This demonstration reviews entry of allergies & intolerances in NextGen.

This has been prepared for EHR 5.8 & KBM 8.3. Some slides from earlier versions may be used when the difference is merely cosmetic & not confusing to the viewer. Subsequent updates may display further cosmetic and functional changes.

Use the keyboard or mouse to pause, review, & resume as necessary.
Allergies display prominently in a number of locations in NextGen. One of the easiest places to see them is on the Information Bar. Here allergies can be reviewed without having to close the template you’re working on.

Note the number next to Allergies. This indicates the number of entries on the allergy list.
If you hover the mouse cursor over the **number**, you see the actual list. Here we’ve hovered over the **Allergies (3)**, displaying the allergy list.

And if you **click** on the **(3)** instead of just hovering over it…
...you are taken to the full Allergy Module, where you can make or edit entries.

(We’ll look more closely at the Allergy Module below.)
In the Summary Grid on the Home Page Tab allergies can be viewed, but not entered or edited.
If the patient has no allergies, click the No known allergies checkbox. Similarly, you would select Allergies added today or Reviewed, no change as appropriate.
If you need to add an allergy, one option is to click the **Add** button.
This leads to a popup with some common, age-appropriate allergens.

This patient is allergic to sulfa, so we’ll click that.
In the ensuing popup, choose the reaction, if known. If the reaction is not on the list, just cancel out of the popup.

Our patient gets a **Rash** with sulfa.
You may select additional allergies that appear on this screen.

When done, click Save & Close.
The allergy just added appears on the grid, along with any others previously recorded.
Another more detailed way to enter allergies is to bring up the full Allergies Module. You can do this by clicking the Update button, or by clicking the Allergies Module.
If the patient has any allergies already documented, you can view details about the entry here. To do that, click on the entry to highlight it.
You can click the Severity dropdown arrow to enter a severity.

You can add comments in the box at the bottom.
You can also indicate that the problem is actually a medication intolerance & not a true allergy by clicking the **Intolerance** checkbox.
If an allergy was entered in error, you can remove it by clicking the Delete button.

You can only delete an allergy if the encounter on which it was added is still unlocked. If that encounter is now locked, you will have to ask a clinic superuser or the EHR Team to unlock the encounter to delete this allergy. You should be absolutely certain this is correct before making this request. It would be advisable to include an explanation in that day's visit note as well.
You can also resolve an allergy by clicking on the **Resolved date box** & entering a date.

You would probably want to add a comment explaining the resolved allergy.
When done editing the data, click the **Update** button to complete this entry.
Since Include Resolved Allergies is not checked, the sulfa allergy we just resolved drops off the list.
You can also use the Allergies Module to add an allergy that was not listed on the previously-illustrated Allergies Popup. To begin, click the magnifying glass icon.
You now see a popup with multiple search options. Choose one & start to type. I’ll begin to type chloramphenicol.
One or more options will appear. Select one by double-clicking on it.
The allergy tentatively appears here.
You can choose a reaction, severity, date of onset, & add comments.

When you're done, click Add.
The new allergy is added to the list.
Note that you can add food allergies.
You can also find many allergy groups, to document class effects.
When done adding allergies, click the X in the upper right corner to close the popup.
If you attempt to prescribe a medicine for which an allergy is recorded, you will receive a warning.
This concludes the NextGen allergy demonstration.

Why does Goofy stand erect while Pluto remains on all fours? They’re both dogs!

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