# Epic Training

**Ambulatory Home Medication review for MA/Nursing**

Users can add medications/supplements that the patient is taking outside of the prescriptions given by Akron Children's Hospital Providers. The steps below will assist in adding patient reported medications.

When reviewing medications, it's important to know what the terms mean to select the appropriate button. The below table shows the standard definitions of the terms at Akron Children's Hospital.

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| **Taking** | Taking a medication as actively prescribed per the details of the prescription or patient reported medication, including weekly, monthly, or PRN medications. |
| **Taking Differently** | A medication that is actively prescribed, but not following the details of the prescription. Document the variance within this section of how the patient is taking the medication. |
| **Not Taking** | Medication is not being taken (noncompliance) or the course has been completed. |
| **Flag for Removal** | When therapy has been completed, a substitute medication is available, when there are duplicates on the medication list, or the patient/parent has verified the medication can be removed from the list (the medication has been stopped indefinitely). |

1. Open the patient's chart and within the Rooming Activity, go to **Home Medications**.



2. If the patient/guardian is reporting a medication that is not on the current med list, go to the search field and type in a small portion the name of the medication.
   **Note:** Typing a small portion is a search trick in Epic that assists us in finding the correct medication based on what we have typed (ex. Typing "Flint" for Flintstone Vitamins).
3. This will open a pop-up box with a Preference List and a Database Lookup
   a. In some cases, you will see the medication right away in the Preference List. This is because you are looking at your departments commonly used medications when viewing the Preference List. If you do not see what you need on the Preference List, use the Database Lookup tab.

b.  Select medication and click **Accept**.
4.  Complete the **Dose, Route, and Frequency** fields when able.
5.  When finished, click **Taking** and **Accept** on the new patient reported medication.
    a.  This medication is now added to the Patient Reported section of the Home Medications.

# Documenting Variances in Home Medication

Users can document reported variances to medications the patient is currently taking. These steps will show you how to document these changes in prescribed medications and patient reported medications.

When you document a patient's home medications, there are two types of orders you will encounter:

- Medications that have a prescription in Epic. These appear with the ⌂house icon.
- Patient-reported medications, which don't have a prescription in Epic. These appear with the 👤person icon.

A. To document a patient-reported variance to a prescription, click **Taking Differently** to document that the patient is taking this medication differently than prescribed.
   a. Document how the patient is taking the medication differently than prescribed and click **Accept**.
   b. If you need to undo changes you made, click **Reset to Prescribed Values** in the Order Composer.

## Flagging for Removal

Nurses and medical assistants are able to assist in removing a medication from the current medication list in a patient's chart. Use the hospital definition for Flag for Removal: When therapy has been completed, a substitute medication is available, when there are duplicates on the medication list, or the patient/parent has verified the medication can be removed from the list (the medication has been stopped indefinitely). Steps below will show how this can be accomplished.

1. After reviewing the home medication list with the patient, any medications that the patient is no longer taking and should be removed from the active medication list, hover your mouse over Not Taking and select the new button that appears called "**Not Taking & Flag for Removal**."
2. The medication has now been flagged for removal. The provider will see this flag in the Home Medication section and the Medication Management section in the Plan activity.
3. When finished with reviewing and updating the Home Medications, click **Mark as Reviewed**.

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Patient Reported

Pediatric Multivit-Minerals-C (FLINTSTONES GUMMIES PLUS PO)          Taking (Flagged for Removal) (Edit Taking)

Take by mouth daily, Starting 4/27/2025
Patient not taking. Reported on 6/27/2025

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