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Data Sheet

# NextPen™

From paper to your NextGen® Ambulatory EHR,  
all with the stroke of a pen



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In most practices and health systems today, when you hand someone a pen and a form, there is no confusion about how to use them – you take off the cap and enter information on the form. When they hand the pen and form back, it's understood that to electronically capture the data, the form will be scanned or someone will transcribe the data.

With the innovative NextPen™ digital pen solution, however, everything changes. In the moment that the pen writes or draws on the form, the information becomes structured data and the function of the paper is complete. In the past, the form was the record. Now the form has become a temporary, yet very intuitive data entry device and the pen has become the data capture device, much like a keyboard on a computer. Now the data is stored in the pen, waiting to be uploaded to the patient's record in NextGen® Ambulatory EHR. The form can be shredded or given to the patient for his or her records. And, NextPen, which utilizes Anoto technology, will store data from hundreds of forms without running out of space.

Imagine – a tiny camera in the pen's tip interpreting the pen's position on the form, capturing everything the patient or provider writes or draws, and turning handwritten forms into structured data elements that become part of a patient's electronic health record.

By placing the pen in a USB docking station, data is uploaded to where the information can be reviewed and approved. Upon approval, NextPen automatically fills the structured data fields in NextGen Ambulatory EHR and an image of the form is kept, making it ideal for storing signatures and drawings.

## **Saves time, reduces costs**

For the first time, you can go from handwriting (NextPen recognizes both cursive and block printing) to structured data, just as if you'd typed it into a computer. For your staff, using NextPen means no more transcribing, scanning, or filing of forms. And for those forms that include checkboxes, drawing, or where numeric data capture is required, NextPen may well be the fastest way to input the data electronically.

## **Secure and mistake-proof**

Printed on each form is a faint dot pattern. Like a snowflake, each pattern is unique, matching the patient's record in NextGen Ambulatory EHR, thus ensuring that all data goes directly to the correct patient's record. Communication with the pen is encrypted, so, even if the pen is stolen, the data can't be accessed.

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## Any form

NextGen Healthcare provides a standard set of forms with the system, including HPI and Review of Systems. More forms can be created using Adobe® Acrobat® Professional – Adobe Designer, and nearly any form a practice employs can be used with NextPen. Further, NextPen can populate multiple templates from a single form, with the unique dot pattern of the form ensuring that data finds the right patient record each time. For those specialties that need it – it documents in multiple colors.

## Useful in multiple environments

Digital pens are useful in settings where: patients need to provide structured data; clinicians can't use a PC during an encounter due to an environmental issue; or in remote settings where a PC isn't available.

## Requires no special paper or printer

Nothing special is required with NextPen – just print forms on ordinary copy paper using industry-standard laser printers.

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