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.
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• 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.
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• 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**.

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.
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 patient is also taking risperidone 2 mg at bedtime. The nurse clicks in the All Favorites list & types \textit{ris}, but the list doesn’t jump anywhere; her provider never prescribes this, so it hasn’t been added to a Favorites Tab.
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**.
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.
Double-click on the entry to add it to the **Medication Cart**, & continue the process until all meds have been added.

When done you’ll click **Select** to close the search popup & return to the **Medication Module**.
From here, finish editing meds as usual, making sure to use the **Prescribed Elsewhere** boxes as appropriate.
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.

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