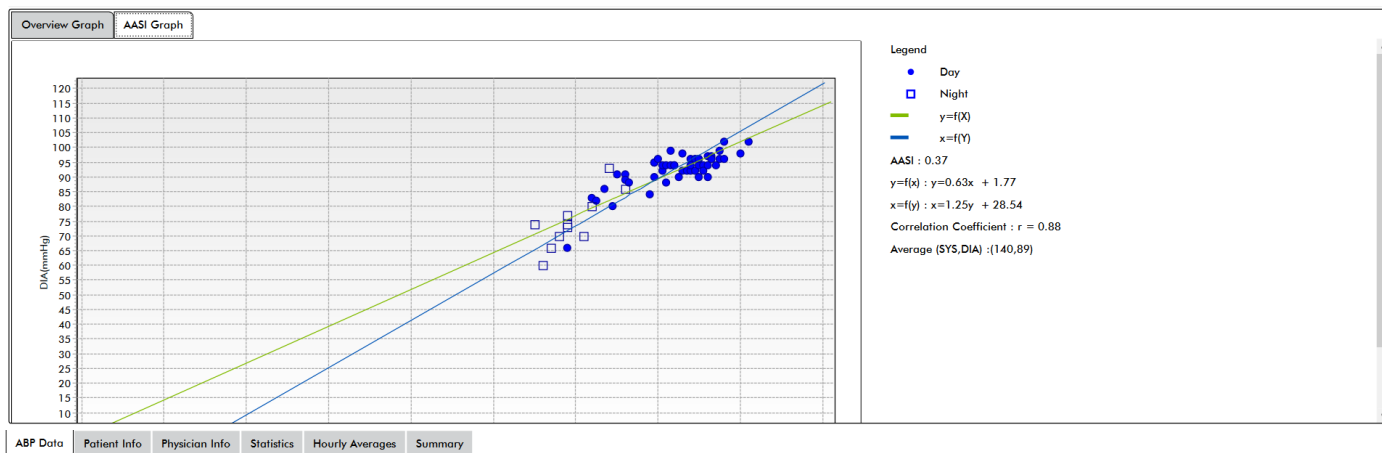


Figure 10: AASI Graph

Reviewing an Ambulatory Blood Pressure Study

In the ABP Data view, you can review an ABP study for accuracy and context. When the data is retrieved by WALK PRO, all readings in an ABP study that have event codes will be “tagged” in the first column of the table. Tagged records are omitted from the analysis of the ABP study displayed in the Statistics and Hourly Averages views, but these readings can be printed in the report.

The monitor tags data with an asterisk(*) based on criteria used to determine the validity of the data. The exclamation point (!) is a permanent tag and is used when an accurate reading cannot be determined by the ABP monitor. This tag cannot be changed and associated data will not be used in data analysis. The asterisk is a tag that you can edit. Tags numbered r01 to r30 indicate events entered by the patient, and the comments can be changed. Data can be tagged or un-tagged based on a number of factors, including patient history, patient diary information, or other factors.

There are two methods to remove or insert an asterisk (*) tag on a measurement.

To remove or insert an asterisk (*) tag using the table:

1. Select the reading you want to tag (omit) or un-tag (include). It will be highlighted.
2. Click in the first, or left-most, cell under the column labeled “Tag”.

To remove or insert an asterisk (*) tag from the graph:

1. Use the cursor on the graph to select the reading you want to tag (omit) or un-tag (include). Consequently, this action highlights the reading in the table.
2. Right-click the mouse and select Toggle Tag from the menu.

NOTE: All changes made to the ABP study are saved immediately.

Entering Comments

Use the Comments column, the right-most column in the table, to keep track of patient activity during a BP reading. While activity is only one of the many factors that can affect blood pressure, it can be helpful in understanding a BP reading within the context of the study.

To assist the patient with tracking their activities, a patient diary template is available for printing from the

Download Library on the BPL Medical website.

To enter a patient comment from the table:

1. Highlight the reading to which you want to add a comment, and select the corresponding cell in the **Comments** column.
2. Left-click the mouse over the comment box to open the pull-down menu of predefined entries.
3. Select a comment from the list or type a new comment.
4. Press **Enter**.

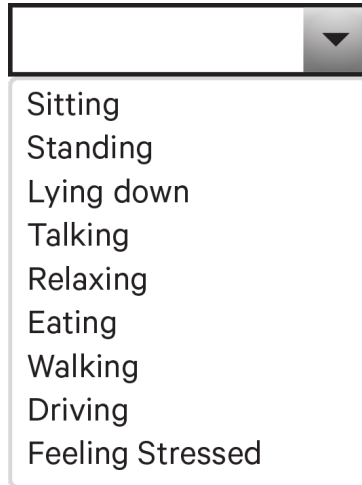


Figure 11: Diary Comment Drop-Down Selection Box

To enter a comment from the graph:

1. Select the reading in the ABP data graph to which you want to add a comment. This causes the corresponding row in the table to be highlighted.
2. Right-click the mouse and select **Set comment** from the menu.
3. Add a comment by typing or selecting from predefined list.
4. Click **OK**.

You can add or delete entries appearing in the Comments pull-down list by going to the Diary Comments section of the Configuration window. (For instructions on configuring Diary Comments, see Customizing and Configuring WALK PRO.)

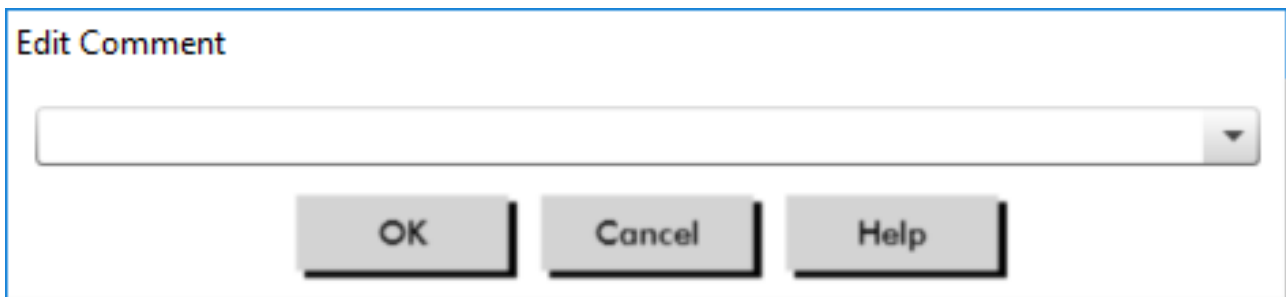


Figure 12: Text Entry Box for Setting a New Comment

To change the comment for an event marked by the patient:

Click the event's checkmark above the graph to cycle through the following selections (symbol: comment):
: "Event marked"

Rx: "Dosage"
Sx: "Symptom"

The selected symbol replaces the checkmark, and the comment appears in the table.

To change time period start times:

1. Display an ABP study and choose the **Threshold** tab.
2. Click **Edit Awake/Asleep Times**.
3. In the **Times** tab (Figure 12), reset the patient's asleep and awake times to the nearest half-hour by moving the appropriate sliders right or left. The new times are displayed on the clock face, with the black portion representing time asleep and the white portion, time awake. The clock is displayed in a 24-hour clock (i.e. 12:00 is noon, 18:00 is 6 p.m., and 00:00 or 24:00 is midnight).
4. Click **Apply** to keep the new settings.

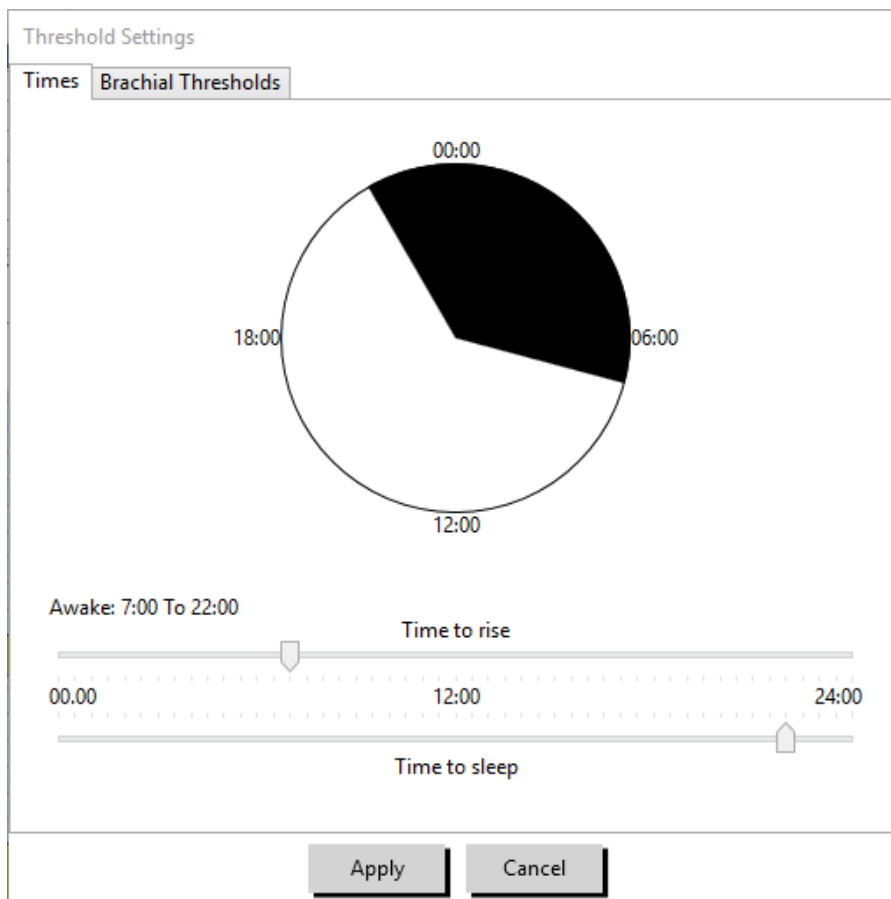


Figure 13: Edit Awake/Asleep Time

Setting BP Threshold Limits

Users may select the thresholds used to calculate the blood pressure load and above threshold values. There are two settings for thresholds: global and custom. Global thresholds apply to all patient files; custom thresholds apply to all studies for a particular patient.

To define thresholds:

1. Open a study in the **ABP Data** tab. Within the **Overview Graph** tab, navigate to the Threshold tab

located to the right of the graph view.

2. Click Edit Thresholds.
3. Move the sliders to change the settings according to your preferences.
4. Click **OK** to apply the changes.

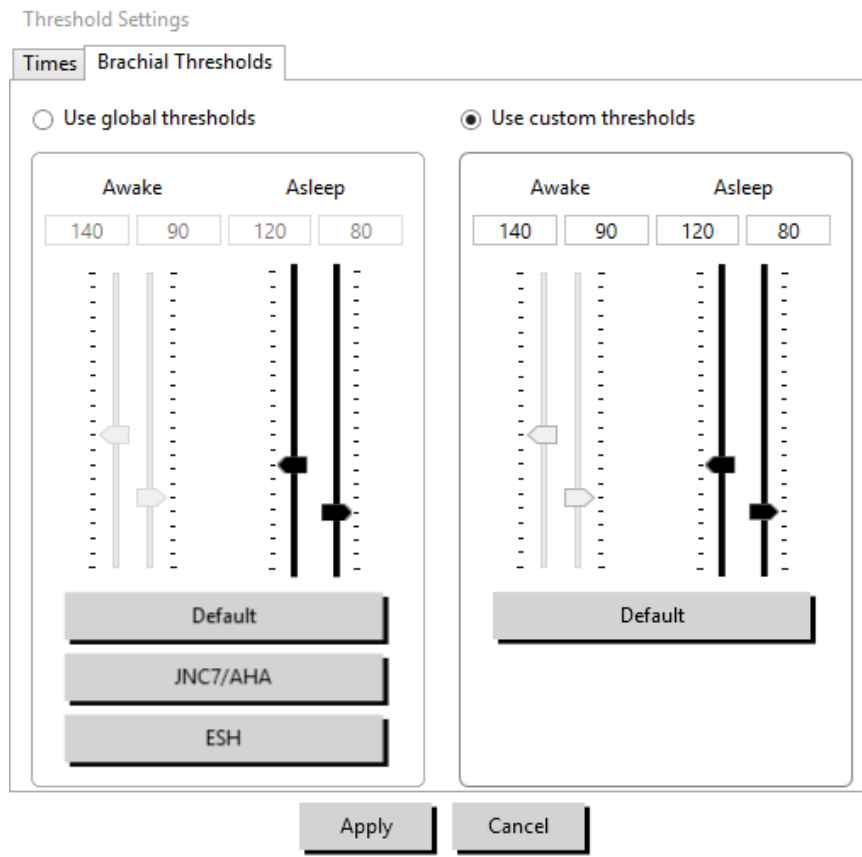


Figure 14: Setting BP Thresholds

Thresholds

Thresholds can be set for Awake and Asleep systolic and diastolic BP. The default setting is a global threshold set to 140/90 mmHg for Awake periods and 120/80 mmHg for Asleep periods. If desired, you can set thresholds to match a published standard using the corresponding buttons: JNC7/AHA or ESH.

