

MAXIMIZING MEDICATION FAVORITES

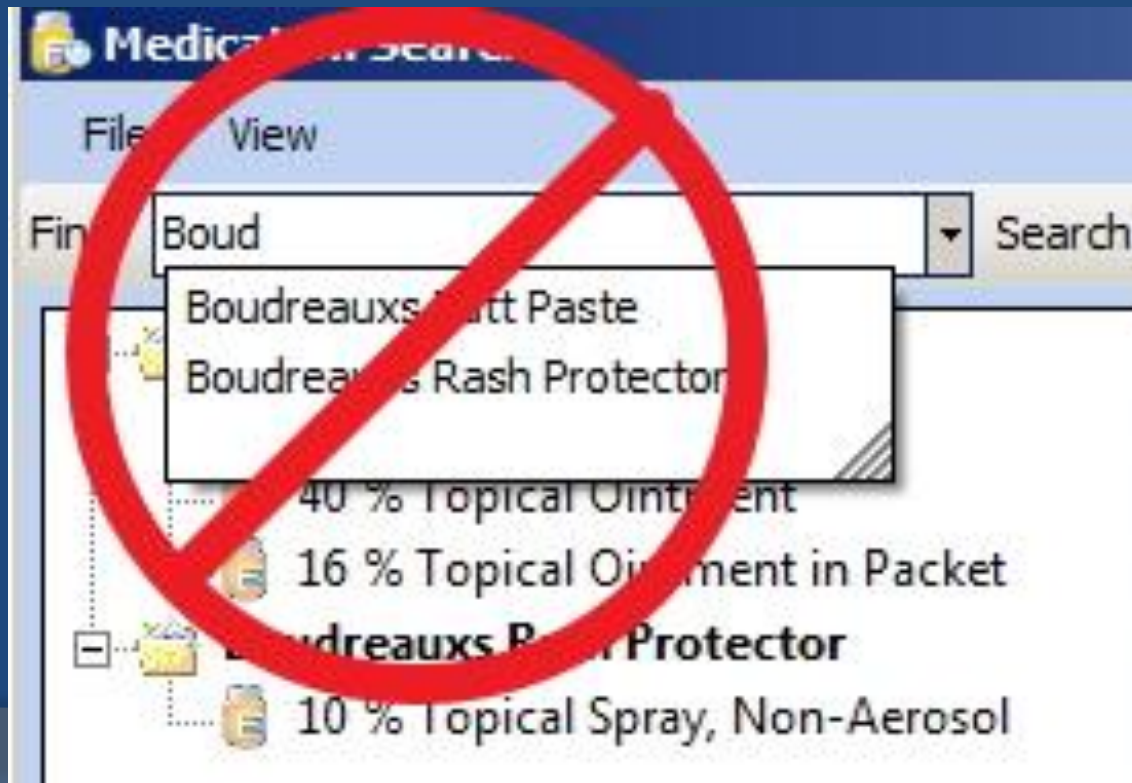


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Medication Favorites

Why would anyone NOT create Favorites?

- I don't have time for that.
 - Every med search is lost time.
 - It doesn't cost you any more time to set up a Favorite than it does to prescribe it for one patient—then you'll NEVER HAVE TO SEARCH FOR OR TYPE IT AGAIN!




Medication Favorites

Why would anyone NOT create Favorites?

- It's too much work to organize all those tabs.
 - Well, just do ONE tab. Then use the "jump" function on the All Tab to find your meds. Eventually you may decide to create some more specific tabs, but if not, that's fine.

Type "met" to jump down to metformin







The screenshot shows a software interface for managing medications. At the top, there are three tabs: "All", "Antimicrobials", and "BP and CV Meds". The "All" tab is selected. Below the tabs is a search bar with a magnifying glass icon. A red arrow points from a text box on the left to the search bar, indicating that the text "met" has been entered. The search results are displayed in a list with a header "Description". The first result is highlighted in blue and is "metformin 500mg tablet extended release 24hr". Below it are other metformin products and a methylphenidate product. Each entry includes the medication name, strength, and form, followed by the signature (Sig), quantity, refills, and generic status.

