

# Sample management software, 8/15

**August 2015—Freezerworks released Freezerworks 2015, a major upgrade** of its sample tracking and freezer inventory program. The upgrade offers advanced patient data management and security along with improvements in usability and integrates its two laboratory sample management programs, Basic and Unlimited, into a single platform. Current owners can upgrade to one of three editions, Base, Ascent, and Summit. Basic users will upgrade to the Base edition, which offers the features of the current version along with a number of features from the Unlimited version. Unlimited users will choose to be grandfathered to the Summit or Ascent edition.

The screenshot displays the Freezerworks 2015 software interface. It is divided into two main sections: 'Patient Information' (left) and 'Sample Data' (right). The 'Patient Information' section includes fields for Medical Record #, Last Name, First Name, Date of Birth, Gender, Ethnicity, Insurance, Hospital, Doctor, and User. A message states: 'Must have authorization to view this information.' The 'Sample Data' section includes fields for Sample ID, Sample Type, Protocol, Collection Date, Investigator, Testor Grade, and Stage. Below these sections, there are summary statistics: 'Number of Aliquots Total: 0', 'Number of Aliquots with Position: 0', and 'Total Current Amount: 25.0%'. A table titled 'Patient Aliquots' is visible, with columns for Aliquot Number, Aliquot Section, Position1, Position2, Position3, Position4, Aliquot Type, Unique Aliquot ID, Name, and Shipment Sta. The table contains several rows of data, with some cells highlighted in red and yellow. At the bottom, there are buttons for 'Change Form', 'Save', 'Save & Close', and 'Close'.

The Summit edition includes a configurable patient management module to link patients to sample records and security features that shield patient health information from unauthorized viewers. User-defined fields can be tagged as a PHI field, and thus automatically hidden. The audit trail records each time sensitive patient data is viewed, by user, time, and date.

Enhancements can be seen in the user-friendly import, user-defined field creation, and label-printing options, and group ownership of data fields. A RESTful Web application program interface includes a secure Web-based search tool and easy integration with other data sources.

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