



# ProMISE

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## ProMISE 2 Requirements

Following the update in the March issue of EBMT News, we would like to give advance notice of the recommended system specifications for the forthcoming version of Promise:

*Recommended for centres:*

**Operating System:** WIN 2000/XP (pref); WinNT; Win98  
**Memory:** 512Mb (or 256MB for MED-A only)  
**Processor:** 1Ghz (or 500 Mhz for MED-A only)  
**Monitor/graphics card:** 17inch monitor; graphics card absolute minimum 1024\*768; 1280\*1024 recommended

Demands on processing power and memory have increased because the entire dictionary will be represented in the memory of the local PC. (Dependence on Internet connection speed will therefore be reduced). NB: The amount of memory is more important than processor speed. Upgrading the memory of the PC (and possibly the version of Windows) is much cheaper than buying a new processor or PC and will be sufficient in most circumstances.

In Promise 2 there will be a wider variety of format options for data exports including MS Access/Excel (97/2000/XP), HTML; SPSS; TXT and MS Word (cq. mail merge).

Our office is preparing a user guide to Promise 2 and a description of the new relational database structure so that all users can try out a demo version. However, it will be several months before this demo version is on general release.

## Change to coding of cGvHD

*Item VCGVHDG in Annual Follow Up*

New labels have been added to the Chronic Graft versus Host Disease (cGvHD) item allowing for incidence of cGvHD to be stated when the date of onset is unknown. Digit 9 has been added after the relevant code used to denote the extent of cGvHD

## ProMISE in Istanbul

At the EBMT Annual Meeting in Istanbul (rescheduled to 20-23 July 2003). we plan to present a demonstration of Promise 2

NB: We will not be holding scheduled training sessions at the meeting in July. If there are questions relating to the current version of Promise that you would like to discuss individually or by team at the congress centre please make an appointment with

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## Web Updates

On the Promise page we have added the following:

[Linking of a local database with the ProMISE Download Guide](#) prepared for centres that store any information not reflected in the current EBMT database structure, such as administrative or personal data.

[Database Dictionary – Update](#)

Reference file of the current structure in Excel. (A user in Finland will kindly provide their version in Filemaker Pro or Access if you prefer). In addition a copy of the MED-AB forms including variable names is available. E-mail [shelley.taylor@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:shelley.taylor@ucl.ac.uk)

[User Manual – Update](#)

An important notice for users converting Promise data to SPSS has been added to the user manual

## FAQs

**Q: Where do I enter DLI in Promise?**

A: We don't have a separate item selection for Donor Lymphocyte Infusions. If it is at the time of transplant, please enter under 'additional cell therapy'. If it is given post transplant for relapse, you can enter this in the annual follow up under "Donor Lymphocyte Infusion"

**Q: Is there a shortcut for date TODAY in Promise?**

A: Press Ctrl-Enter on the field (as in any labelled item). Select the option or press "t", then <Tab>