Description
metformin 500mg tablet extended release 24hr Sig: 1 twice daily Quantity: 60 Refills: 5 Generic OK: Yes
metformin 500mg tablet Sig: 1 twice daily Quantity: 60 Refills: 5 Generic OK: Yes
metformin 1,000mg tablet Sig: 1 twice daily Quantity: 60 Refills: 5 Generic OK: Yes
metformin 500mg tablet Sig: 1 twice daily Quantity: 60 Refills: 5 Generic OK: Yes
methylphenidate 5mg tablet Sig: 1 twice daily, first thing in AM, & at lunch... Quantity: 60 Refills: 0 Generic OK: Yes

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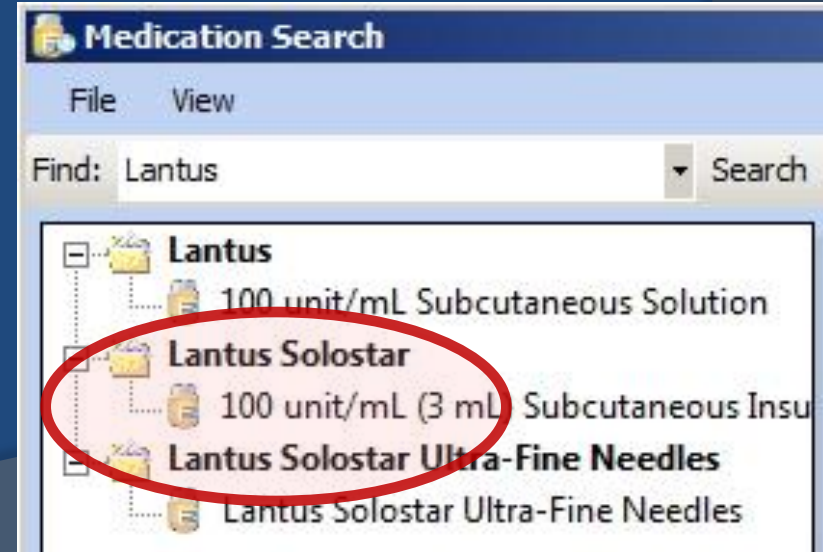
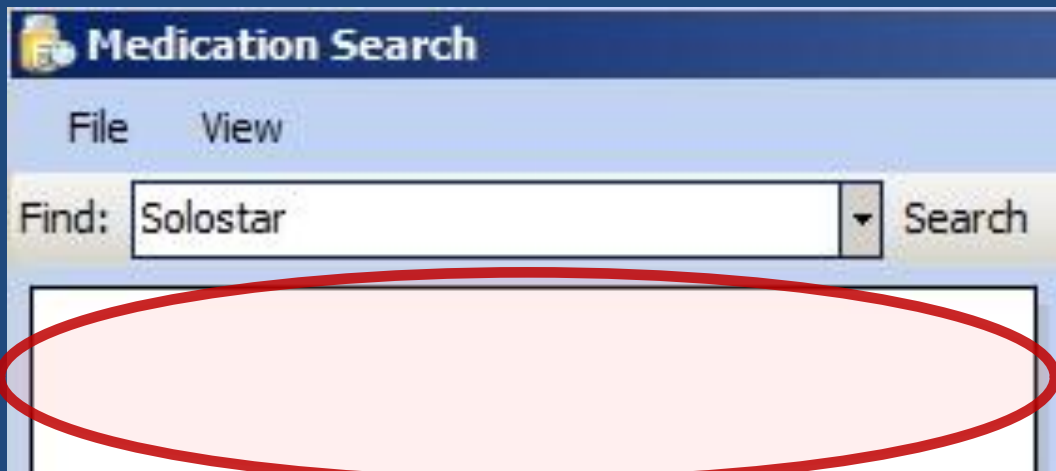
- I'll just have to change the dose & SIG anyway.
 - Remind users that they can save multiple doses & formulations of the same medicine.

BP and CV Meds	DM-Lipids X	Misc
Description		
	metformin 500mg tablet extended release 24hr Sig: 1 twice daily <i>Quantity: 60 Refills: 5 Generic OK: Yes</i>	
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Why would anyone NOT create Favorites?

- Avoid difficult or futile searches.
 - Especially useful for DME items in the Med Module.



Medication Favorites

Why would anyone NOT create Favorites?

- Make it easier to find custom medications your practice has added.
 - The search function is even more picky about finding custom meds; once you finally find them, add them to your Favorites.

