

NEXTGEN MEDICATION FAVORITES FOR NURSES DEMONSTRATION

This demonstration reviews a way in which nurses can make use of Medication Favorites to speed up data entry. Details of the workflow will likely vary somewhat, depending on practice policy & clinic layout, though this should give you a good idea of NextGen functionality.

This has been prepared for EHR 5.8 & KBM 8.3. Subsequent updates may display cosmetic & functional changes.

Use the keyboard or mouse to pause, review, & resume as necessary.

Introduction

- Using Medication Favorites is a great way to speed up drug entry in NextGen. If you save most everything you ever search for as a favorite, before you know it you'll rarely have to search for a medicine, & your editing of prescriptions will be minimal.
- Nurses, however, don't have their own Medication Favorites; they see the Favorites set up by their associated provider.

Introduction

- But if you think about it, there is even more time to be saved by nurses using Favorites than for providers.
 - For providers, these are truly “favorites”—drugs you frequently use yourself.
 - But nurses also have to record meds given by all the patient’s other providers—a much larger universe of drugs than the provider needs.
 - The faster the nurse can do this, the faster the provider can see the patient.

Introduction

- But here's a way to allow nurses to use Favorites.
- If you need further details about setting up Medication Favorites, please see the Medication Module demonstration.

Every provider should create a Favorites Tab named **Nurse**.



The screenshot shows a software interface with a navigation bar at the top containing tabs labeled 'All', 'Nurse', and 'Misc'. The 'Nurse' tab is highlighted in orange and enclosed in a red rectangular box. A green arrow points from the text above to the 'Nurse' tab. Below the tabs, a list of items is shown, with the first item highlighted in blue. The item is 'amoxicillin 875mg tablet', with a small icon of a tablet to its left. Below the item name, the text reads: 'Sig: take 1 tablet (875MG) by ORAL route every 12 hours' and 'Quantity: 20 | Refills: 0 | Duration: 30 | Generic OK: Yes'.

With the provider's permission, the nurse could even create this tab herself. And it doesn't matter that there are multiple combinations of nurses working with multiple providers; within a clinic, everyone is probably adding the same universe of meds, so multiple people using the tab will actually build the list quicker.

When the nurse is trying to add a drug to the patient's med list, instead of using the Find box, click on any med on the All Favorites Tab, & type the first few letters of the drug's name.

The screenshot shows the 'Medication Search' window with a menu bar (File, View) and a search interface. The search bar is empty. Below the search bar are tabs for 'All', 'Nurse', and 'Misc'. The 'All' tab is selected. A list of medications is displayed, with the first entry, 'amlodipine 5mg tablet', highlighted. A green arrow points from the text box above to the 'All' tab and the first medication entry.

Description
amlodipine 5mg tablet Sig: take 1 tablet by oral route every day Quantity: 0 / Refills: 0 / Duration: 0 / Generic OK: Yes
amoxicillin 875mg tablet Sig: take 1 tablet (875MG) by ORAL route every 12 hours Quantity: 20 / Refills: 0 / Duration: 30 / Generic OK: Yes
atorvastatin 10mg tablet Sig: 1 daily Quantity: 30 / Refills: 5 / Generic OK: Yes
fluticasone 50mcg/actuation Nasal Spray, Suspension Sig: 1 spray each nostril daily Quantity: 1 / Refills: 11 / Generic OK: Yes
FreehandRx-See Special Instructions(freehandrx-see special instructions) FreehandRx-See Spe Sig: - Quantity: 1 / Refills: 0 / Duration: 0 / Generic OK: Yes
losartan-hydrochlorothiazide 100-25mg tablet Sig: 1 daily

Here the nurse has typed **met**, & focus jumps down to that point on the list. Since her provider has saved metformin as a Favorite, she sees it there. The patient takes 1000 mg twice daily, so she'll double-click on that to add it to the Medication Cart.

The screenshot shows a software interface for selecting medications. At the top, there are tabs for 'All', 'Nurse', and 'Misc'. Below these is a search bar and a list of medications. The list includes:

- FreehandRx-See Special Instructions(freehandrx-see special instructions) FreehandRx-See Spe
Sig: -
Quantity: 1 / Refills: 0 / Duration: 0 / Generic OK: Yes
- losartan-hydrochlorothiazide 100-25mg tablet
Sig: 1 daily
Quantity: 30 / Refills: 5 / Generic OK: Yes
- metformin 1,000mg tablet** (highlighted in blue)
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
- Singularair(montelukast) 10mg tablet
Sig: 1 daily
Quantity: 30 / Refills: 5 / Generic OK: Yes

Below the list is a section titled 'Selected Medications' with a table:

Medication	Status	Sig	Details

At the bottom right, there are two buttons: 'Remove' and 'Select'.

The patient is also taking risperidone 2 mg at bedtime. The nurse clicks in the **All Favorites** list & types **ris**, but the list doesn't jump anywhere; her provider never prescribes this, so it hasn't been added to a **Favorites Tab**.

Find: Search Class: Filters Use Formulary

All Nurse Misc

Description RIS

- amlodipine 5mg tablet**
Sig: take 1 tablet by oral route every day
Quantity: 0 / Refills: 0 / Duration: 0 / Generic OK: Yes
- amoxicillin 875mg tablet**
Sig: take 1 tablet (875MG) by ORAL route every 12 hours
Quantity: 2 / Refills: 0 / Duration: 30 / Generic OK: Yes
- atorvastatin 10mg tablet**
Sig: 1 daily
Quantity: 30 / Refills: 5 / Generic OK: Yes
- fluticasone 50mcg/actuation Nasal Spray, Suspension**
Sig: 1 spray each nostril daily
Quantity: 1 / Refills: 11 / Generic OK: Yes
- FreehandRx-See Special Instructions(freehandrx-see special instructions) FreehandRx-See Spe**
Sig: -
Quantity: 1 / Refills: 0 / Duration: 0 / Generic OK: Yes
- losartan-hydrochlorothiazide 100-25mg tablet**
Sig: 1 daily

Selected Medications

Medication	Status	Sig	Details
metformin 1,000 mg tablet		1 twice daily	Refills: 5 Quantity: 60 Generic OK: Yes

Remove
Select

So the nurse clicks in the Find box & searches for risperidone. With the Nurse Tab selected, click on 2 mg tablet & drag it onto the Nurse Favorites Tab.

