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Migration guide

Goodbye PowerMic, Hello SpeechMike!

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The official successor to Nuance PowerMic

Announced by Microsoft as the official successor to the Nuance PowerMic, the Philips SpeechMike Premium Touch offers more than just a smooth transition – it delivers superior performance, greater accuracy and an even better dictation experience for professionals who demand the best – especially for healthcare professionals.

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Benefits of Philips SpeechMike

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Benefits of Philips SpeechMike vs. Nuance PowerMic 4

- **Larger microphone area:** clearer recordings, better noise cancelation
- **Larger speaker area:** clearer playback quality
- **Polished surfaces:** no touch noise
- **Exchangeable cable:** extended lifetime, more environmentally friendly, lower total cost of ownership
- **Fully backwards compatible with current and legacy Nuance/Microsoft dictation software** products (Dragon Medical One, Dragon NaturallySpeaking, Dragon Medical Practice Edition, Winscribe, PowerScribe,…)
- **Top 5 DMO functions** are placed on top ergonomic positions by default
- Fully configurable with **SpeechControl (PDCC) and PRDM software**
- **Firmware upgrades:** keep up with latest IT developments, more eco-friendly, lower total cost of ownership

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Benefits of Philips SpeechMike vs. Nuance PowerMic Mobile App

- **Superior audio quality:** professional-grade microphone delivers clear, consistent audio—unaffected by phone model, ambient noise, or microphone placement.
- **Reliable wired connection:** USB connection ensures low latency and eliminates issues with unstable WiFi or Bluetooth—ideal for real-time transcription and commands.
- **Ergonomic physical controls:** tactile, well-designed buttons offer precise control and comfort compared to touch-based interfaces.
- **Customizable buttons and functions:** fully programmable keys can be tailored to specific software and user preferences, streamlining workflow.
- **Stronger data privacy:** cable-based transfer avoids the risks associated with wireless connections and cloud-based processing.

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FAQs

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How to transition from PowerMic to Philips SpeechMike?

Why should I choose Philips SpeechMike over PowerMic?

Philips SpeechMike delivers superior audio quality, seamless integration with Dragon Medical One and Dragon Legal/Professional Anywhere, and an ergonomic design, making it an ideal choice for users transitioning from PowerMic. Philips SpeechMike is the only official successor announced by Microsoft for the Nuance PowerMic 3 and 4.

Is Philips SpeechMike compatible with Dragon speech recognition software?

Yes, Philips SpeechMike is fully optimized for use with Dragon Medical One and Dragon Legal/Professional Anywhere, ensuring efficient and accurate dictation and transcription workflows.

How does the button layout of Philips SpeechMike compare to PowerMic?

The button layout of Philips SpeechMike closely resembles that of PowerMic, allowing for a smooth transition and almost no learning curve for users.

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Can the buttons on Philips SpeechMike be customized?

Yes, Philips SpeechMike features programmable buttons that can be tailored to meet individual workflow requirements, providing flexibility and efficiency for various use cases.

Is Philips SpeechMike user-friendly for former PowerMic users?

Yes, with its familiar design and intuitive button layout, Philips SpeechMike facilitates an easy transition for users previously accustomed to PowerMic. Additionally, users benefit from improved audio quality, leading to higher speech recognition accuracy and more efficient documentation.

Is Philips SpeechMike compatible with Nuance PowerScribe?

Nuance PowerScribe is not compatible with the Philips SpeechMike Premium Touch 3700/3800 Series. However, it is compatible with the Philips SpeechMike 3500 Series.

