This demonstration reviews documentation of tobacco status in NextGen.

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.
Tobacco vs Smoking History

Documentation of tobacco status in NextGen is a bit redundant & confusing. This is largely due to the fact that the verbiage in the Meaningful Use rules specifies the recording of smoking status, whereas good medical practice documents the abuse of any form of tobacco.

Hopefully this lesson with help you navigate this a little easier.
On the Histories Tab, under the Social History section, note the Substances | Tobacco heading. To make entries, click Add.
The Social History popup opens. Note the left-side navigation that allows you to move among several aspects of social history. It begins at the top with Tobacco.

Note also that some of the popups have a good bit of vertical navigation, which can be easy to overlook.
One thing that may be a little counterintuitive is that there is both a **Smoking Status** & **Tobacco Status**. This is because, while you would like to document all forms of tobacco abuse, Meaningful Use rules specifically reference smoking. These two status interact, but there may be some times when you will need to manually intervene to make sure both statuses are properly documented.
If smoking/tobacco history has been previously entered, & nothing has changed, just click the Reviewed checkbox, then Save & Close the popup.
But when you need to enter this history, first address the **Have you ever used tobacco** question. If the answer is **No/never**, you’re done. In this example, the answer is **Yes**.
Now complete details to the extent they are known. Click the **Cigarette** checkbox.

Then click the **Use daily** checkbox.
Our patient smokes 1 pack per day. Click in the **Usage box** & enter **1** in the ensuing popup.

Then click in the **per day box** & select **Packs** in the next popup.
Enter other details if you know them. Click in the Years used box & enter 35 in the ensuing popup.
Notice that both **Smoking & Tobacco Status** have been updated (though you can manually enter them using the dropdown arrows if that’s ever necessary).

35 Pack Years will be calculated.

Then scroll down to review Tobacco Cessation data.
You can document all sorts of details about efforts to quit smoking. With a brief amount of practice you'll figure that out.

But look at the **Tobacco cessation discussed** checkbox.
Your clinic may have a policy that nurses rooming patients always advise tobacco users to quit. If so, the nurse can click the Tobacco cessation discussed checkbox.

A sample dialog might go as follows: “Do you still smoke? Of course, we recommend that everyone quit smoking. [Check the Tobacco cessation discussed checkbox.] Would you like to talk to the doctor today about help quitting?” If the answer is YES, add Smoking Cessation to today’s Reasons For Visit.
In the ensuing popup, click the Tobacco cessation discussion dropdown arrow.

Choose from the picklist; here we'll select Smoking cessation education.
Click Add, then Save & Close.
While we’re here, note that passive smoke exposure can be documented.

Remember that **Meaningful Use** requires that smoking status be documented for everyone after the 13th birthday. And it is particularly important to ask these questions at every visit during adolescence, since that is when smoking status is most likely to change, & when preventive counseling is most pertinent.
This concludes the NextGen Tobacco Documentation demonstration.

What happens if you get scared half to death twice?

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