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Auto Numbering a Medical Record Entry

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Introduction

This document details how to create a macro which will automatically number successive items in a medical record entry.

The macro itself...

Add this macro to whichever macro folder you desire.

Macro Name: Complaint **Tag:** Presenting Compliant

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{->Initialize/1+0/0}{-<A}. {Enter Presenting Compliant} Duration: {Enter Duration of this  
Complaint}{^GO}{?Enter another presenting complaint (Y or N)/YFND/NFND}{?=YFND}
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{->Increment/A+1/0}{-<A}. {Enter Another Presenting Compliant} Duration: {Enter Duration of this  
Complaint} {~GO}{^YFND}{?~NFND}{^NFND}
```

How the result appears...

1. Lethargic Duration: 4 days
2. Not eating Duration: 3 days
3. Sleeps a lot Duration: 2 weeks

How it works...

This macro makes simple use of the calculation and storage variable. In effect the first calculation variable sets the storage variable 'A' to a value of 1, places a period after the one and then prompts you to {Enter Presenting Complaint} followed by automatically typing 'Duration:' and then prompting you {Enter the Duration of the Complaint}.

Next it asks the question if you would like to enter an additional complaint. If you answer 'Y' (for Yes), the response does three things:

1. it increments the 'A' storage variable by 1, making it now 2
2. it prompts you to enter the additional presenting complain followed by the duration
3. using the 'Go To' variable labeled {~GO}, it loops back and asks the question if you would like to enter another complaint. Again if you answer yes, it increments the storage variable 'A' by 1 which was 2, to be 3.

If you answered no, the macro ends. You may continue looping indefinitely adding as many numbered items as you desire.

Variations to the basic macro...

{->**Initialize/1+0/0**}{-<A}. {Enter Presenting Complaint} Duration: {Enter Duration of this Complaint}{^GO}{?**Enter another presenting complaint (Y or N)/YFND/NFND**}{?=YFND}

{->**Increment/A+1/0**}{-<A}. {Enter Another Presenting Complaint} Duration: {Enter Duration of this Complaint} {~GO}{^YFND}{?=NFND}{^NFND}

The items that are bolded are the key to the auto numbering. You may substitute almost anything to occur in the unbolded areas. Anything from a different free type variable like {Enter Differential Diagnosis} to picklist variable asking you to select recommended treatments from a list. This macro can be used anytime auto numbering is desired.