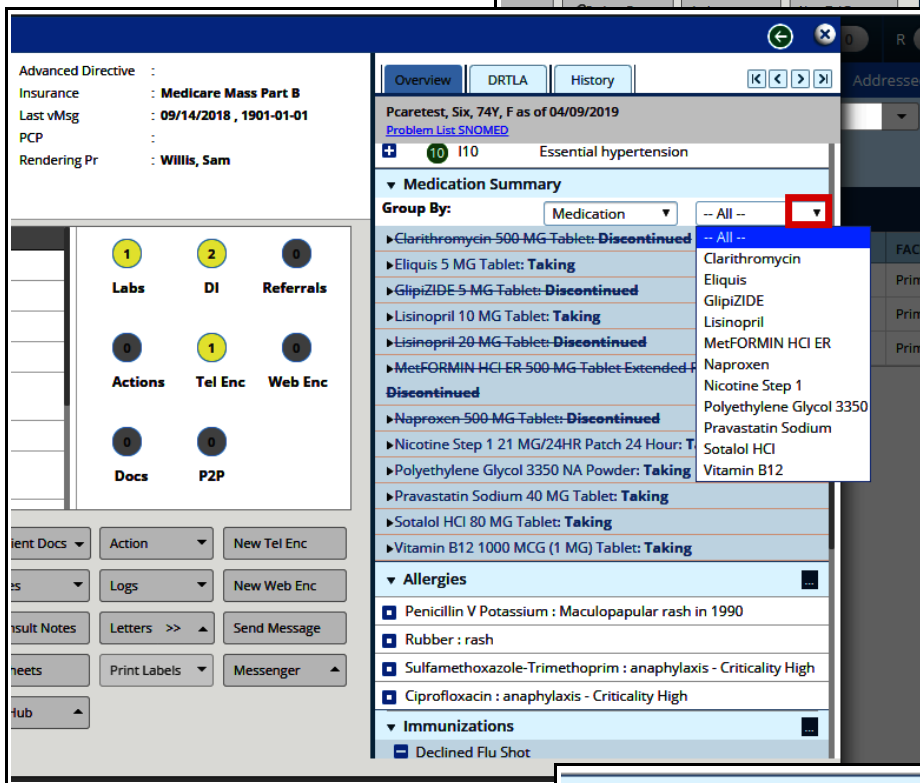
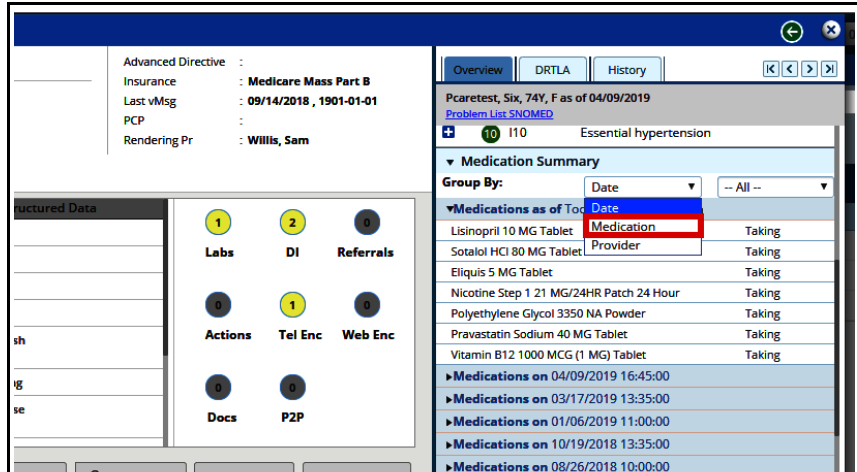