- JNC7⁹ recommends 135/85 mmHg for Awake periods and 120/75 mmHg for Asleep periods.
- The American Heart Association (AHA)¹⁰ recommends a 24-hour average BP of 130/80 mmHg.
- The ESH¹¹ recommends 135/85 mmHg for Awake periods and 120/70 mmHg for Asleep periods.

Setting Pediatric Threshold Limits

The American Heart Association has a published statement supporting ABP monitoring in children, as hypertension is being diagnosed with increasing frequency in pediatric patients.¹⁰ The guidelines for hypertension differ from those for adults; hypertension in pediatric patients is generally defined as a blood pressure values above the 95th percentile for that gender and height. Specific ABPM thresholds based on published recommendations are programmed into WALK PRO.^{12,13,14}

To apply a pediatric threshold:

1. Open a study in the **ABP Data** tab. Within the **Overview Graph** tab, navigate to the **Threshold** tab

located to the right of the graph view.

2. Click Pediatric Thresholds.
3. Enter the patient's gender and height. The height may be entered in centimeters (cm), inches, or feet/inches. (Figure 15)
4. Select which reference table to use, either **Wuhl, et al (2002)** or **Soergel, et al (1997)**.
5. Click **Apply**.

Pediatric Threshold Calculator

95th Percentile Value

For a 120 cm female:

Awake: 120/84 mmHg

Asleep: 107/66 mmHg

Reference Table:

Wuhl, et al (2002)

Soergel, et al (1997)

Sex

Male

Female

Units

cm

inch

ft/inch

120 cm

Apply **Cancel**

Figure 15: Pediatric Threshold Calculator

NOTE: The pediatric threshold is applied as a custom BP threshold, which applies to a single patient's file.

Defining Time-Slice Periods

Users may define up to twelve specific time windows for which to perform a statistical analysis. The statistical analysis corresponding to time-slice periods will appear in the Time-Slice Statistics tab to the right of the Statistics tab.

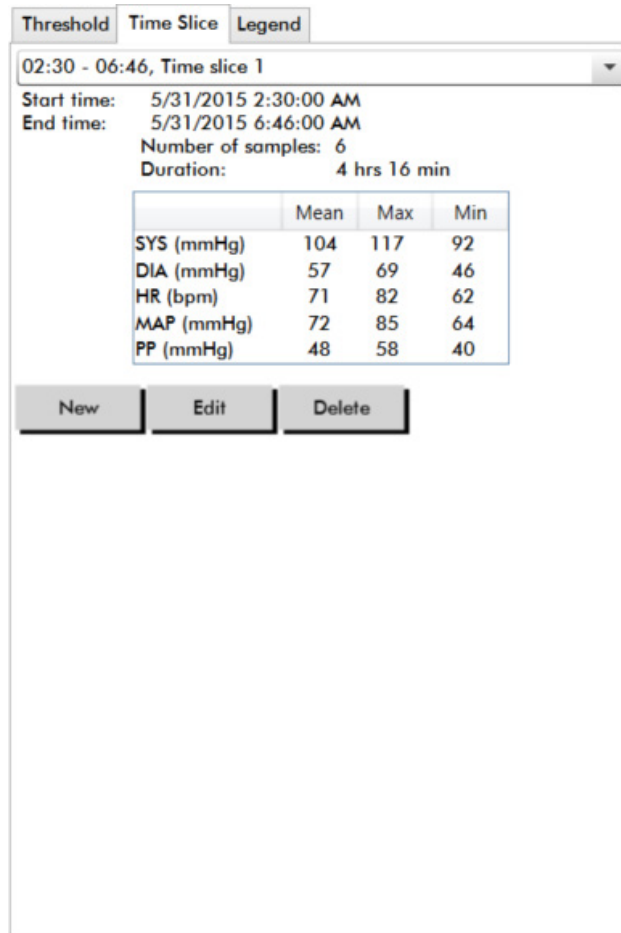


Figure 16: ABP Data Graph, Time-Slice Tab

To create a time-slice:

1. Open a study in the **ABP Data** tab. Within the **Overview Graph** tab, navigate to the **Time-Slice** tab located to the right of the graph view. (Figure 16).
2. Click the **New** button. On the graph left-click and hold the mouse to select the starting time of the time-slice period then drag the mouse to the end time. Releasing the mouse button determines the ending time of the time slice. The selected time-slice will be highlighted on the Overview graph.
3. Once the time-slice is selected, a Time-Slice Settings box (Figure 17) will appear and allow the user to name the time-slice and edit the start and end times, if necessary.
4. Click **Save** to create the new time-slice.

Time-Slice Settings

Time-slice name

Start time: 5/31/2015 2:30:00 AM
 End time: 5/31/2015 6:46:00 AM

Start Time

End Time

Number of samples: 6
 Duration: 4 hrs 16 min

	Mean	Max	Min
SYS (mmHg)	104	117	92
DIA (mmHg)	57	69	46
HR (bpm)	71	82	62
MAP (mmHg)	72	85	64
PP (mmHg)	48	58	40

Figure 17: Time-Slice Settings Window

To edit a time-slice:

1. Open an ABP study and click the **Time-Slice** tab (Figure 16).
2. Choose the time-slice from the drop-down menu. The time-slice period will be highlighted on the Overview graph.
3. Click **Edit**. The Time-Slice Settings box (Figure 17) will appear.
4. Edit the name or the start and end times.
5. Click **Save** to save the settings.

To delete a time-slice:

1. Display the ABP study. Choose the **Time-Slice** tab.
2. Choose a time-slice from the drop-down menu. The time-slice period will be highlighted on the ABP data graph.
3. Choose **Delete**. Click **Yes** to delete the time-slice (Fig. 18).

Are you sure you want to delete time-slice Time slice 1 from time 2:30 AM to 6:46 AM?

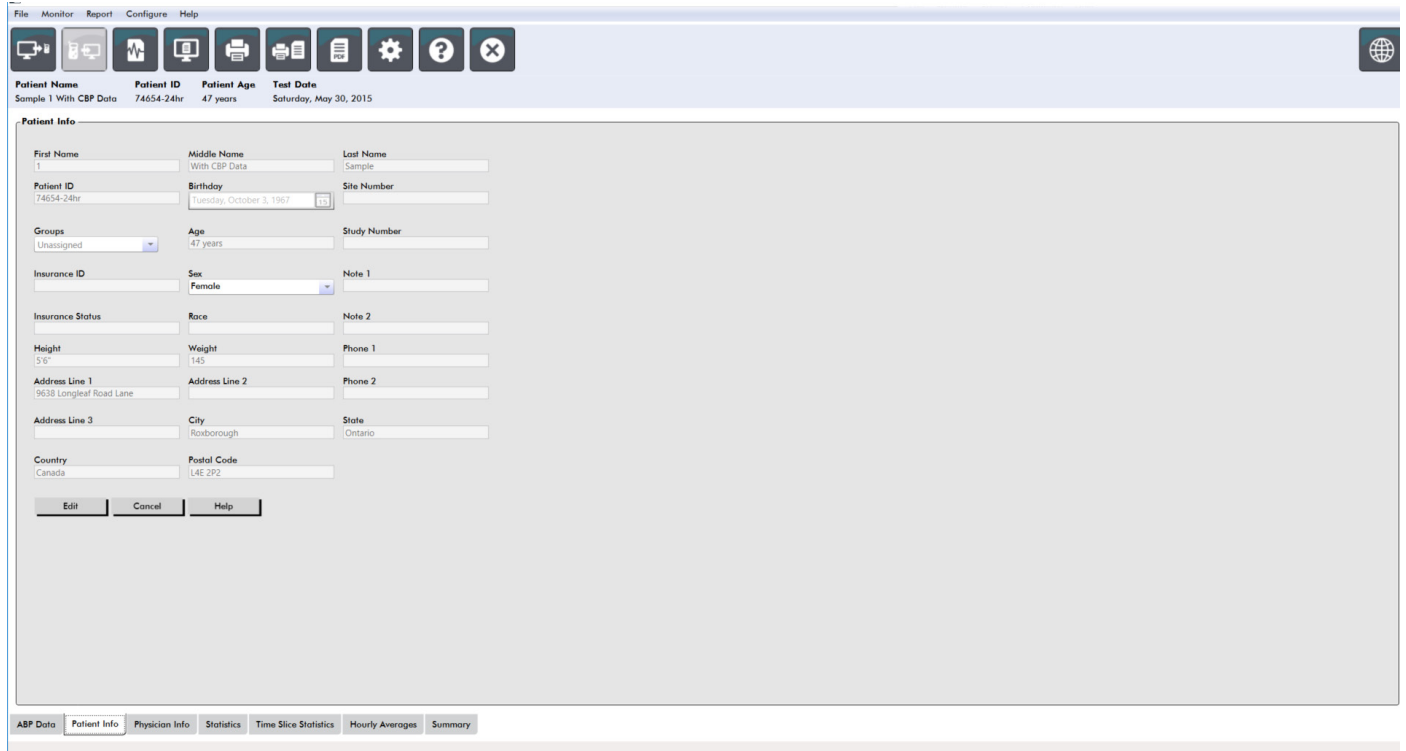
Figure 18: Deleting Time-Slice (Configuration Window)

Editing Patient Info and Physician Info

Patient and physician information may be entered when data is retrieved from the monitor or after the patient file is saved.

To edit Patient Info (Fig. 19):

1. Click **the Patient Info** tab at the bottom of the screen.
2. Click on the **Edit** button at the bottom of the screen.
3. Update any patient information and click **Save**. Alternatively, you may click **Cancel** to discard all changes.



The screenshot shows a software interface with a menu bar (File, Monitor, Report, Configure, Help) and a toolbar with icons for various functions. Below the toolbar, patient information is displayed: Patient Name (Sample 1 With CBP Data), Patient ID (74654-24hr), Patient Age (47 years), and Test Date (Saturday, May 30, 2015). The main area is titled "Patient Info" and contains a form with the following fields:

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
1	Win CBP Data	Sample
Patient ID	Birthdate	Site Number
74654-24hr	Tuesday, October 3, 1967	
Groups	Age	Study Number
Unassigned	47 years	
Insurance ID	Sex	Note 1
	Female	
Insurance Status	Race	Note 2
Height	Weight	Phone 1
5'6"	145	
Address Line 1	Address Line 2	Phone 2
9638 Longleaf Road Lane		
Address Line 3	City	State
	Rosborough	Ontario
Country	Postal Code	
Canada	L4E 2P2	

At the bottom of the form are buttons for "Edit", "Cancel", and "Help". Below the form is a navigation bar with tabs: "ABP Data", "Patient Info", "Physician Info", "Statistics", "Time Slice Statistics", "Hourly Averages", and "Summary".

Figure 19: Patient Info Tab

To edit Physician Info (Fig. 20):

1. Click the **Physician Info** tab at the bottom of the screen.
2. Click on the **Edit** button.
3. Update any information and click **Save**. Alternatively, you may click **Cancel** to discard all changes.

Users are able to enter and edit Patient History, Reason for Test, Current Medications, and Physician Interpretation. As an alternative to typing in the free text field for Current Medications, users may add Medication, Dosage, and Frequency to dictionaries that are stored within WALK PRO.

