5 Tips to Improve Speed and Response in StarPanel!

1. **Always work from a list and use Actions button.** Gone are the days of typing in a MRN and loading the patients entire chart. This will take your speed down to a crawl! Instead start with a list in the black bar—such as Inpatient Census, Patient View, Panels, etc. A list of the patients meeting that criteria will load. Click on Actions by your patient’s name to navigate StarPanel.
   - **Access StarNotes and StarForms from Actions—** Set your favorite StarNotes and StarForms up under each of these tabs. Then in Actions select to “show your favorite StarNotes and StarForms”. Now these documents will show up in your Actions menu and you will no longer have to even load StarForms and StarNotes.
   - **Click on FastLabs in Actions** to see your labs in turbo speed all other lab keys are MUCH slower!
   - **HINT:** You can go to Preferences (in the black bar under Customize) and select a list to load when you first open StarPanel!

2. **Use Accelerator columns** in your patient list—OPC (Overview for patient Care), and MAR and Rx (for RxStar) are examples. This means you don’t have to load the patient’s entire chart or even the Action items—just click right in the column!

3. **Use Page turners** to navigate—You might know them better as the white tabs at the top of the page. But did you know that what you load on to each of these tabs stays there. This allows you to click on another tab such as pt list, then go to message baskets, back to pt list, to a StarForm or RxStar, then back to PatientList.

4. **Add Favorites To Blackbar**—just click on your most used items in the Black Bar and holding L mouse key down drag them up to Favorites!

5. **Use Double Clicking** to resize frames
   - instead of playing with the up and down arrows.

Special points of interest:

- **Check out** the StarPanel Tips articles below if you are going 20 mph in a 75 mph speed zone in StarPanel and need to know how to pick up the speed and improve your workflow!
- **Check out** the article on RxStar (p2) to see RxStar tips

E-prescribing is the way to go when writing prescriptions for patients. You can save yourself, your patients and pharmacies time by always using RxStar!
4 Tips to Make StarPanel Work Better For You!

1. **Turn off unnecessary columns**—such as New Results, New Messages, and Future Appts—they really slow you down. Instead use the red alert for a New message or a New Result at the top of your screen. Just click there to get your latest action item to follow up on. These columns make StarPanel load ALL the new results and messages for every patient in the list on sign on. This is big workload on StarPanel but were in the original set up. Now we have newer functionality that works better and does not slow down loading StarPanel. Go to Customize columns on far R of your patient list, click on the bolded item you want to remove from display (turns gray). See picture on p. 1.

2. **Minimize items that auto load when logging in.** Go to Customize in the black bar, then Preferences. Unclick these items. (see below)

3. **Limit Flowsheet date ranges to 3 days** and expand that only when you really are looking for older data. The longer the date range, the more data to pull the longer it takes. Avoid “All” or “1 year” for any inpatient.

4. **Do not switch or bookmark servers.** This inhibits the load balancer which can slow down one server a lot and does not speed things up for you!

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3 RxStar Tips

1. **Use Favorites.** Build Favorites yourself or copy them from someone else i.e the team rotating off service you are going on to! Help Desk can contact your Clinical Support person or System Support to help you with this. Using favorites is a great time saver, especially for complicated scripts like a dose pack of Medrol.

2. **Make sure your role is set up with a phone number.** This allows outside pharmacies to be able to reach you, Tip: Don’t put a department number of your rotation that will change next week.

3. **Easy way to find the patient’s pharmacy**—last pharmacy used for the patient automatically displays. Click on Search for a pharmacy to display other pharmacies used for a patient in RxStar before. A new feature will incorporates Maps into Pharmacy section of RxStar to auto load a map of pharmacies that are closest to the patient’s address to help select correct pharmacy. More helps on the way!

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Favorite Prescriptions (11)

1. Atenolol 25 mg Tab
2. Atenolol 25 mg Tab
3. Diclofenac 75 mg Cap
4. Furosemide 40 mg Cap
5. Furosemide 40 mg Tab
6. Lisinopril 10 mg Cap
7. Metoprolol Extended Release 100 mg Cap
8. Simvastatin 40 mg Tab
9. Atorvastatin 20 mg Cap
10. Candesartan Cilexetil 16 mg Cap
11. Candesartan Cilexetil 8 mg Cap

Click in box by the med, then click Quick Refill, Add to RxCart! Your done!