Installing USB PCMCIA Card reader drivers on Windows 7

Before starting, make sure the Windows 7 Laptop is NOT connected to the internet, otherwise Windows 7 will attempt to install a driver from the internet, which will be inappropriate.

When the USB PCMCIA card reader is initially inserted, Windows 7 will attempt to load a driver from its pre-installed list. This will fail and you will be asked to either supply a location for the drivers or the installation procedure will stop.

If the procediure stops got to Start-> Control Panel -> System and Security-> Device Manager.

In the USB list of devices will be an entry with a yellow question mark or exclamation mark on it, called USB PCMCIA card reader. Right-click on this item and choose Update Drivers. When the dialog box comes up choose to "Browse for the driver". Navigate to the CD ROM that came with the card reader and go to the FTDI Drivers Directory and then choose the Windows 7 directory and then the CDM20812 folder. Click OK and Windows will find the driver. This is not a digitally signed driver so when asked if you wish to continue the installation with an unsigned driver, click "Continue". The driver will be installed.

On some machines a second device may automatically be installed called "USB Serial Converter". This will appear in the list in device manager with a yellow question mark on it. If this occurs, proceed as follows:

Right-click on the device and choose "Properties". Then in the "Advanced" tab, remove the tick from the "Load VCP drivers". Click OK to close the dialog box.

When you run CardioStore you may receive a message as it starts informing you that a driver cannot be loaded. This is the original parallel port driver and is not available on Windows 7. Click OK to continue to the CardioStore program.