The screenshot shows a software interface titled "Medication Search". At the top, there are menu options "File" and "View". Below the menu is a search bar with "Birth C" entered, followed by a "Search" button and a "Class:" dropdown menu. To the right of the search bar are "Filters" and "Use Formulary" options. The main area is divided into two panes. The left pane shows a tree view with a folder icon for "Birth Control Pill" and a sub-item "Birth Control Pill-Unspecified". The right pane shows a list of search results. The first result is "Birth Control Pill(birth control pill) Birth Control Pill-Unspecified" with a description "Sig: -" and additional details "Quantity: 1 | Refills: 11 | Duration: 0 | Generic OK: Yes". Above the list are several tabs: "All", "Antimicrobials", "BP and CV Meds", "DM-Lipids", and "Misc" (which is highlighted in orange).


Medication Favorites

Edit Heavily


- Every second you spend here is paid back exponentially for the rest of your life.
- Do the SIG first.
 - Changing the SIG often (annoyingly) resets all your other modifications.

All	Antimicrobials	BP and CV Meds	DM-Lipids	Misc X
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Description

 **Boudreauxs Butt Paste(zinc oxide) 40% Topical Ointment**
Sig: Apply twice daily to nether regions. You can also brush your tooth with it.

Quantity: Refills: PRN

Duration:  Generic OK: Limit Renewals

Comments: *This field is for nonclinical comments to the pharmacist. A additional clinical instructions for this prescription should added using the 'Additional Instructions' segment of the Sig Builder.*

Medication Favorites

SIG Creation

- Typing a SIG here is often faster & clearer than using the SIG Builder.
- And you'll make better sense than the databank offerings.

The screenshot shows a software interface for medication management. At the top, there are tabs for 'All', 'Antimicrobials' (which is selected and has an 'X' on it), 'BP and CV Meds', and 'DM'. Below the tabs is a table with a 'Description' header. The first row shows 'amoxicillin 400mg tablet, chewable' with a 'Sig: 1 tablet twice daily until all tablets are gone'. Below this, there is a section titled 'Most Used' with a 'Co' label. In this section, the instruction 'chew 1 tablet by oral route 3 times every day' is circled in red, indicating a more specific or user-defined instruction compared to the standard database entry above.

Description
amoxicillin 400mg tablet, chewable Sig: 1 tablet twice daily until all tablets are gone
Most Used Co chew 1 tablet by oral route 3 times every day

Medication Favorites

SIG Creation

- Save SIGs in patient-friendly language.
 - You're only typing it once; it's not like using abbreviations saves you much time.
 - Improve compliance; leave no doubt about how to take the med.
 - Remember your med list goes into the Patient Plan document, so take advantage of the opportunity to drive a point home.

amoxicillin 400mg tablet, chewable

Sig: 1 tablet twice daily until all tablets are gone

Sig: 1 tablet twice daily until all tablets are gone

Most Used

Co

chew 1 tablet by oral route 3 times every day

Medication Favorites

SIG Creation

- Save SIGs in patient-friendly language.
 - This also improves patient safety & chronic disease management.

Advair Diskus (fluticasone-salmeterol) 250-50mcg/dose Inhalation Disk with Device

Sig: 1 puff twice daily

Sig: 1 puff twice daily about 12 hours apart EVERY DAY, no matter how well your asthma is doing

Most Used

inhale 1 puff by inhalation route 2 times every day in the morning and evening...

First Databank Default

inhale 1 puff by inhalation route 2 times every day in the morning and evening...

¿Que?

Medication Favorites

SIG Creation

- Some of the default SIG offerings are over 140 characters, impeding E-prescribing.
- But you can type even a detailed steroid taper in under 140 characters.

The screenshot shows a software interface for creating a medication prescription. At the top, there are tabs for 'All', 'Antimicrobials', 'BP and CV Meds', 'DM-Lipids', and 'Misc'. The 'Misc' tab is selected. Below the tabs, there is a 'Description' field containing 'prednisone 5mg tablet'. A red oval highlights the 'Sig: 8 x2 days, 7 x2 days, 6 x2 days, 5 x2 days, 4 x2 days, 3 x2 days, 2 x2 days, 1 x2 days' text. Below the description, there are fields for 'Quantity: 72', 'Refills: 0', and a 'PRN' checkbox. There is also a 'Duration: 16' field, a 'Generic OK: Yes' dropdown, and a 'Limit Renewals' checkbox. At the bottom, there is a 'Comments' field with a placeholder text: 'This field is for nonclinical comments to the pharmacist. A additional clinical instructions for this prescription should added using the 'Additional Instructions' segment of the Sig Builder.' To the right of the comments field are 'Save' and 'Cancel' buttons.