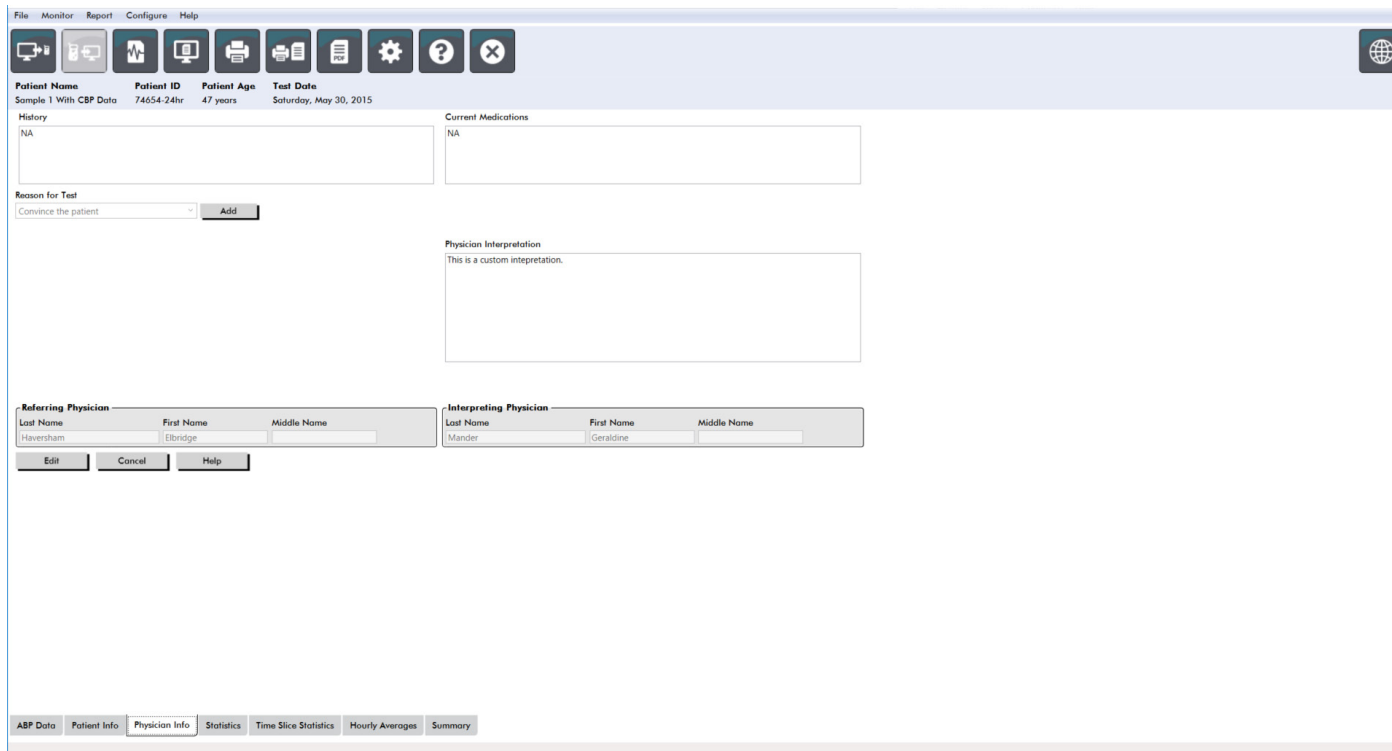


Figure 20: Physician Info Tab

To Add Medications (Fig. 21):

1. Type a medication into the drop-down titled **Medication**. (See Fig. 22 for abbreviations)
2. Once the medication is typed, press **Enter** or **Tab** on the keyboard or use your mouse to move the cursor to the Dosage column.
3. Enter Dosage and Frequency in the same manner. Predefined entries in the Frequency column are listed below.
4. Once the Medication, Dosage, and Frequency are entered into their respective columns, click the **Add** button to add the information to the Current Medications field above and to the dictionary.

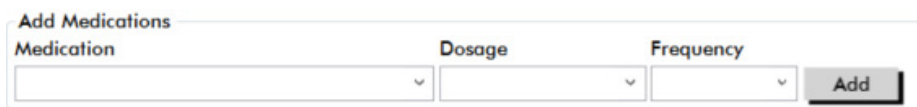


Figure 21: Add Medications Menu

Abbreviation	Meaning
ac	Before meals
bid	Twice daily
pc	After meals
prn	As needed
qam	Every day before noon
qd	Every day
qh	Every hour
qhs	Every night at bedtime

Abbreviation	Meaning
qid	Four times a day
qod	Every other day
qpm	Every day after noon
qwk	Every week
tid	Three times a day

Figure 22: Medication Entry Abbreviation

To locate and choose a previously stored entry:

1. Either start to type an entry or choose the down arrow with your mouse. As more characters of the desired entry are typed, a list of matching entries will be displayed.
2. To choose the stored entry, use the down arrow on the keyboard, highlight the desired entry, and press Enter on the keyboard. Alternatively, use the mouse to highlight the entry, and then double-click the entry.
3. When each of the columns are populated with the correct information, click Add.

To add a reason for test:

1. Type a reason for test into the drop-down titled **Reason for Test** or select an existing entry from the drop-down.
2. If reason is suspected white coat hypertension, text boxes will appear to allow documentation of prior measurements in study report.

Viewing Statistics

To view the statistical analysis for the displayed ABP study, click on the Statistics tab. This window initially shows the following tables:

- **Overall:** Data for the complete ABPM study
- **Awake Period:** Data collected while the patient is awake
- **Asleep Period:** Data collected while the patient is asleep
- **White Coat Period:** Data collected during the first hour (if enabled).

The Statistics tab can also show additional time periods or BP load charts.

To show additional time periods or BP load charts:

Under **Show**, select one of the following:

- **Additional Time Periods** to show tables with data collected during other time periods, as programmed.
- **BP Load Charts** to show pie charts for the Overall, Awake, and Asleep periods, illustrating values above and below established thresholds for systolic BP and diastolic BP.

NOTE: All data in these tables is included in exports, except white coat analysis values and BP load charts.

In the **Statistics** tab, each table includes the mean, standard deviation, coefficient of variation (CV), minimum value, and maximum value for the following parameters: systolic, diastolic, MAP, pulse pressure.

Additionally, the following calculations are also provided on the Statistics tab:

- **BP Load:** Blood pressure load characterizes the distribution of measurements in an ABPM study relative to systolic and diastolic thresholds indicative of hypertension. The percentage of readings above this threshold is the BP load which has been shown to predict target organ involvement.¹⁴
- **Asleep Dip:** The nocturnal fall of blood pressure expressed as a percentage of the mean awake values. The expected nocturnal dip for BP is 10-20%. The absence of the expected dip may indicate end-organ damage or risk for cardiovascular events.^{7,16}

The Statistics tab may include any of the following additional calculations if they are enabled under Report>Configuration>Data>:

- **Ambulatory Arterial Stiffness Index (AASI):** AASI is calculated as one minus the regression slope of the diastolic on systolic blood pressure. (The regression slope is calculated by plotting the diastolic against the systolic values.) This index has been used to measure arterial stiffness and has been shown to help predict target organ damage, cardiovascular mortality, and stroke.¹⁷
- **Morning Surge:** Morning Surge is calculated as the difference between the mean systolic BP during the two hours after waking, minus the systolic BP during the Asleep hour containing the lowest BP value measured. This calculation can help to identify cases in which the morning BP increase is unusually high and presents a potential cardiovascular risk or a risk of stroke.¹⁴
- **Coefficient of Variation:** The Coefficient of Variation (CV) can be used as a measure of BP variability, which can be a determinant of end-organ damage.¹⁸ CV is calculated as the standard deviation divided by the mean blood pressure of a time period.
- **Smoothness Index:** Smoothness Index (SI) is the ratio between the average of the blood pressure changes computed for each hour of the recording and its standard deviation. SI is generally used to evaluate the effectiveness of antihypertensive treatment as it shows the averaged trend of blood pressure reduction between two studies.¹⁹
- **White Coat Analysis¹⁵:** White coat syndrome refers to abnormally elevated blood pressure when the patient is in a medical setting. If selected, this option does the following:
 - Adds a white coat period to the statistical analysis.
 - Displays the first hour of the study, or white coat period, with a light blue background in the graphs.
 - Evaluates for and reports on the presence of white coat syndrome on the interpretive summary, when present.

Viewing Time-Slice Statistics

To view the statistical analysis for user defined time-slice periods, click on the Time- Slice Statistics tab (Figure 23).

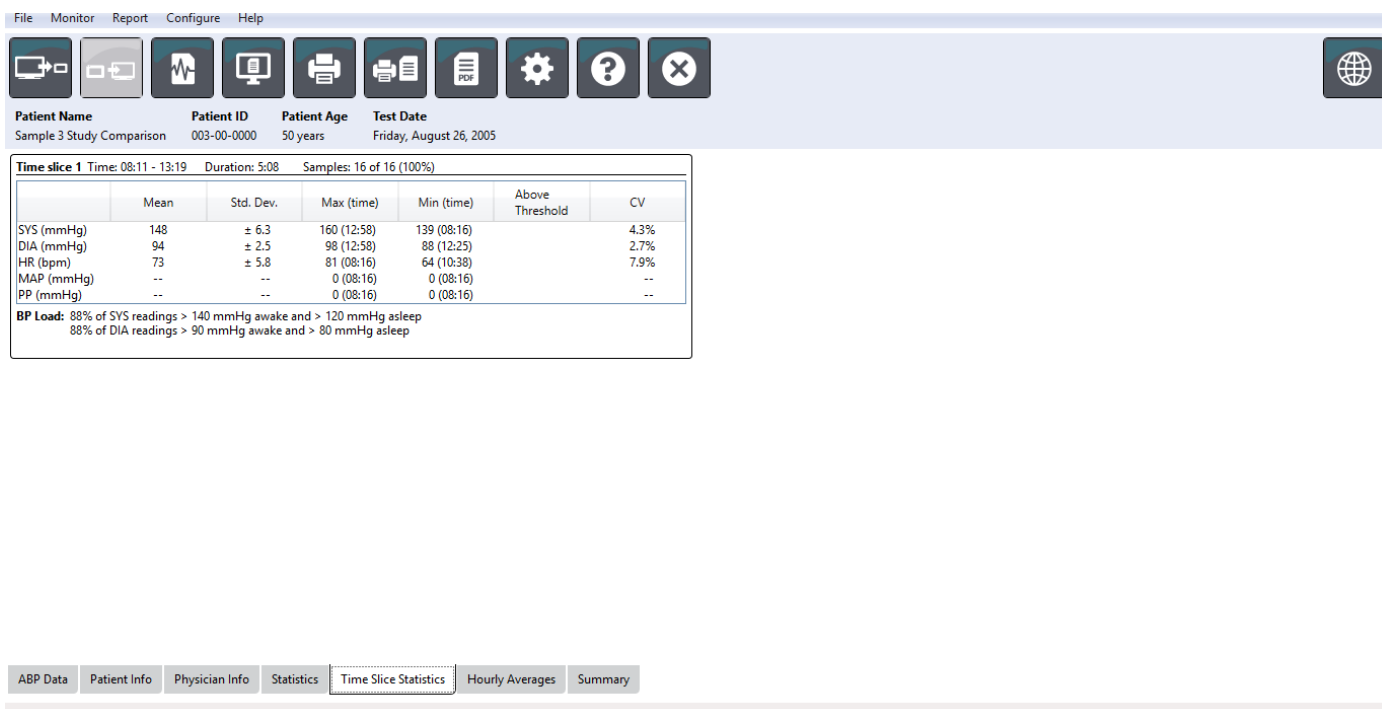


Figure 23: Time-Slice Statistics

Viewing Hourly Averages

To display trends in a patient's ABP study, click the Hourly Averages tab at the bottom of the window (Figure 24). The table shows the average BP readings for each hour the patient was tested. In addition to systolic (SYS) and diastolic (DIA), and the heart rate (HR), the following statistical averages are provided:

- Mean Arterial Pressure (MAP) - This is the average pressure in an artery over the period of one heartbeat. In the brachial artery, it is calculated by adding the diastolic to one-third of the difference between the systolic and diastolic readings.
- Pulse Pressure (PP) - This is calculated by subtracting the diastolic from the systolic reading. It is another hemodynamic parameter that may serve as an indicator for cardiovascular risk.
- Pressure Rate Product (PRP) - This is the product of the average systolic reading multiplied by the average heart rate. PRP strongly correlates to a patient's activity level and may be a key indicator of cardiovascular risk. As typically reported in research and clinical applications, PRP data is divided by 1000.

Use the check boxes at the top of each column to select the statistics you would like to see displayed in the graph at the bottom of the page. You can resize the table and zoom in on the graph with your mouse pointer. (For instructions on resizing and zooming, see Viewing an Ambulatory Blood Pressure Study.)

