The Importance of Dragon NaturallySpeaking and Dragon Medical's Vocabulary (what is it?)

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When teaching doctors and lawyers how to get the most out of Dragon NaturallySpeaking and Dragon Medical, we emphasize the importance of **(1)** choosing the right vocabulary and **(2)** optimizing each vocabulary used.

But first: **What is a vocabulary in Dragon?**

A vocabulary is more than a list of words. A vocabulary also contains statistical usage information for words and phrases. This is one key factor used by Dragon to interpret what you say. And this is why choosing the right vocabulary is important.

For instance, Dragon Medical provides you with over 90 specialty and sub-specialty vocabularies. Believe me when I say that Nuance would not go to the efforts of providing such an array if it didn't make a difference. It does. Certainly, many words are common to psychiatrists and psychologists, but their reporting language will differ. Accuracy is substantially improved by choosing the most appropriate vocabulary for your dictation.

For over 14 years I have watched a doctor here and there try and "make do" with Dragon NaturallySpeaking Professional or Preferred (now Premium), but they will invariably never hit the coveted "oh so close" 100% accuracy that Dragon Medical could provide them with.

People sometimes ask me: **If I keep correcting Dragon or optimize my vocabulary, isn't that enough?** It seldom is where dictation in the health care industry is concerned. Why not get it right the first time or at least after one correction? This saves time, eliminates frustration and even minimizes the financial bottom line.

Yes, vocabularies can be optimized to provide the spelling you desire, as well as via many other techniques we teach, but starting out with the most appropriate vocabulary to begin with makes adoption easier and certainly puts our clients' minds at ease.

In addition to setting up our health care clients with the correct medical vocabulary, we set them up with a non-medical vocabulary. We guide them through dictating in both so that they can see the difference immediately, and understand how important it is to use an appropriate vocabulary for the task.

If you would like to learn more about optimizing your vocabulary in Dragon NaturallySpeaking or Dragon Medical towards improved recognition accuracy, please contact us.