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Button configuration and software compatibility

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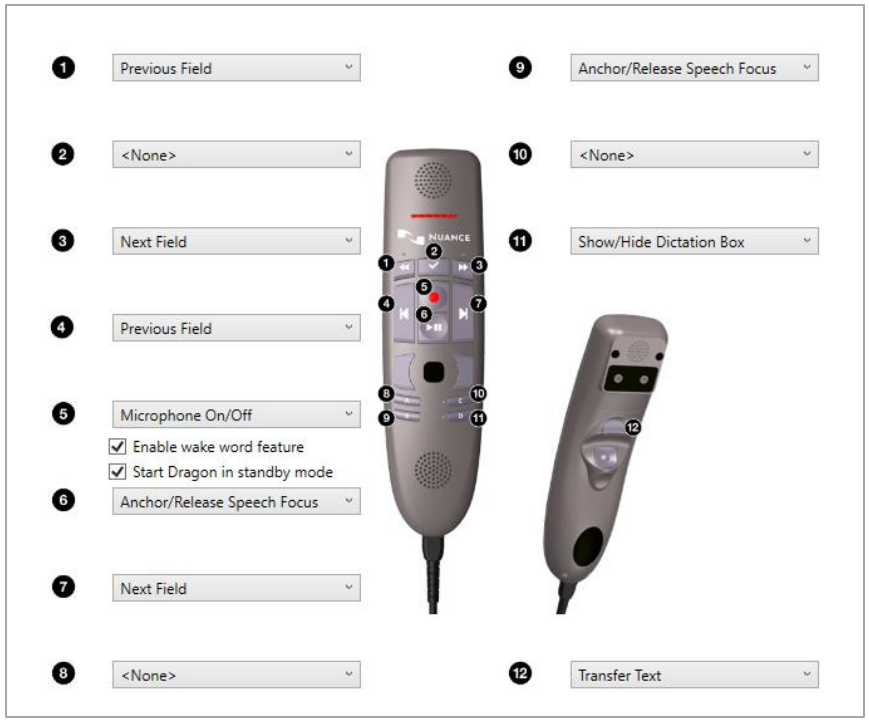
Dragon Medical One default button assignments



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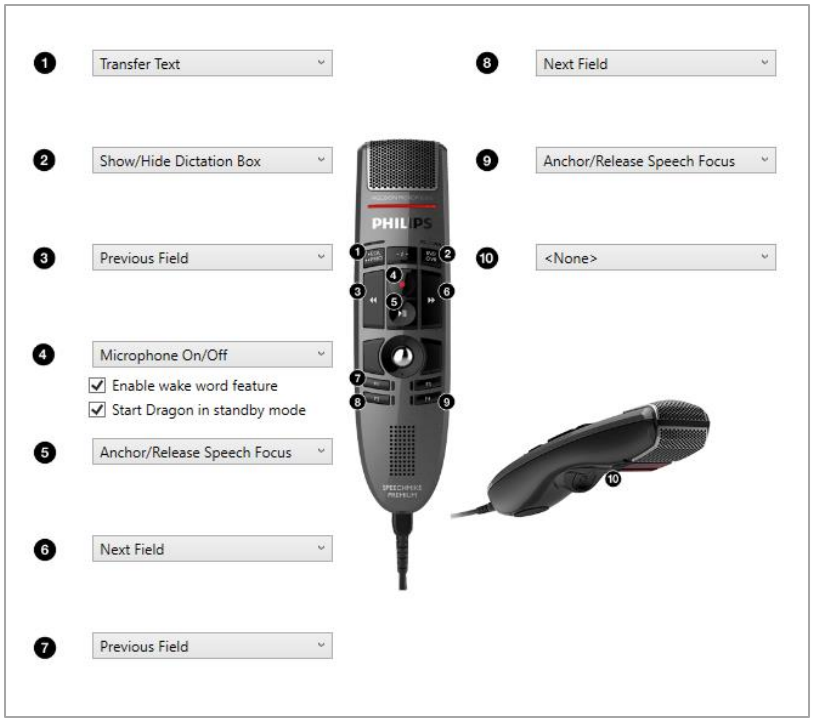