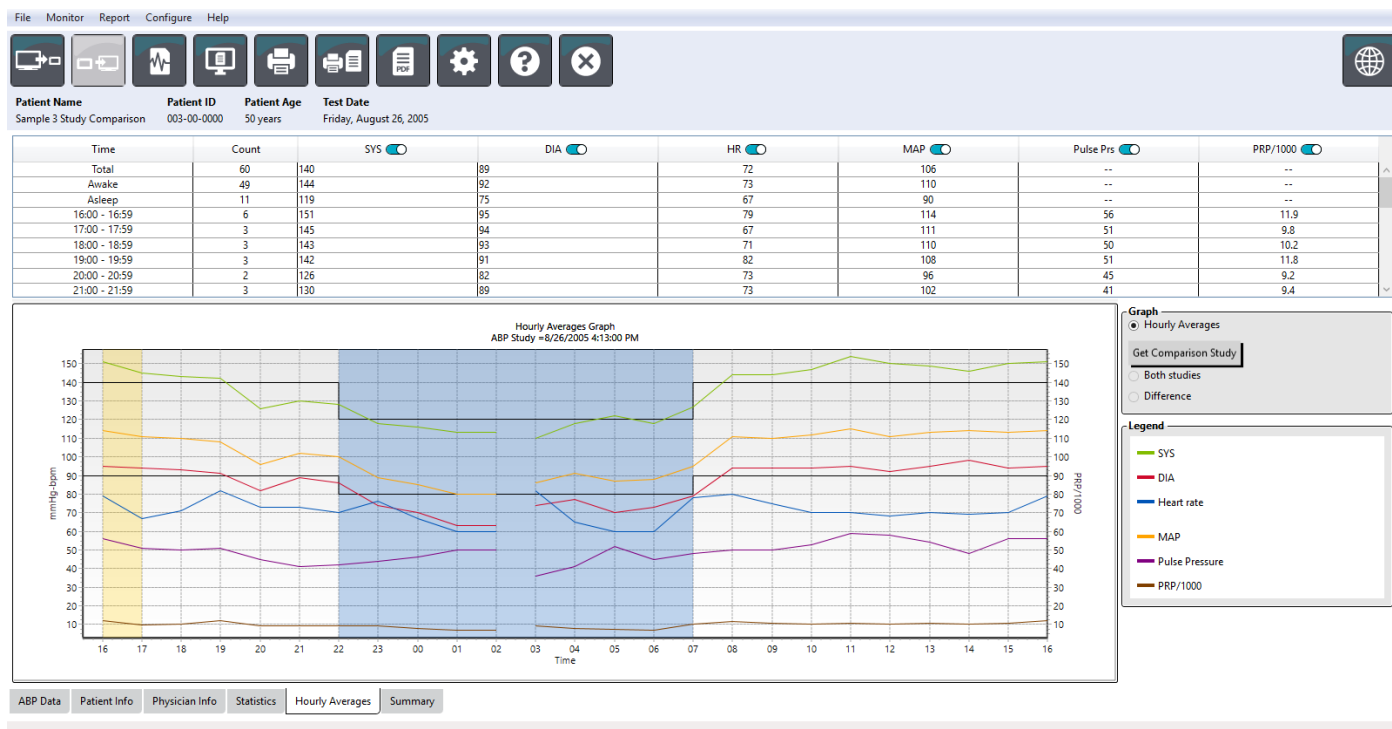


Figure 24: Hourly Averages

Viewing the Interpretive Report Summary

This window (Fig. 25) shows an interpretation of the ABPM data based on published guidelines. Because traditional BP guidelines might not apply to the 24-hour ABPM readings, WALK PRO includes the recommendations specifically for evaluation of ABPM levels. The summary provides normal or hypertensive results for the 24-hour average, awake, and asleep systolic and diastolic pressure readings, asleep “dipping” status, and an optional white coat analysis.

To generate an interpretive summary for the displayed ABP study, click the Summary tab on the bottom of the screen and select one of the following options for interpretation:

- Joint National Committee Seventh Report (JNC)⁷ and American Heart Association (AHA)⁸ guidelines.
- European Society for Hypertension (ESH)⁶.
- Pediatric – AHA¹²
- Pediatric – Soergel Tables¹¹

Based on the calculated dip percentage, WALK PRO determines whether the patient is one of the following:

- Dipper (normal): A patient shows a decrease of 10% or more in systolic or diastolic blood pressure values during sleep compared to readings taken when awake.
- Non-dipper (abnormal): A patient shows no decrease or less than a 10% decrease in systolic or diastolic blood pressure values during sleep compared to readings taken when awake.

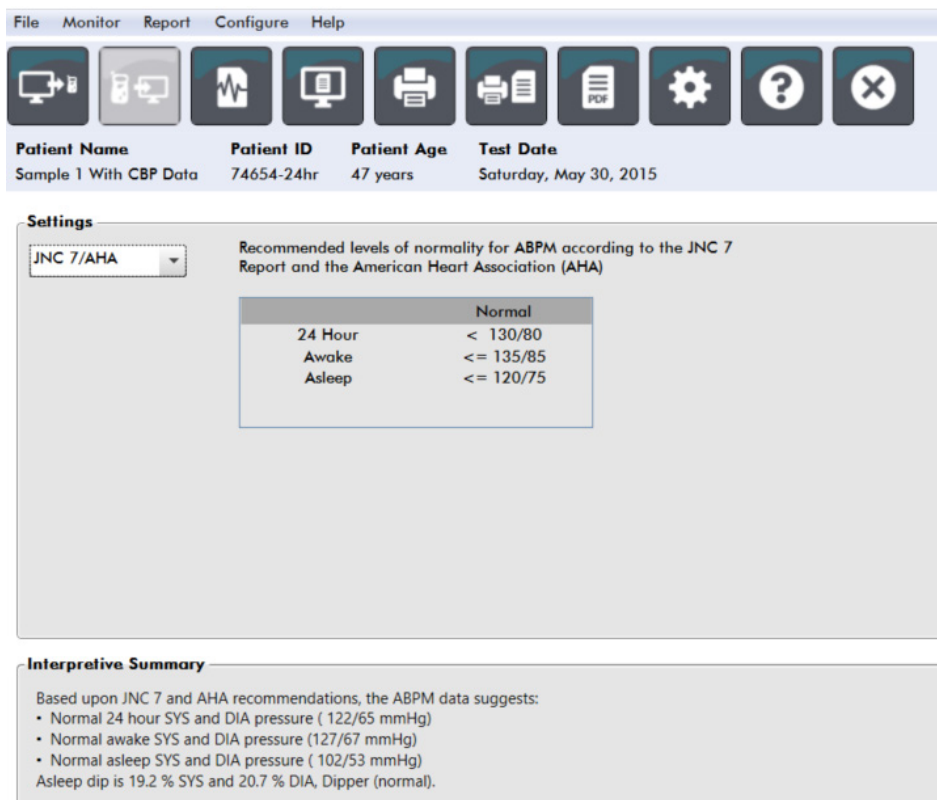


Figure 25: Summary Tab

Comparing Two Studies

To further enhance the utility of ABPM, you may want to measure the progress of a patient's blood pressure by conducting multiple studies. WALK PRO allows for the comparison of the hourly averages and statistics for two studies conducted on the same patient.

To compare two studies:

1. Click on the **Hourly Averages** tab at the bottom of the window.
2. Click on the **Get Comparison Study** button. (If the button is grayed out, the patient file you are viewing contains only one study.)
3. The **Choose Date** window will appear. Select the study you want to use as a reference for comparison by highlighting it and clicking **OK**.

The statistics generated during the previous study are now incorporated into the Hourly Averages window. The table expands to include the hourly average values for the reference study, and the differences between the displayed and the reference studies.

On the graph at the bottom of the window, both studies' data are displayed. The dotted lines represent data from the reference study, and solid lines represent data from the displayed study. Select Difference and the graph will display one line representing the difference between the two studies. The same navigation tools for the Hourly Average and ABP Data windows also apply to the comparison window.

11. Creating Reports

Configuring and Customizing the Report

To document a study and its findings, you can create a customized report (Figure 26).

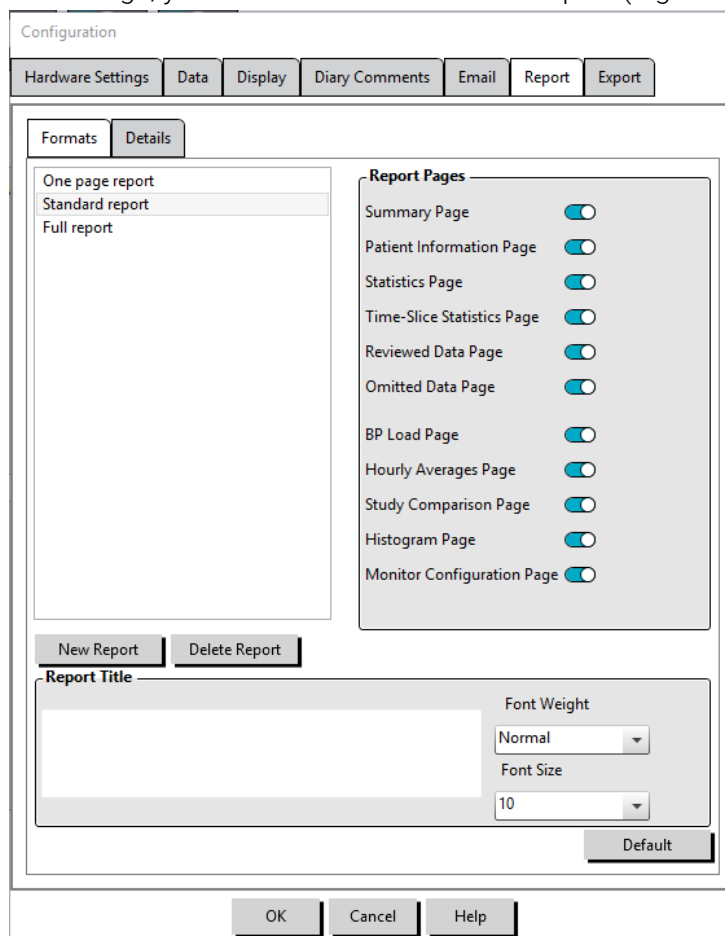


Figure 26: Configuration Window, Report Formats

WALK PRO provides the following preconfigured report formats:

- One page report: Summary page only.
- Standard report: Summary, Patient Information (all information from the Physician Info tab), Statistics, ABP Data, and Monitor Configuration pages.
- Full report: All report pages.

NOTE: All report pages include the BPL Medical logo, patient demographics (all information from the Patient Info tab), and test date. The footer of each page identifies the type of monitor used and the page number.

To configure or customize your report (Fig. 26):

1. From the **Report** menu, select **Configure**, or click on the Settings button on the toolbar then navigate to the **Report** tab in the **Configuration** window.
2. On the **Formats** tab, do one of the following:

- Choose one of the formats listed in the left pane. When you select a format, the pages included in that format are selected in the Report Pages box.
 - Create a new custom report format by clicking **New Report**. Enter the report format name. Select the pages from the **Report Pages** list on the right.
3. To include an additional page in your report, click the respective page in the Report Pages box.
 4. Under Report Title, enter up to five lines of text that will appear in the header of every report page.
 5. Select either a single-page or multi-page view for the **Print Preview** window on the **Details** tab (Figure 27).

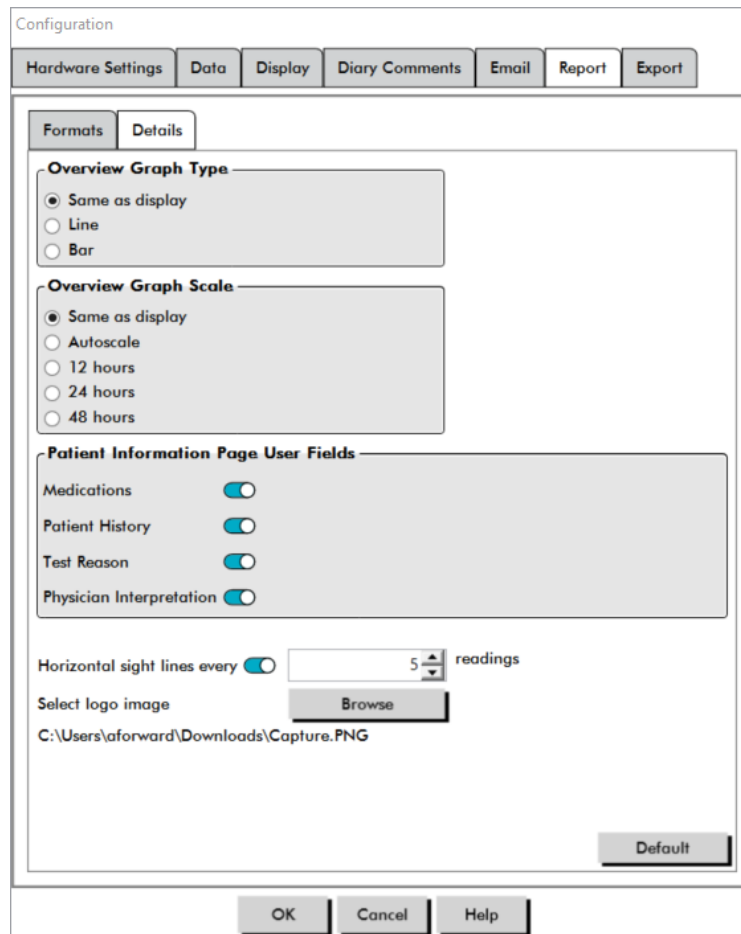


Figure 27: Configuration Window, Report Details

You can choose from the following pages to customize your report (listed in the order the pages will print, see Figure 26):

- **Summary:** The Interpretive Summary appears above the data graph and summary statistics. Summary BP statistics for the overall, awake, asleep, and white coat (if chosen) periods include: mean systolic and diastolic, mean heart rate, BP load, and asleep dip.
- **Patient Information:** Includes patient history, reason for test, patient medications, and the physician interpretation.
- **Statistics:** Displays detailed statistics for BP parameters according to the time periods included in the study. Overall, awake and asleep time period results will be displayed first, followed by the white coat period (if enabled), and finally any additional time periods programmed by the user.
- **Time-Slice Statistics:** Displays statistics for BP parameters for each user defined time-slice period.
- **Reviewed Data:** Shows all the BP readings captured during the study in table format as it is shown

on the ABP Data tab within WALK PRO, excluding the event codes (EC column). The vertical black line between the # and Time columns indicates the asleep time period. A ">" symbol adjacent to the BP values indicates that it has exceeded the threshold.