Medication Search

File View

Find: risperidone Search Class: Filters Use Formulary

- risperidone
 - 1 mg/mL Oral Solution
 - 0.25 mg tablet
 - 0.5 mg tablet
 - 1 mg tablet
 - 2 mg tablet**
 - 3 mg tablet
 - 4 mg tablet
 - 0.25 mg tablet, disintegrating
 - 0.5 mg tablet, disintegrating
 - 1 mg tablet, disintegrating
 - 2 mg tablet, disintegrating
 - 3 mg tablet, disintegrating
 - 4 mg tablet, disintegrating

All **Nurse** X Misc

Drag Medication(s) here to create new Orders in the "Nurse" Order Group

Selected Medications

Medication	Status	Sig	Details
metformin 1,000 mg tablet		1 twice daily	Refills: 5 Quantity: 60 Generic OK: Yes

Remove Select

Right-click on the entry & choose Edit; we'll change it to one at bedtime, & remove the always-incorrect (thank you NextGen) "0 duration" entry.

Medication Search

File View

Find: Search Class: Filters Use Formulary

risperidone

- 1 mg/mL Oral Solution
- 0.25 mg tablet
- 0.5 mg tablet
- 1 mg tablet
- 2 mg tablet
- 3 mg tablet
- 4 mg tablet
- 0.25 mg tablet, disintegrating
- 0.5 mg tablet, disintegrating
- 1 mg tablet, disintegrating
- 2 mg tablet, disintegrating
- 3 mg tablet, disintegrating
- 4 mg tablet, disintegrating

All Nurse X Misc

Description

risperidone 2mg tablet
Sig: take 1 tablet by oral route 2 times every day
Quantity: 0 / Refills: 0 / Duration: 0 / Gen

- Prescribe
- Edit
- Remove
- Add To
- External Reference...
- Refresh
- Options...

Selected Medications

Medication	Status	Sig	Details
metformin 1,000 mg tablet		1 twice daily	Refills: 5 Quantity: 60 Generic OK: Yes

Remove

Select

Double-click on the entry to add it to the **Medication Cart**, & continue the process until all meds have been added.

Medication Search

File View

Find: risperidone Search Class: Filters Use Formulary

All Nurse X Misc

Description

risperidone 2mg tablet
Sig: 1 at bedtime
Quantity: 0 / Refills: 0 / Generic OK: Yes

risperidone

- 1 mg/mL Oral Solution
- 0.25 mg tablet
- 0.5 mg tablet
- 1 mg tablet
- 2 mg tablet
- 3 mg tablet
- 4 mg tablet
- 0.25 mg tablet, disintegrating
- 0.5 mg tablet, disintegrating
- 1 mg tablet, disintegrating
- 2 mg tablet, disintegrating
- 3 mg tablet, disintegrating
- 4 mg tablet, disintegrating

When done you'll click **Select** to close the search popup & return to the Medication Module.

Selected Medications

Medication	Status	Sig	Details
metformin 1,000 mg tablet		1 twice daily	Refills: 5 Quantity: 60 Generic OK: Yes

Remove

Select

From here, finish editing meds as usual, making sure to use the Prescribed Elsewhere boxes as appropriate.

06/25/2013 09:43 AM : **USA SOAP** Rx Medications Module

NextGen Grid Preferences 40 year Old Female Weighing 172.00 lb | 78.02 Kg [vitals recorded on 6/25/2013]

Status	Medication Name	Generic Name	Original Start	Start Date
Status: Active (4 items)				
Active	metformin 500 mg tablet	METFORMIN HCL	06/25/2013	06/25/2013
Active	metformin 500 mg tablet	METFORMIN HCL		
Active	losartan 50 mg tablet	LOSARTAN POTASSIUM	06/25/2013	06/25/2013
Active	losartan 50 mg tablet	LOSARTAN POTASSIUM		
Status: Temporary (2 items)				
Temporary	risperidone 2 mg tablet			07/17/2013
Temporary	metformin 1,000 mg tablet			07/17/2013

Prescribe New Print Fax Renew Interactions Stop Education Dose Range Delete Eligibility Medication History

metformin 1,000 mg tablet

Sig: 1 twice daily [Remove Sig](#)

Quantity: 60 Units: Tablet Refills: 5

Start: 07/17/2013 Stop: 07/17/2013 Duration: _____

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

Provider: MCFADEN, THOMAS G MD

Location: USA Family Medicine

Prescribed Elsewhere Site: _____

PRN Reason: _____

Problem: [Add...](#)

Max. daily dose not checked - Unable to calculate from

Accept Cancel

The Result

- After everyone has done this for a month, neither nurses nor doctors will have to perform a raw search very often.
- Every time you can pick a drug off the **Favorites Tabs** instead of performing a search saves you time—and it adds up quickly.
- It works whether the provider has multiple **Favorites Tabs** or just one; you can click on the **All Tab**, type the first few letters of the drug name, & jump down to it.

This concludes the NextGen Nurse Medication Favorites demonstration.

A picture is worth a thousand words, but it
uses up three thousand times the memory.