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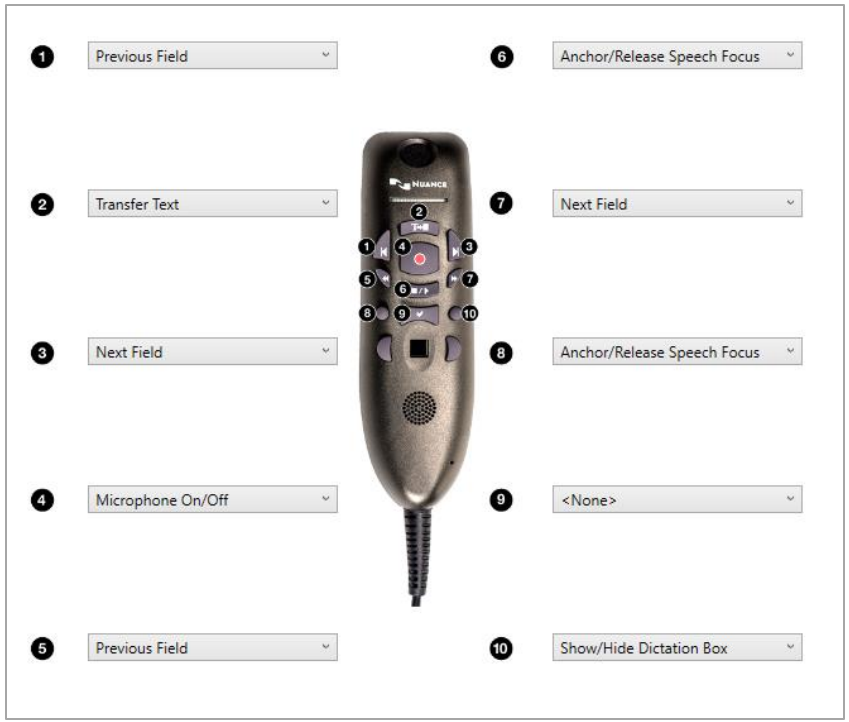

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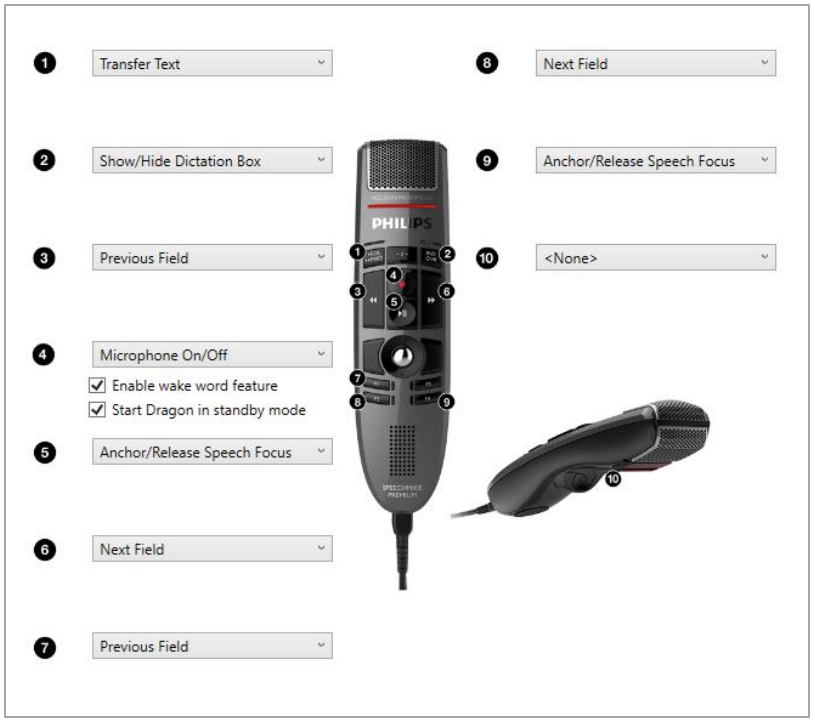

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Dragon Medical One button configuration

Nuance PowerMic III/4 vs. Philips SpeechMike

- The top four DMO functions are identical on a PowerMic III/4 and a **SpeechMike**
- They are placed in the **most ergonomic positions**
- **10** SpeechMike **buttons** can be **programmed** to individual function assignments in the DMO

Default DMO function

1. Microphone on/off
2. Next field
3. Previous field
4. Anchor/Release speech focus

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