# A Quick Way to Find Past Medications

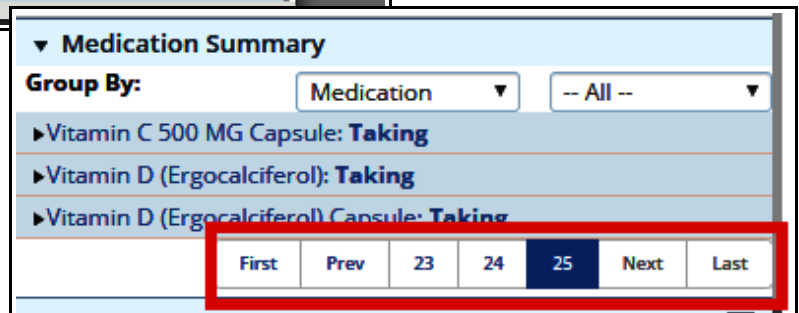
I often want to check when a patient started or stopped a medication, or if he/she was treated with a particular antibiotic in the past. A very quick/easy way to answer these questions is to go to the medication summary in the right panel of the Hub or the right panel in a progress note.

When the medication summary is set to date, I see the current medications with the option of seeing medications at the time of previous visits. This is fine if I just want to see what the patient was taking 1 or 2 visits in the past, but to find when a medication was stopped last year (and determine why it was stopped) might take quite a while with the “Date” filter selected.

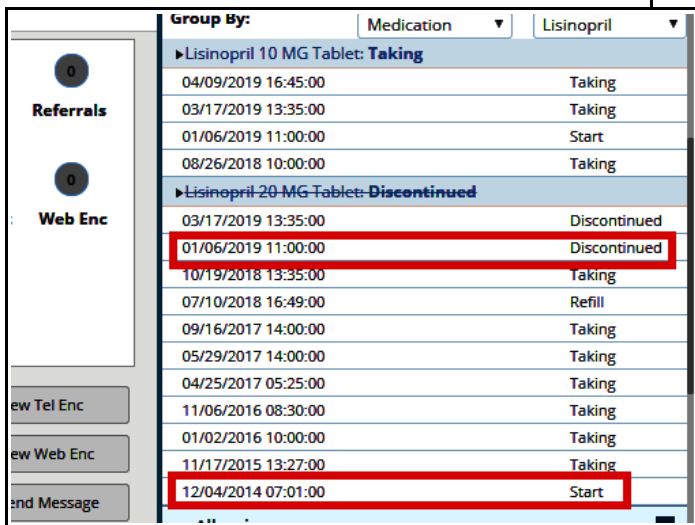
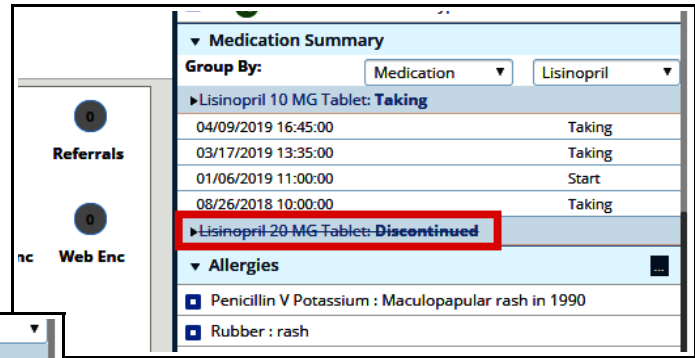


Switch to the “Medication” filter, and open the dropdown next to “All”. Now choose a medication – this is a test patient, so the medication list is fairly small, but on a typical older patient, this list may be quite long.

This patient seen in Prima CARE has 25 pages of medications – an extreme example, but it does happen.



Here, I chose lisinopril. To view the lisinopril 20 mg history, just click on the triangle to expand the list.



Now I can see when the lisinopril 20 mg was started and when it was stopped (the second discontinued date is a glitch created by a canceled appointment – ECW has lots of glitches).

I can now go to the “Encounters” tab and open the office visit with 2 clicks if I am interested in seeing why the lisinopril was stopped, as shown below.