- **Omitted Data:** Shows the BP readings that were excluded from the statistics calculations. This page appends to the Reviewed Data page, if printed.
- **Events Marked:** Shows events marked by the patient during the course of the study. This page appends to the Reviewed Data page, if printed.
- **AASI:** Displays the data and graph for the AASI parameter, as they are displayed in the ABP Data>AASI tab.
- **BP Load:** Shows the BP load pie charts.
- **Hourly Averages:** Displays hourly average data for the study in graph and table formats, as displayed on the Hourly Averages tab.
- **Study Comparison:** Displays study comparison data in graph and table formats, as displayed on the Hourly Averages tab.
- **Histograms:** Contains frequency histograms for awake and asleep time periods for systolic and diastolic BP, heart rate, MAP, PRP, and PP.
- **Monitor Configuration:** Shows the programmed time period and monitor settings for the study. The page also displays the quality control results for the study (if applicable) and definitions for event codes.

To configure report details (Figure 27):

1. Click the **Details** tab. From here you can control the following parameters for printing reports:
 - **Overview Graph Type:** Select line, bar, or the type of graph currently displayed according to the type you want to print on the Summary page of the report.
 - **Overview Graph Scale:** Select time scale for the graph that prints on the Summary page of the report.
 - **Summary Page User Fields:** Check desired fields for medications, patient history, test reason, and physician interpretation.
 - **Horizontal Sight Lines:** Select preferred frequency of sight lines in the Reviewed ABP Data table when printing the Reviewed Data Page, or Omitted Data Page in the report.
 - **Report Viewing Options:** Select either a Single-page or multi-page view of the report which will appear in the Print Preview window.
2. Click **OK** to apply the changes.

Previewing the Report

1. From the **Report** menu, select **Preview**. Alternatively, click the **Print Preview** toolbar button. The Print Preview window is displayed (Figure 28).
2. To scroll through the report pages, click the **previous** or **next** buttons, or select the page you want to view using the drop-down menu.
3. To change the format and details, click **Configure**.
4. To print the report, click **Printer Icon**.

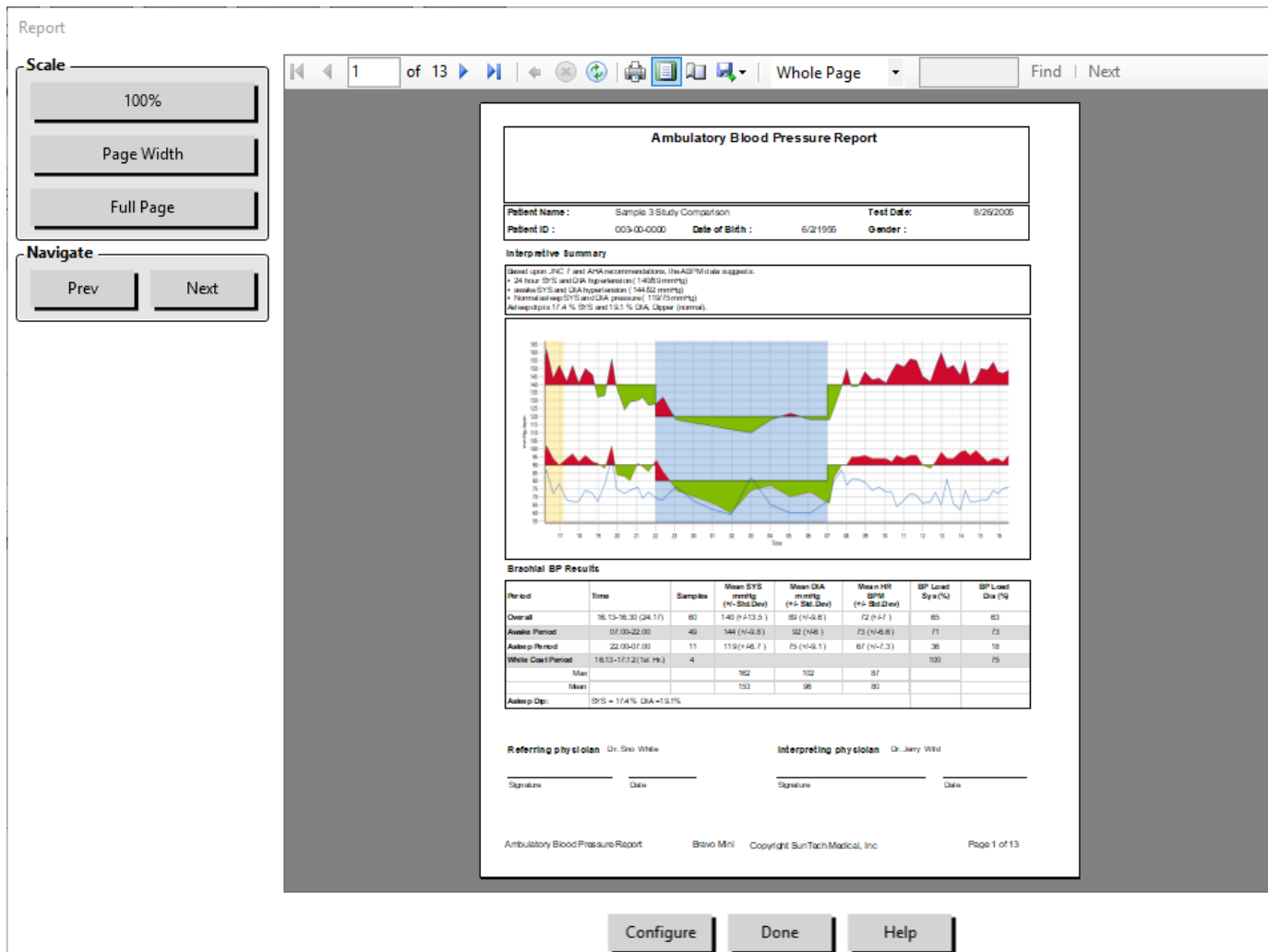


Figure 28: Report Print Preview

Printing the Report

WALK PRO provides you with flexibility in printing the report. You can either:

- Print the configured report by clicking the **Print Report** button on the toolbar or by going to the Report menu and selecting **Print**. The Print dialog box is displayed, where you can choose the preferred printer.
- Print the report page corresponding to the current tab that is being displayed by clicking **Print Page**.

Saving the Report as a PDF

To save the report as an Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF), from the Report menu, select **Create PDF**. Alternatively, click the PDF toolbar button. The system creates the PDF and saves the file to the location you specify.

NOTE: You must have a printer installed. If you do not have a printer installed, see the online Help to install a driver to print to a file.

12. Overview of WALK PRO Report Symbols

The following symbols are used in the Reviewed and Omitted BP data report pages.

Symbol	Explanation
+	Signifies the reading was initiated manually by the patient pressing the Start/Stop key on the monitor.
-	Indicates that the pressure to which the cuff inflated in dynamic inflation mode may have been too low to obtain an accurate systolic reading. Readings marked with “-” are automatically omitted from the study. Compare the tagged reading with a “-” to the BP readings above and below it. If the omitted reading seems to be acceptable, un-tag it from the ABP Data tab; if it does not seem acceptable, leave it “tagged”.
r	Indicates that this reading was a retry reading. Retries are readings that are automatically obtained 4 minutes after a measurement attempt fails or a questionable reading is obtained by the monitor.
!	The exclamation point is a permanent tag and is used when an accurate reading cannot be determined by the WALK T1.
>	This symbol will appear to the left of the measurement if the reading results were above the set threshold.
r01 to r30	These numbered tags identify a series of patient-marked events which occurred during the study.

13. Managing Patient Studies

Opening a Patient Study

This feature allows you to retrieve and view a patient study.

1. From the toolbar, click the **BP Data** button or from the **File** menu, select **Open**. The **Open ABP Study – Select Patient** dialog box appears listing all available patient files.
2. Select the patient whose BP data you wish to retrieve by clicking on the patient's name or use the search button to locate the patient by any information relevant to the patient's file. Click **OK**.
3. If the patient has more than one ABP study, a second dialog box, **Choose Date**, will be displayed. Select a date and click **OK**.
4. The patient's data appears in the Display Area. You can now review the BP data or print a report.

Exporting a Patient Study

You can export BP data files to AWP, ASCII, or XML format. XML can be used to create an HL7 compatible file.

1. From the **File** menu, select **Export**.
2. Choose either to export the **Displayed File** or select files **From Database**.
3. If exporting files from the database, select the files you want to export and click **OK**.
4. The **Export** dialog box appears. Click **Export** to export the file(s). Click **Edit** to change the list of files you want to export. Click **Configure** to configure the details of the exported file(s). (For instructions on configuring export, see Export in Customizing and Configuring WALK PRO).

The exported files will be exported to the selected file location as either a *.ASC, *.GDT, *.XML or *.AWP4, file depending on the format chosen.

Emailing a Patient Study

To email WALK PRO data files as an attachment:

1. From the **File** menu, select **Email**.
2. Choose either to email the **Displayed File** or select files **From Database**. If displayed File is chosen, the data currently displayed on the screen is emailed. If From Database is chosen, the patient database window opens and prompts you to Select file(s) to email. Check the files you want to email and click **OK**.
3. The Email dialog box will appear. Type in the recipient email address(es), a subject for your message, and a message.
4. Click **Send** to email the file(s). Click **Attach** to change the files you want to email. Click **Configure** to configure the email settings. (For instructions on configuring email, see Email in Customizing and Configuring WALK PRO on page 53).

Deleting a Patient Record

This feature allows you to delete one or more patient records at a time. Each patient record contains ALL

ABPM studies for that patient; therefore ALL ABPM studies for that patient will be deleted when selected.

To Delete Selected Patient Study(s):

1. From the file menu click **Patient Management**.
2. In the **Patient Management** window, select the patient(s) that you'd like to delete.
3. Click **Delete**.
4. A dialog box **Select Date** may appear. You may select one study date by clicking on it. Alternatively, you may use the checkboxes to select more than 1 patient file.
5. Click **OK** to delete the selected study(s). A confirmation window **Delete Study** will appear. Select **Yes** to confirm deletion of selected studies. Click **No** to cancel and return to the **Select Date** window.

Importing a Patient Record

You may import patient studies that are saved on your computer, so that the files are stored in the main WALK PRO patient database.

To import patient studies:

1. Click File then select Import > Import Patient Study.
2. Click **Browse Files**. A Windows Explorer Window will appear to allow you to select the patient study files or folder that you would like to import.
3. Select the patient study files that you would like to import. You may select multiple files using standard windows shortcuts, if you prefer.
4. Click **Open**. The patient study files will populate in the **Import Patient Study** window.
5. Click **Import**. A progress bar will show the status of the import process.

Grouping Patient Records

Grouping patient records can be useful for organizing patient data based on certain demographics, templates, or studies.

To create a new group:

1. Click **File** then select **Group Management**.
2. Click **Add**. A dialog box appears with a text entry box for the new group name.
3. Type the new group name in the text entry box.
4. Click **OK**.
5. A dialog box appears **Group added successfully**. Click **OK**.

To move patients between groups:

1. Click **File** then select **Patient Management**.
2. Using the checkboxes to the left of the dialog box, select the patients that you would like to manage.
3. Click **Move Patient**.
4. Select the **Group Name** using the drop-down menu from the dialog box.
5. Click **OK**. A confirmation window will appear once the patient(s) have been moved successfully.

14. Customizing and Configuring WALK PRO

It may be helpful to have multiple configuration profiles for your users, for example, one for each physician in the practice.

To create or edit configuration profiles in WALK PRO:

1. From the **Configure** menu, select **Preferences**.
2. Create a new profile or edit an existing profile. Click on the name of the profile you want to edit and click **Edit**. To create additional profiles, click **New**, name the profile, click **Enter**, and then select **Edit**.
3. Click **OK** to choose a configuration.

If you are editing a configuration profile, a window opens to display a number of configuration options which are described in detail on the following pages.

