



NextGen for

Ophthalmology



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Recording patient data in paper charts is labor-intensive and inefficient. Valuable time and resources are consumed by completing routine exams, generating lens and medication prescriptions, sending out referral letters and pulling charts for simple telephone call triage. Multi-location practices spend countless hours transferring paper records from one location to another and additional hours faxing follow-up information.

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Destination — Future-Focused Ophthalmology Practice

Documenting patient encounters with electronic health records (EHR) reduces data capture time from diagnostic screening devices, creates accurate, paperless documentation, enhances coding levels, generates legible medication prescriptions, dramatically reduces dictation and transcription, increases staff's ability to react to new orders and plans, and integrates your diagnostic test results in a single system.

So how do you get there?

NextGen — Empowering Ophthalmology Practices with Fully Integrated Technology

NextGen Healthcare provides powerful electronic health records and enterprise practice management (EPM) software designed to accommodate the unique needs of ophthalmic sub-specialties. In addition to NextGen® EPM and NextGen EHR, we provide scanning software—NextGen ICS, ophthalmic inventory management, and device interfaces. Whatever your challenge, NextGen Healthcare has a proven solution for the workflow processes in your front office, clinic, optical shop, and ambulatory surgery center.

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NextGen Benefits for Ophthalmology Practices

Exclusive and extensive ophthalmology knowledge base, designed with the input of hundreds of practicing ophthalmologists. Features include:

- Custom–designed data interface screens to speed capture of data
- Specialty–specific ophthalmic examination templates
- More than 150 prepared operative notes for fast documentation
- One–click generation of chart notes, laser op–notes, surgical op–notes, and referral letters
- Data copy–forward procedures for examination templates to reduce documentation time further
- Coding assistant screen to assure maximum reimbursement
- Ability to auto–merge content into custom–designed forms and letters
- One–click access to diagnostic images and drawings
- Data review screens designed for chronic conditions (e.g., Glaucoma Flow Sheet)

“NextGen EPM and EHR significantly increased our operational efficiency, in everything from report analysis to schedule tracking.”

Richard C. Edlow, O.D.
Chief Operating Officer
Katzen Eye Group

Navigation

- With a large referral base of leading ophthalmic practices, extensive experience in implementing advanced technology and detailed project management, you are assured a successful launch strategy and experience.
- Intuitive navigation quickly guides you through a comprehensive ophthalmology knowledge base, so training time is minimized.
 - With a browser look and feel, navigate easily through complete eye exams, post-op exams and specialty exams, such as contact lens and refractive surgery
 - Navigate efficiently through the complete exam, moving quickly around sections of the eye, with drawing tools always available for graphical annotations
 - From a single menu, enter new or review previous comprehensive notes and results contained within a patient’s electronic chart
 - Access all image-related information quickly— one click allows review of visual fields, photos, drawings and more
 - Access, control and manage all telephone calls from one screen—use macro and trigger tasks to create individual “to-do” lists for each doctor and FTE in the practice



Instrument Interfaces

Our instrument interfaces are designed to improve the productivity of diagnostic testing devices.

- Get direct access to the data from the most popular screening devices. Capture the information directly onto the template, reducing the need to print or transcribe results
- Digital imaging systems can be interfaced via an HL-7 connection, reducing the need to re-key patient demographics into a devices database—technicians save time and keying errors are reduced
- The Humphrey visual field device prints out any analysis report and results are saved directly into the patient's chart for immediate physician access
- Pre-screening equipment interfaces lessen the need to produce printouts from the devices, with minimal transcribing into the EHR, thus reducing errors, and minimizing change in technician workflow
- An image-capture program allows most S-video and RGB devices, such as slitlamp cameras, a-scans and b-scans, to import results directly into a patient's chart

Coding

Coding assistance and ICD-9 groupings help to assure that you maximize the allowable level of service based on the documentation for the encounter.

- Each element of the HPI, Past/Family/Social history and ROS is tracked throughout the encounter and calculated to help ensure accurate coding
- CPT service codes for laser procedures, office procedures and surgical operative notes are created in the background and carried forward to the coding template for immediate charge posting, helping to reduce the risk of lost charges
- Auto-charge posting is processed directly from the examination room, helping to eliminate the need for a paper superbill
- The ability to compare fee schedules automatically between allowable codes and patient charge history permits you to code and bill for the highest allowable level of exam (such as comprehensive eye), maximizing your reimbursement



Eye brief exam screen

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Notes and Document Generator

Unlike many EHRs, which only generate progress notes, NextGen EHR software's document generator extracts and formats all available patient data into a standardized report, reducing the need for dictation and transcription. Chart notes, laser op-notes, surgical op-notes, referral letters, and office procedures are generated "on-the-fly."

- Macros trigger patient defaults to pre-populate many settings for laser procedures, anesthesia administration, and post-op medications
- One click provides access to the anterior, posterior laser or surgical procedure templates
- Pre-defined forms contain operative note content with macros embedded, reducing repetitive dictation for the same procedures
- Op-notes can be completed using a hand-held wireless device and synced with the patient's health record

Streamline Office Administration

NextGen EPM, our award-winning practice management system, streamlines patient registration, appointment scheduling, reporting, and billing processes. The point-of-entry claims scrubber verifies that claims are completed accurately BEFORE submission, dramatically reducing claim denials. The system's exclusive WorkLog Manager enables administrators to assign tasks to practice personnel or to NextGen EPM for auto-completion, allowing you to proactively manage your practice and help realize a significant return on investment.

NextGen EPM software:

- Presents actionable tasks, via the WorkLog Manager, that tell staff what to do, when to do it and how to do it—and measures whether it was completed
- Supports HIPAA transaction sets, enabling you to submit HIPAA-compliant 837 electronic claims directly to payers
- Enables you to generate custom reports easily with minimal IT or reporting application knowledge
- With NextGen 5.0, both NextGen EPM and NextGen EHR software tables are installed, enabling customers to activate respective functionalities as they are purchased (whether just EPM or EHR, or both)

The NextGen Difference

It takes more than software to produce success in a complex environment. That's why NextGen Healthcare sees a business relationship as an ongoing partnership. We maintain our commitment to ophthalmology practices with specialized service, training, and experience.

NextGen Healthcare's EHR and EPM software are fully integrated to share a single database platform, providing improved control and knowledge over clinical and billing operations. Find out more about how our scalable, flexible, and reliable enterprise system can help you better coordinate care, streamline workflow, improve efficiencies, and enhance quality of care, while increasing overall revenue. For more information please call 215-657-7010 or visit www.nextgen.com.

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