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Quantity & Refills

- Set quantity & refills however you most commonly prescribe them.
 - You can quickly change them later as necessary for an individual patient.

All	Antimicrobials	BP and CV Meds	X	DM-Lipids	Misc
Description					
losartan 100mg tablet					
Sig: 1 daily					
Quantity: 30		Refills: 5		<input type="checkbox"/> PRN	
Duration: 0		Generic OK: Yes		<input type="checkbox"/> Limit Renewals	
Comments: <i>This field is for nonclinical comments to the pharmacist. A additional clinical instructions for this prescription should added using the 'Additional Instructions' segment of the Sig Builder.</i>					
					Save
					Cancel

Medication Favorites

Duration

- The only **WRONG** duration is the one NextGen sets by default: 0
 - A 0-duration med immediately drops off your active med list.
- For maintenance meds, make duration blank, so the med persists on the active med list until you stop it.
- For episodic drugs, like a course of antibiotics, enter the planned days of use, so it will drop off the active med list when done.
 - Some of our patients have been taking the same 10 days of amoxicillin for years now.

The screenshot shows a software interface for creating a medication prescription. At the top, there are tabs for 'All', 'Antimicrobials', 'BP and CV Meds' (which is selected), 'DM-Lipids', and 'Misc'. Below the tabs is a 'Description' field containing 'losartan 100mg tablet' and 'Sig: 1 daily'. The 'Quantity' is set to 30, 'Refills' to 5, and 'PRN' is unchecked. The 'Duration' field is circled in red and contains the value '0'. 'Generic OK' is set to 'Yes' and 'Limit Renewals' is unchecked. At the bottom, there is a 'Comments' field with a text box containing instructions: 'This field is for nonclinical comments to the pharmacist. A additional clinical instructions for this prescription should added using the 'Additional Instructions' segment of the Sig Builder.' There are 'Save' and 'Cancel' buttons at the bottom right.

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Comments save you callbacks

- I add this comment to most of my oral meds.
- Yes, pharmacists sometimes overlook things in the comments box.
 - Even if they do, your nurse can see it & respond appropriately.
 - And after 1-2 times the pharmacists will catch on; callbacks waste their time, too.

The screenshot shows a software interface for managing medications. At the top, there are tabs for 'All', 'Antimicrobials', 'BP and CV Meds', 'DM-Lipids', and 'Misc'. The 'Antimicrobials' tab is selected. Below the tabs, there is a 'Description' field containing the text 'amoxicillin-pot clavulanate 875-125mg tablet'. Underneath the description, there are several input fields: 'Quantity' (set to 20), 'Refills' (set to 0), and a checkbox for 'PRN'. Below these, there is a 'Duration' field (set to 10), a checkbox for 'Generic OK' (checked), and a checkbox for 'Limit Renewals'. At the bottom, there is a 'Comments' field containing the text 'May substitute tablets, capsules, chewables, or liquid in equivalent dosage/amount as preferred by patient and/or insurance formulary.' This comment box is circled in red. To the right of the comment box are 'Save' and 'Cancel' buttons.

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Comments save your patients copays

- Many insurance formularies provide insulin & injection supplies for one copay if you include them on the same prescription.
- This also saves you the trouble of prescribing them separately, & the callback when you forget to do so.

The screenshot shows a software interface titled "Medication Search". At the top, there is a search bar with "Lantus Solostar" entered. Below the search bar, there is a list of search results on the left and a detailed view of the selected medication on the right. The detailed view includes fields for "Quantity" (5), "Refills" (11), "Duration", "Generic OK" (Yes), and "Limit Renewals". A red circle highlights the "Comments" field, which contains the text: "Include Solostar Ultra-Fine Needles, 1 box of 100, or as many as requested by patient or provided by insurance." The interface also features a "Save" button and a "Cancel" button.

Medication Search

File View

Find: Lantus Solostar Search Class: Filters Use Formulary

All Antimicrobials BP and CV Meds DM-Lipids X Misc

Description

Lantus Solostar(insulin glargine) 100 unit/mL(3 mL) Subcutaneous Insulin Pen

Sig: inject subcutaneously as instructed by doctor

Quantity: 5 Refills: 11 PRN

Duration: Generic OK: Yes Limit Renewals

Comments: Include Solostar Ultra-Fine Needles, 1 box of 100, or as many as requested by patient or provided by insurance.