NOTE: On each tab, clicking a Default button returns the settings of that tab to the default factory settings

Hardware Settings

The Hardware Settings window (Figure 29) allows you to configure your computer to communicate with your ABP monitor via a specified port. You may also test the settings that you have selected.

1. On the tool bar, click on **Monitor**, then choose **Configuration Port**.
2. Under **ABP device**, select your monitor type.
3. Under **Serial port**, select the port into which you have plugged the device.
4. Click **Test port**. You will receive a message confirming successful communication.

If you receive an error message, "Cannot communicate with ABP device," one of the following applies:

- You have not selected the appropriate port or device.
- The device is not connected properly.

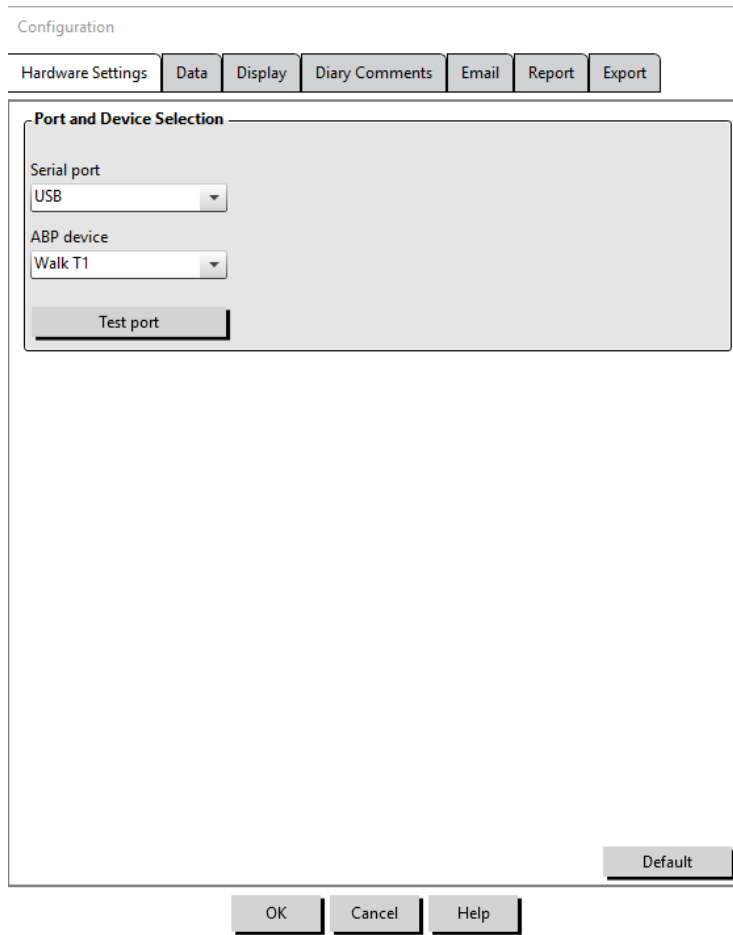


Figure 29: Configuration Menu, Hardware

Data Settings

The Data Settings tab (Figure 30) allows you to configure the following settings:

Additional calculations: Select which additional parameters will be displayed when viewing a patient file.

Options include:

- AASI
- Smoothness Index
- Morning Surge
- White Coat Analysis
- Coefficient of Variation

Selecting any of these options will make them visible on corresponding tabs and graphs.

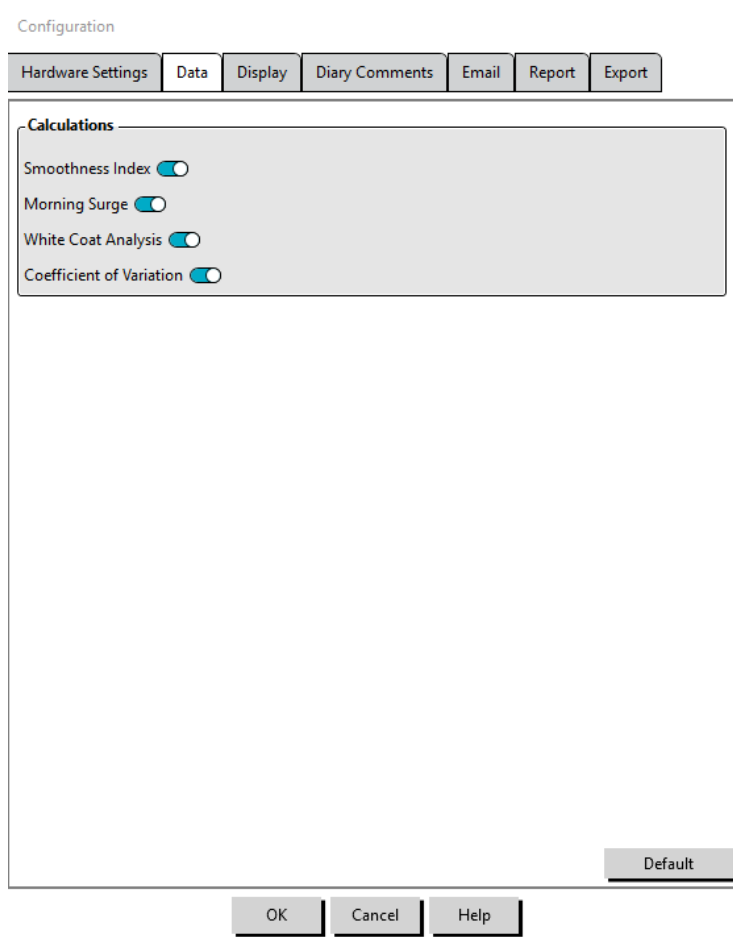


Figure 30: Configuration Menu, Data Settings

Display Settings

This feature allows you to customize the color scheme of the graphs and charts (Figure 31). Customizable palettes allow you to fine-tune the color scheme for optimum reproduction by your printer. Shading on the graph indicates the period of the study. The default colors (which can be changed using the Configuration>Display tab) are the following:

- Blue shading: Indicates the asleep period of the study.
- Yellow shading: Indicates the white coat period, which is the first hour of the study (appears only if enabled).
- Light teal shading: Indicates the periods used to calculate Morning Surge (appears only if enabled).

To customize the color palette:

1. Click on the tab for the attribute you want to change.
2. To change a color, click on it. A color palette window will appear, showing 48 basic colors. You may select one of these, or you may create your own custom colors by clicking on the **Define Custom Colors** button.
3. Configure the color then click **Add to Custom Colors**.
4. Repeat this process for each color you want to change.
5. Click **OK** to save changes.

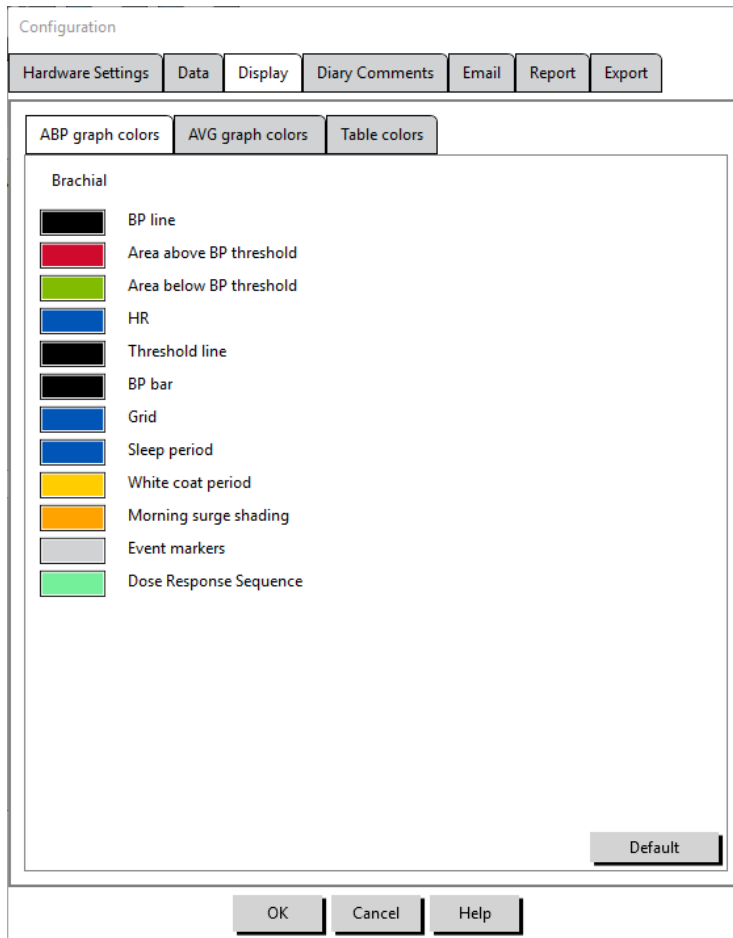


Figure 31: Configuration Window, Display Settings

Diary Comment Settings

You can use this feature to keep track of entries from patient diaries describing the patient’s activities during BP measurements. The entries in this window (Figure 32) are a default list which can be customized by adding, editing, or deleting entries. The entries in this list are incorporated into a list that appears in the pull-down menu under the **Diary Comments** column located on the ABP Data tab.

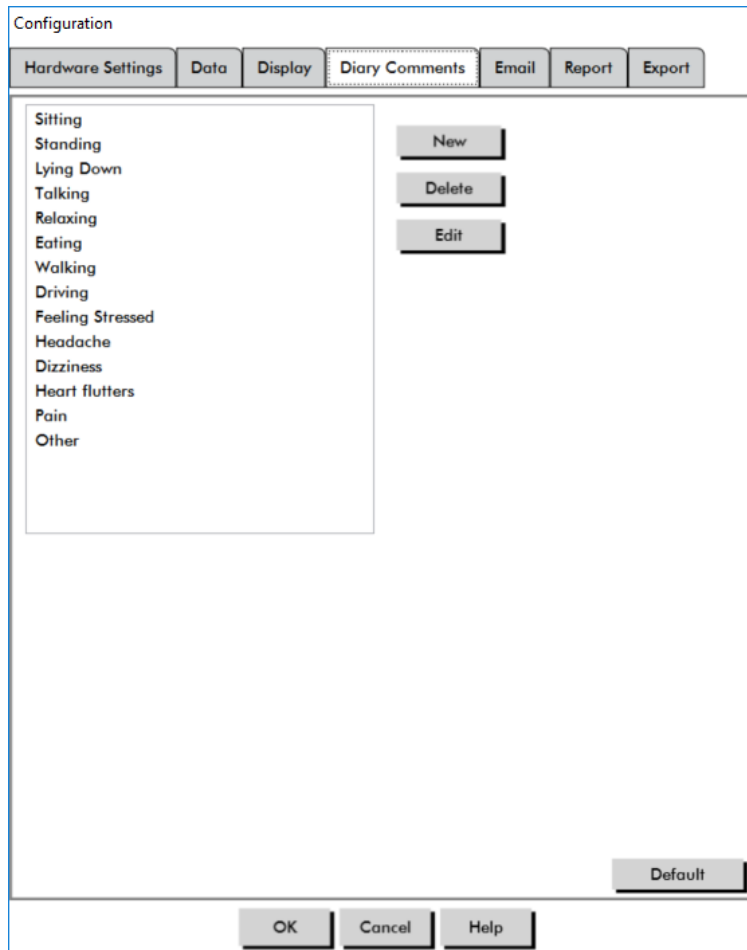


Figure 32: Configuration Window, Diary Comments

To add a new diary comment:

1. In the **Diary Comments** tab of the **Configuration** window, Click **New**.
2. Type the text for the new diary comment.
3. Click anywhere to exit the text entry window and store the diary comment.
4. Click **OK** to save your changes and exit the Configuration window

To delete a diary comment:

1. In the Diary Comments tab of the **Configuration** window, select the diary comment that you want to delete.
2. Click **Delete**.
3. Click **OK**.

To edit a diary comment:

1. In the **Diary Comments** tab of the **Configuration** window, select the diary comment that you want to edit.
2. Edit the text, as desired.
3. Click anywhere to exit the text entry window and store the diary comment.
4. Click **OK** to save your changes and exit the Configuration window.

Email Settings

The Email feature creates a new email message, attaches selected patient data files or programming templates, and sends the email to a specified destination.

Configuration

Hardware Settings | Data | Display | Diary Comments | **Email** | Report | Export

Internet Connection

LAN

Email Server Settings

SMTP Host

Username

Password

Authorize

Email Settings

Recipients

User email address

Subject

Message
Ambulatory blood pressure data using BPL Walk Pro software has been sent to you from [email address].
Your computer must have Walk Pro installed to view .AWP files. To view the ABPM study data, you must first save this file to your computer. After saving this file, import the file in Walk Pro using the Import function located in the File menu.

