

Click the *New* button to add a new abbreviation.



Type an abbreviation and the text that it will expand to.

Click the *Report* button to construct a simple report listing all abbreviations. This report can be previewed or printed.

When you are issuing an item you can mix abbreviations and your own text to add common directions quickly.

Do not use actual words as your abbreviation, or else attempting to type the word will result in the expanded text appearing on your label!



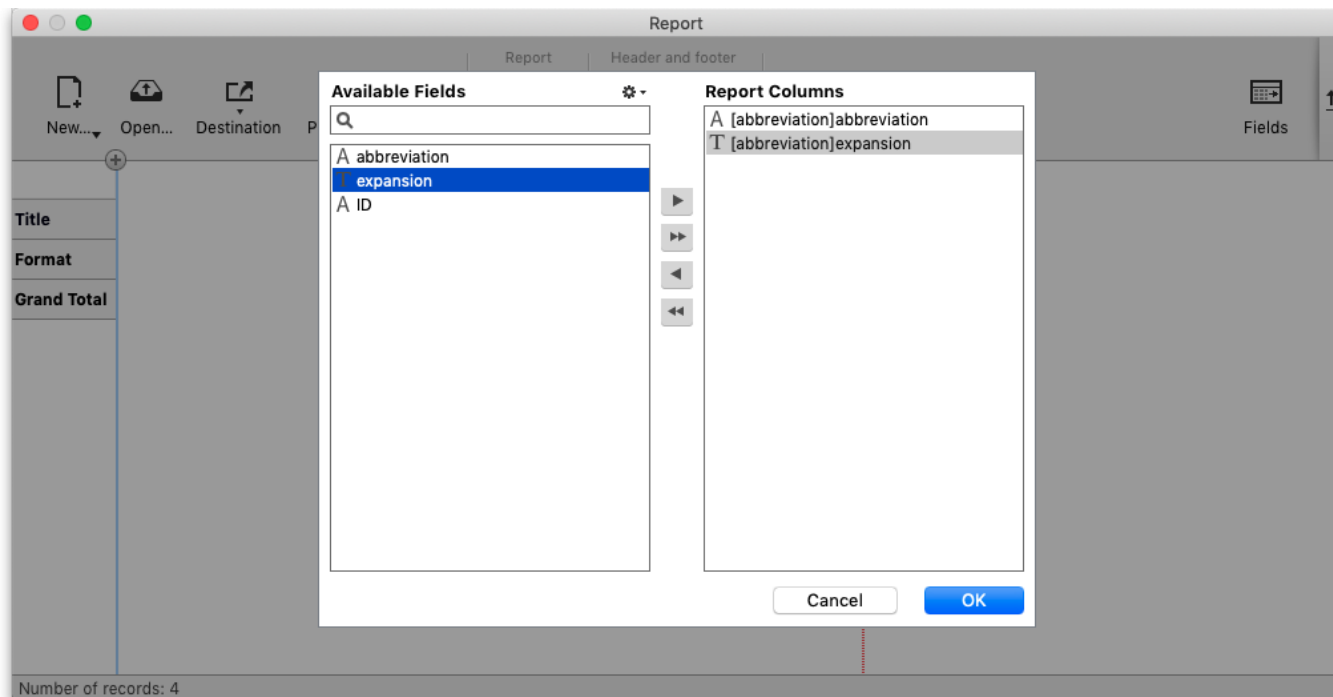
If you change an abbreviation or add a new one, you will see the change immediately (v317 or later), but in a multi-user environment other users will have to log out and log in (use **Switch user** to do this quickly) to see the edited or added abbreviations.

Importing abbreviations

The procedure for importing a file containing your abbreviations is found [here](#).

Printing the current abbreviations

From the abbreviations window, click the **Report** button.



1. Double-click on **Abbreviation**
2. Double-click on **Expansion**
3. Right-click on **Detail** and set font size to 8 or 9
4. You can use the lines on the column headers to adjust column width
5. Choose **File > Generate** to print the list

Item Default Directions

Once you have entered abbreviations, don't forget to enter the default directions for all common items - the default directions are the abbreviations that are used by default for an item when it is added to a prescription. Instructions are [here](#).

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