Save

Cancel

Medication Favorites

Comments save your patients copays

- Glucose meters change constantly, & somebody is always offering a rebate at one time or another, so we created this custom medication.
 - Save as a Favorite, & add a comment including test strips & other necessary testing supplies on the same script.

The screenshot shows a software interface titled "Medication Search". At the top, there are menu options "File" and "View". Below that is a search bar with "Find: Glucose me" and a "Search" button. To the right of the search bar are "Class:" and "Filters" dropdown menus, and a "Use Formulary" checkbox. Below the search bar is a list of search results. The first result, "Glucose Meter Of Choice", is circled in red. Below the search results is a detailed view of the selected medication. The title is "Glucose Meter Of Choice(glucose meter of choice) Glucose Meter Of Choice". Below the title is the instruction "Sig: Use as directed". There are several input fields: "Quantity:" with a dropdown set to "1", "Refills:" with a dropdown set to "0", and a checkbox for "PRN". Below these are "Duration:" and "Generic OK:" (set to "Yes") with a checkbox for "Limit Renewals". At the bottom, there is a "Comments:" field with the text "Include matching test strips, lancets, & lancing device, in amount requested by patient or provided by insurance." circled in red. To the right of the comments field are "Save" and "Cancel" buttons.

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Comments as a work aid

- It's hard for most non-dermatologists to keep all those steroid classes straight.
 - Use the Comments field as a way to give yourself a reminder without having to leave the EHR.

Misc Neuro-Psych EENT-Pul Pain-MusSkel Dem X

Description

desonide 0.05% Topical Ointment

Sig: Apply once daily to affected area till improved, not to exceed 10 days in a row.

Quantity: 1 ▾ Refills: 1 ▾ PRN

Duration: Generic OK: Yes ▾ Limit Renewals

Comments: 15 gm, or may dispense any appropriately-sized tube you stock, **Group V.**

Save

Cancel

Medication Favorites

As a practice improvement tool

- Share med favorites among your providers.
 - Promotes generic usage, improving formulary compliance & reducing costs.
 - Promotes evidence-based prescribing.
 - Promotes consistency within the practice.



Medication Favorites

Not just for providers



- Encourage nurses to set up/use their provider's Favorites.
 - They're the front line for entering historical meds; the faster they can work, the sooner you can see the patient.
 - Workflow:
 - Have every provider create a Favorites Tab called "Nurse."
 - Nurses first look on the All Tab for meds; if not there, search for med & drag to the Nurse Tab.



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Maybe not your favorites, but “Frequent Flyers”

- Even if you never prescribe a drug, you’ll still need to enter meds given by other providers.
 - One might argue that almost any med you ever search for should be added as a favorite, especially for nurses.

The screenshot shows a software interface titled "Medication Search". At the top, there are menu options "File" and "View". Below the menu is a search bar with "Find: Geodo" and a "Search" button. To the right of the search bar is a "Class:" dropdown menu and a "Filters" dropdown menu. Below the search bar, there is a list of search results. The first result is "Geodon", which is expanded to show four sub-items: "20 mg capsule", "40 mg capsule", "60 mg capsule", and "80 mg capsule". To the right of the search results, there is a table with columns for "All", "Antimicrobials", and "BP and CV Meds". The table has a "Description" header, and the first row is highlighted in blue, showing "Geodon(ziprasidone hcl) 80mg capsule" with a signature "Sig: take 1 capsule by oral route 2 times every day with food" and other details: "Quantity: 0 | Refills: 0 | Generic OK: Yes". The second row is partially visible, showing "glucosamine-chondroitin 750-600mg tablet".

Medication Search

File View

Find: Geodo Search Class: Filters

Geodon

- 20 mg capsule
- 40 mg capsule
- 60 mg capsule
- 80 mg capsule

All	Antimicrobials	BP and CV Meds
Description		
Geodon(ziprasidone hcl) 80mg capsule		
Sig: take 1 capsule by oral route 2 times every day with food		
Quantity: 0 Refills: 0 Generic OK: Yes		
glucosamine-chondroitin 750-600mg tablet		