OK | Cancel | Help

Figure 33: Configuration Window, Email Settings

To set up email for WALK PRO (Figure 33):

1. Choose the type of connection you are using by selecting LAN or Dial up.
2. Fill in the Email server settings. This information is available from your Internet service provider (ISP) or office network administrator. Your ISP may require you to check the Authorize box in order for you to send email.
3. The Email settings you fill in will appear in the header of your email: the name of the recipient, your return email address, the subject of the email and a message of your choosing. All bolded categories on the tab are required.

Report Settings

This feature allows you to format your reports and to choose what information is included in them.

To format a report:

1. From the **Configure** menu, select **Preferences**. Select a profile and click **Edit**.
2. Click the Reports tab and then the **Formats** tab.
3. Select which items will be included in your One Page report, Full Report, and Standard Report. Select or de-select the checkboxes on the right to make these changes (Figure 26).

4. To create a new report, click **New Report**, enter a name, and select the pages you want to appear in the report.
5. To delete any of these reports, select the report and click **Delete Report**.
6. Enter a Report Title by typing the title of your choice in the box provided. The title appears as a header on each page of the report. Each report format allows for a different report title.
7. To change the graph type, graph scale, and horizontal sight line settings, Click **Details** (Figure 27).
8. To add a custom logo to the report, Click **Details** (Figure 27) and browse to the location of the custom logo on the hard drive.

Export Settings

This feature allows you to export patient studies as either ASCII, XML or GDT output (Figure 34), which is useful when the data will be merged with a database. GDT is a format commonly used to share computer medical records.

To change export settings, navigate to report>configure, then click on the **Export** tab within the **Configuration** window.

To configure export to ASCII output, make selections in these areas:

1. **Delimiters:** Choose which character will separate field items in the database.
2. **Export:** Choose exactly what information will be exported.

To configure export to GDT output, do the following:

3. Select the **Export GDT** tab.
4. Click the **GDT Summary** checkbox.

AWP4 export:

AWP4 file output can be configured to use a standard encryption key (less secure) or custom encryption key (more secure). Standard encryption files can be opened and imported by any WALK PRO installation without a password. Using a custom encryption key requires the receiving party to enter the encryption key on study import.

NOTE: if a custom encryption key is lost or forgotten, data in AWP4 files are not recoverable. The encryption key should be kept in a secure location.

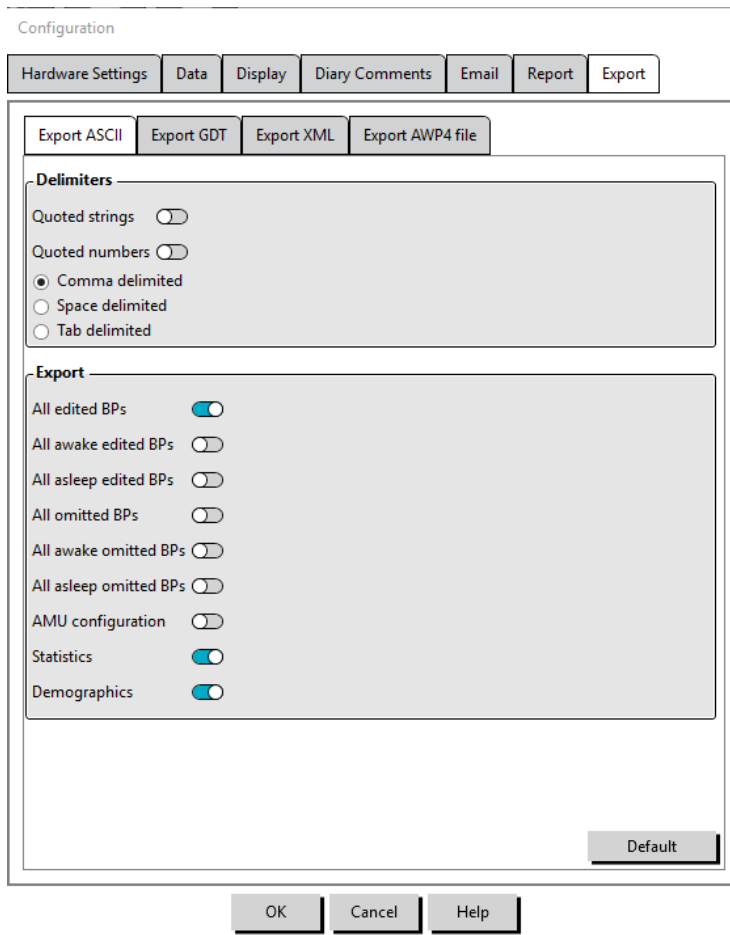


Figure 34: Configuration Window, Export



15. Overview of Event Codes

Event Codes (EC) are used during the review of ABPM data. The codes are displayed in the table on the ABP Data tab and in the Reviewed and Omitted BP data report pages under the columns labeled EC. Event Codes describe the conditions under which the BP measurement was taken. They are also accompanied by solutions, if applicable, that can be taken to avoid their occurrence in the future.

NOTE: Codes do not automatically indicate that a reading is invalid; they serve only as guides to help you review the data.

Event Code Definitions

Code	Description in WALK PRO	Solution or Response
1	Weak or no oscillometric signal	Check position and tightness of the cuff.
2	Artifact/erratic oscillometric signal	Patient should remain still during the BP reading.
3	Exceeded retry count: 2 attempts	Patient should remain still during the BP reading.
4	Exceeded measurement time limit: 140 seconds	Check the air hose connections and make certain the cuff is tight.

Code	Description in WALK PRO	Solution or Response
5	Results outside of published range: BP: 25-260 mmHg HR: 40-200 bpm	Retry the reading by pushing the Start/Stop button. If the problem persists, return the unit for service.
6	Release interval violation	Retry the reading by pushing the Start/Stop button. If problem persists, return the unit for service.
85	Reading aborted – blocked valves or pneumatics	Check the air hose connections and make certain the air tubing is not crimped.
86	Reading aborted – user abort	Restart the reading by pushing the Start/Stop button.
87	Reading aborted – inflate time-out or air leak	Check the air hose and cuff.
88	Reading aborted – safety time-out	Retry the reading by pushing the Start/Stop button. If the problem persists, return the unit for service.
89	Reading aborted – cuff over- pressure	Check for blocks or kinks in the air hose.
90	Service required – power supply out of range or other hardware problem	Replace the batteries. If the problem persists, return the unit for service.
91	Service required – safety override fitted or auto-zero out of range	Retry the reading by pushing the Start/Stop button. If the problem persists, return the unit for service.
94	Low battery warning	Replace the batteries. If the problem persists, return the unit for service.
96	Calibration Error	Return the unit for service.
97	Service required – transducer out of range	Return the unit for service.
98	Service required – A/D out of range	Return the unit for service.
99	Service required – EEPROM calibration data CRC failure	The unit needs to be recalibrated. Return for service.
110	Event marked by patient	In ABP table, select desired comment.
111	Day to night mode switch	If desired, adjust ABP Data graph to match the time marked by the patient.
112	Night to day mode switch	If desired, adjust ABP Data graph to match the time marked by the patient.

16. Administrative Tools

WALK PRO includes administrative tools that implement additional security-related features. With WALK PRO Admin Tools, you can create new user accounts, change user access levels, reset user passwords, enable the login process, and enable automatic logoff. The available user roles are as follows:

1. Administrative: Full access to entire functionality of WALK PRO, including editing Admin Tool settings.
2. User: Full access to entire functionality of WALK PRO, except for editing Admin Tool settings.

To display the Admin Tools window:

1. From the **Configure** menu, select **Admin Tools**.
2. If the Enter Name and Password dialog window appears, enter your administrative name and password, and click OK. (The window appears if you have not logged in as an administrator or if login security is not enabled.)
3. The first time you access Admin Tools, you must use default user name and password: Username AWP4, Password: enable

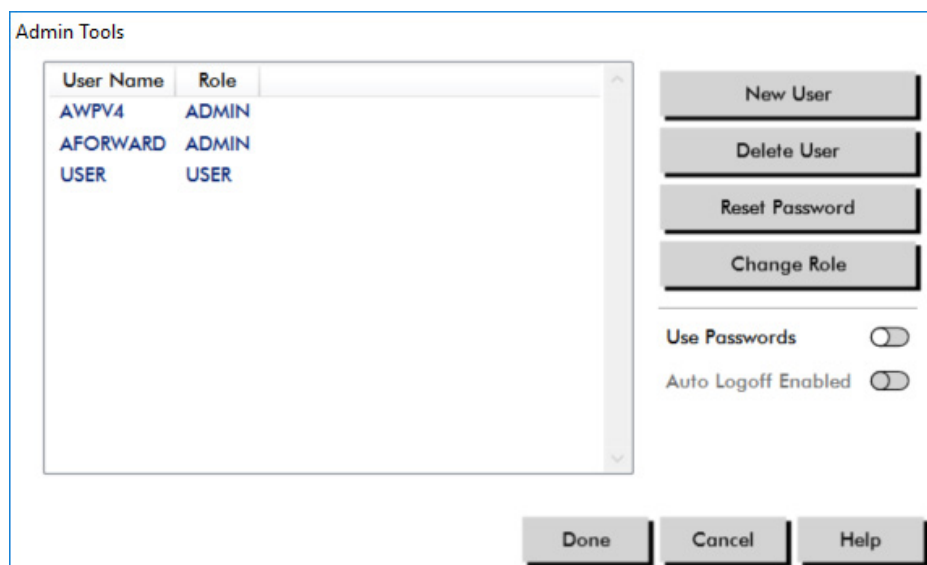


Figure 35: Admin Tools Window

Specifying Login Options

WALK PRO includes the flexibility of enabling or disabling login security, which requires users to log in with a password. Enabling this option supports the HIPAA access protection requirements. If your facility uses an Electronic Medical Record (EMR) system or another system that already provides login security, you may not want to enable login security in WALK PRO.

When login security is enabled, you can also set the software to automatically logoff users after a specified period of inactivity in WALK PRO.

To enable login security:

1. In the **Admin Tools** window, click the **Use Passwords** slider. A blue color indicates that the option is enabled.
2. Click **Done**.

To enable automatic logoff:

1. In the **Admin Tools** window, check the **Auto Logoff Enabled** slider.
2. In the **Auto Logoff Minutes** box that appears, enter the number of minutes that must elapse before an inactive user is automatically logged off. Alternatively, you can click the Up or Down arrow to select a number. You can set the number of minutes between 1 and 240; the default is 20 minutes.
3. Click **Done**.

Adding User Accounts

An WALK PRO administrator can create a user at either an administrative or one of two user levels. Each new user is assigned a default password of "user". When new users first log in, they must change the default password before they can perform any tasks in WALK PRO. This applies to both administrative and user accounts.

To add a new user:

1. In the **Admin Tools** window, click **New User**.
2. In the **User Name** field that appears, enter the new user login name.
3. In the **Select Role** field, use the drop-down menu to select the level/role for the user.
4. Click **OK** to create the new user.
5. Click **Done** to save changes.

Changing User Level

You can change user account levels, but you cannot change user names.

To change user level:

1. In the **Admin Tools** window, click the user account you want to change.
2. Click **Change Role**. This option toggles the user level that appears in the Role column.
3. Click **Done**.

Deleting User Accounts

You can delete both administrative and user-level accounts; however, you cannot delete an administrator account if it is the only one. You also cannot delete yourself. Deleting a user account prevents the user from logging into WALK PRO, if the login security feature is enabled.

To delete a user account:

1. In the **Admin Tools** window, click the user account you want to delete.
2. Click **Delete User**.
3. A confirmation message appears. Click **Yes** to continue deleting the user account.
4. Click **Done**.

Resetting User Passwords

When a user forgets his or her password, that user must contact the WALK PRO administrator, who will reset the user's password to the default password of "user." When he or she first logs in again, the user must change the default password before being able to perform any tasks in WALK PRO.

To reset a user password:

1. In the **Admin Tools** window, click the user account you want to change.
2. Click **Reset Password**.
3. Click **OK** to confirm resetting the password. In the confirmation message that appears, click **OK**.

17. Maintaining and Cleaning the WALK T1

The WALK T1 system is designed to perform in conformity with the description contained in this user manual and accompanying labels and inserts, when assembled, operated, maintained, and repaired in accordance with the instructions provided. After use, it is important to perform preventative maintenance to ensure the safe and efficient operation of the monitor. It is your responsibility to:

- Check calibration of the device every two years.
- Never knowingly use a defective device.
- Immediately replace parts that are broken, worn, missing, incomplete, damaged or contaminated.
- Contact the nearest authorized service center should repair or replacement become necessary.

Further, the user of the device bears sole responsibility for any malfunction that results from improper use, faulty maintenance, improper repair, damage or alteration by anyone other than BPL Medical or authorized service personnel.

