

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.

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**.

ACH_ROOMING_TOPIC	Room Number	Consult Orders	Chief Complaint	Travel Screening	Language Access	Vitals
Pain Information	Allergies	Verify Rx Benefits	Home Medications	LDA Clean-Up	LDA Reconciliation	History
Imm/Med Questions	Questionnaires	Quick Questions	Goals	Timeout	Cosign Orders	

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.

Select a Medication

Search:

ID	Name
No items found.	

- 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.

Pediatric Multi-vit-Minerals-C (FLINTSTONES GUMMIES COMPLETE) CHEW

Take by mouth daily Informant: Mother, Last Dose: Taking at Unknown time

at

Product: **Pediatric Multivit-Minerals-C (FLINTSTONES GUMMIES COMPLETE) CHEW**

☐ Dispensed As Written

Dose:

Route:

Frequency:

Duration: Starting: Ending:

Instructions: [Click to add text](#)

Indications:

Indications (Free Text):

Informant:

Provider:

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.

Prescribed

🏠 amphetamine-dextroamphetamine (ADDERALL, 5MG,) 5 MG tablet
Prescribed: Take 1 Tab (5 mg) by mouth 2 times daily Earliest Fill Date: 5/29/14, Disp-30 Tab, R-0, Print
Patient taking differently: 5 mg Oral 3 TIMES DAILY, Reported on 6/27/2025
Refills: 0 ordered

Taking as Prescribed **Taking Differently** Not Taking Unknown ⌛ 📄 ✕

✓ Accept ✕ Cancel

ⓘ If the patient is not taking this medication as prescribed, document the differences below.

Reset to Prescribed Values 5 mg, Oral, 2 TIMES DAILY

Reference Links: • Pediatric Lexicomp • Lexicomp

Dose: 5 mg 7.5 mg 10 mg 12.5 mg 15 mg 20 mg 30 mg

Prescribed Amount: 1 Tablet

Route: Oral

Frequency: 3 TIMES DAILY BID TID

Instructions: 📄 abc ↺ ↻ ⚙️ ⚙️ + Insert SmartText ⌨️ ⬅️ ➡️ 🗑️ 100%

Reason For Variance: Cost Does not agree with medication indication Dose ineffective Indication for medication resolved Other Side Effects
Used for Alternative Therapy





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**.

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