While usage will have an impact, it is expected the monitor will be in service for 7 years. Typically, an electromechanical pump determines the lifetime of the monitor. Service and support, including relevant accessories, will be available up to 7 years following the last date this product is manufactured by BPL Medical. For a list of service centers, see Section "19. Technical Assistance" on page 61.

Cleaning After Use

WALK T1

The WALK T1 monitor cannot be sterilized. DO NOT immerse the monitor in any fluid, or attempt to clean with any liquid detergents, cleaning agents, or solvents. You may use a soft, damp cloth to remove dirt and dust from the monitor. If the unit does become immersed in water, do not use; contact our service department.

Orbit ABPM Cuff & Accessories

Remove the bladder for cleaning. Dampen a soft cloth with a mild medical grade disinfectant and wipe the bladder, let it air dry. The fabric shell of the Orbit cuff may be machine-washed in cold water with a mild disinfectant. Line dry this cuff only - machine drying can cause damage to the fabric shell of the Orbit ABPM cuff.

The bladder needs to be inserted back into the cuff sleeve so the pneumatic hose portion of the bladder goes

through the tube opening on the cuff. Please note that the pneumatic hose connection should face upward when using the Orbit ABPM cuff on either the right or the left arm.

CAUTION: Do not machine wash bladder

Maintenance and Repairs After Use

Visually inspect cables, material, pneumatic hoses, and the monitor case for cracks, fraying, or kinks. DO NOT use the monitor or cuff if there are any signs of damage. Please contact our service department if any damage or defects are identified.

The WALK T1 does not contain any user serviceable internal parts and should only be opened by an authorized service representative. To return for service, please send to your nearest BPL Medical office, listed above, care of Support and Service. Alternatively, please visit our website, <https://www.bplmedicaltechnologies.com/>, to request more information.

Calibration Verification Procedure

It is recommended that you check the accuracy of the WALK T1 once every two years. If needed, an authorized service center may recalibrate the pressure transducers in the monitor. To verify calibration, the WALK T1 must first be placed into the proper mode. Follow the steps below:

1. Remove and then replace one of the two "AA" batteries.
2. Press and hold down the Start/Stop key.
3. You will hear a click as the valves are closed.
4. You will now see "0 mmHg" displayed.

The monitor's calibration can now be checked against a calibrated mercury column.

1. Place a t-tube (part #98-0030-00) between the hoses connecting the monitor and the cuff.
2. Wrap the cuff around a suitably sized can or bottle. This acts as the reservoir for the unit.
3. Attach the third end of the "T" tube into a calibrated mercury column, which gives you access to the bulb and a reference.
4. Using the bulb of the calibrated mercury column, inflate the cuff to 250 mmHg.
5. Once the pressure has stabilized at this level, the LCD should match the mercury column by ± 2.0 mmHg.
6. Check the unit against the column every 50 mmHg from 250 to 50 mmHg. The monitor should be within ± 2.0 mmHg. If it is not, the monitor needs to be returned to the service department for recalibration or repair.

NOTE: To return the WALK T1 to its normal operating mode, remove and re-insert one of the batteries.

18. Limited Warranty

WALK T1 Ambulatory Blood Pressure Monitoring System

BPL Medical provides to the original purchaser the following limited warranty from the date of original invoice.

Serialized blood pressure monitor	12 months
ABPM Cuffs	6 months
Accessories (i.e. patient hoses, interface cables, etc.)	90 days

BPL Medical, Inc. warrants each instrument to be free from defects in material and workmanship. Liability under this warranty covers servicing of the instruments when returned from the customer's facility prepaid to the prospective factory depending on location. BPL Medical will repair any component(s) or part(s) that it finds to be defective during the period of this limited warranty. Should a defect become apparent, the original purchaser should notify BPL Medical of the suspected defect. The instrument should be carefully packaged and shipped prepaid to the appropriate service center.

The instrument will be repaired in the shortest possible time and returned prepaid by the same shipping method as received by the factory.

This limited warranty is void if the instrument has been damaged by accident, misuse, negligence, or serviced by any person not authorized by BPL Medical.

This limited warranty contains the entire obligation of BPL Medical and no other warranties expressed, implied, or statutory are given. No representative or employee of BPL Medical is authorized to assume any further liability or grant any further warranties except as set herein.

19. Technical Assistance

For any questions, please reference the Help section within the software, this user manual, or our website. If these do not fully address your problem, please contact our service department.

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20. Radio Frequency Compliance Requirements

This equipment needs special precautions regarding EMC and needs to be installed and put into service according to the EMC information provided in this document. This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for medical devices to IEC60601-1-2: 2014. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a typical medical installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to other devices in the vicinity. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to other devices, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving device.
- Increase the separation between the equipment.
- Consult the manufacturer or field service technician for help.
- Portable and mobile RF communications equipment can affect Medical Electrical Equipment.

WARNING: Use of accessories, transducers, and cables other than those specified may result in increased emissions or decreased immunity of the WALK T1.

WARNING: The WALK T1 should not be used adjacent to or stacked with other equipment. If adjacent or stacked use is necessary, the WALK T1 should be observed to verify normal operation in the configuration in which it will be used.

21. Electromagnetic Compatibility System Requirements

Guidance and manufacturer's declaration – electromagnetic emissions

The WALK T1 is intended for use in a Home Healthcare Environment within the electromagnetic environment specified below. The customer or the user of the WALK T1 should assure that it is used in such an environment. This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for medical devices to IEC60601-1-2: 2014.

Emissions	Compliance	Electromagnetic environment-- guidance
RF emissions CISPR 11	Group 1	The WALK T1 uses RF energy only for its internal function. Therefore, its RF emissions are very low and are not likely to cause any interference in nearby electronic equipment.
RF emissions CISPR 11	Class B	The WALK T1 is suitable for use in all establishments, including domestic establishments and those directly connected to the public low-voltage power supply network that supplies buildings used for domestic purposes.
Harmonic emissions IEC 61000-3-2	N/A	
Voltage fluctuations/ flicker emissions IEC 61000-3-3	N/A	

Guidance and manufacturer's declaration – electromagnetic immunity

The WALK T1 is intended for use in a Home Healthcare Environment and is suitable for use in all establishments, including domestic establishments and those directly connected to the public low voltage power supply network that supplies buildings used for domestic purposes. This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for medical devices to IEC 60601-1-2: 2014.

Immunity test	Applies to	Compliance level	Electromagnetic Environment-Guidance for Home Healthcare Environment
Electrostatic discharge (ESD) IEC 61000-4-2	All device input and output connections and cables	± 2, 4, 6, 8kV contact ± 2, 4, 8, 15kV air discharge	Floors should be wood, concrete or ceramic tile. If floors are covered with synthetic material, the relative humidity should be at least 40 %.
Radiated RF EM fields IEC 61000-4-3	All device input and output connections and cables	10V/m 80 MHz to 2700MHz 80% AM at 1kHz	Radiated electromagnetic fields should be at levels characteristic of a typical location in a Home Healthcare Environment
Radiated RF Wireless communication equipment IEC 61000-4-3	All device input and output connections and cables	See Table A below	This device has been subjected to RF wireless communication bands from cell phones, and other communication devices
Electrical fast transient/burst IEC 61000-4-4	N/A	N/A	N/A

Surge IEC 61000-4-5	N/A	N/A	N/A
Power Frequency (50Hz) magnetic field IEC 61000-4-8	All device input and output connections and cables	30A/m	Power Frequency magnetic fields should be at levels characteristic of a typical location in a Home Healthcare Environment or domestic environment
Voltage dips, short interruptions and voltage variations on power supply input lines IEC 61000-4-11	N/A	N/A	N/A

Note: In the event of an error, the device will auto-recover within 5 seconds.

Immunity test	IEC 60601 test level	Compliance level	Electromagnetic environment – guidance
Conducted RF IEC 61000-4-6	N/A	N/A	Portable and mobile RF communications equipment should be used no closer to any part of the monitor including cables, than the recommended separation distance calculated from the equation applicable to the frequency of the transmitter. Minimum separation distance for higher IMMUNITY TEST LEVELS shall be calculated using the following equation. $E = [6/d] \sqrt{P}$ Where P is the maximum output power rating of the transmitter in watts (W) according to the transmitter manufacturer and d is the recommended separation distance in meters (m) and E is the Immunity Test Level in V/m.
Radiated RF IEC 61000-4-3	3 V/m 80 MHz to 2.5 GHz	3 V/m	Field strengths from fixed RF transmitters, as determined by an electromagnetic site survey, should be less than the compliance level in each frequency range

Recommended separation distances between portable and mobile RF communications equipment and the WALK T1			
Rated maximum output power of transmitter (W)	Separation distance according to frequency of transmitter (m)		
	150 kHz to 80 MHz $d = 1.2 \sqrt{P}$	80 MHz to 800 MHz $d = 1.2 \sqrt{P}$	800MHz to 2.5GHz $d = 2.3 \sqrt{P}$
0.01	0.12	0.12	0.23
0.1	0.38	0.38	0.73
1	1.2	1.2	2.3
10	3.8	3.8	7.3
100	12	12	23

For transmitters rated at a maximum output power not listed above, the recommended separation distance d in meters (m) can be estimated using the equation applicable to the frequency of the transmitter, where P is the maximum output power rating of the transmitter in watts (W) according to the transmitter manufacturer.

NOTE 1: at 80 MHz and 800 MHz, the separation distance for the higher frequency range applies.

NOTE 2: These guidelines may not apply in all situations. Electromagnetic propagation is affected by absorption and reflection from structures, objects and people.

a) Field strengths from fixed transmitters, such as base stations for radio (cellular/cordless) telephones and land mobile radios, amateur radio, AM and FM radio broadcast and TV broadcast cannot be predicted theoretically with accuracy. To assess the electromagnetic environment due to fixed RF transmitters, an electromagnetic site survey should be considered. If the measured field strength in the location in which the monitor is used exceeds the applicable RF compliance level above, the monitor should be observed to verify normal operation. If abnormal performance is observed, additional measures may be necessary, such as reorienting or relocating the monitor.

b) Over the frequency range 150kHz to 80 MHz, field strengths should be less than 3V/m

Table A – Test specifications for the device’s Signal Input Parts/Signal Output parts to RF wireless communication equipment.

Test Frequency (MHz)	Band a) (MHz)	Service b)	Modulation b)	Maximum Power (W)	Distance (m)	IMMUNITY TEST LEVEL (V/m)
358	380 – 390	TETRA 400	Pulse Modulation b) 18Hz	1,8	0.3	27
450	430 – 470	GMRS 460, FRS 460	FM c) 5 kHz deviation 1 kHz sine	2	0.3	28
710	704 - 787	LTE Band 13, 17	Pulse Modulation b) 217Hz	0,2	0.3	9
745						
780						
810	800 - 960	GSM 800/900, TETRA 800, iDEN 820, CDMA 850, LTE Band 5	Pulse Modulation b) 18Hz	2	0.3	28
870						
930						
1720	1700 - 1990	GSM 1800, CDMA 1900, GSM 1900, DECT, LTE Band 1, 3, 4, 25, UMTS	Pulse Modulation b) 217Hz	2	0.3	28
1845						
1970						

2450	2400 - 2570	Bluetooth, WLAN, 802.11 b/g/n, RFID 2450, LTE Band 7	Pulse Modulation b) 217Hz	2	0.3	28
5240	5100 – 5800	WLAN 802.11 a/n	Pulse Modulation b) 217Hz	2	0.3	9
5500						
5785						

NOTE If necessary to achieve the IMMUNITY TEST LEVEL, the distance between the transmitting antenna and the ME EQUIPMENT or ME SYSTEM may be reduced to 1m. The 1m test distance is permitted by IEC 61000-4-3

For some services, only the uplink frequencies are included
The carrier shall be modulated using a 50% duty cycle square wave signal
As an alternative to FM modulation, 50% pulse modulation at 18 Hz may be used because while it does not represent actual modulation, it would be worst case.

22. Product Disposal

Device



Do not dispose of this product as unsorted municipal waste. Prepare this product for reuse or separate collection as specified by Directive 2002/96/EC of the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union on Waste Electronic and Electrical Equipment (WEEE). If this product is contaminated, this directive does not apply. Please dispose of materials according to local regulations for medical waste.

Battery Disposal

The BPL Medical WALK T1 contains a small lithium ion battery on a Printed Circuit (PC) board that contain materials which may be hazardous to human health. The battery cannot be easily removed and therefore the WALK T1 must be disposed of in an environmentally responsible way or returned to BPL Medical. A prepaid return label can be obtained. Please follow local rules and regulations for the safe disposal of the WALK T1.

Cuff

Do not return used cuffs. Used blood pressure cuffs may be contaminated medical waste and should be dealt with in accordance to your local regulations for medical waste.

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