

E-prescribing GSK vaccines for pharmacy administration E-prescribing directly to pharmacy via Allscripts Professional EHR

While in-office vaccinations are common, there are certain cases in which a practice may refer the patient to the pharmacy for vaccination—either they do not stock a particular GSK vaccine, they do not offer vaccination services, or the vaccine is covered in the patient’s pharmacy benefit, such as Medicare Part D. In these cases, the provider can electronically generate (or e-prescribe) a vaccine in Allscripts Professional EHR directly to a patient’s pharmacy for administration.

To e-prescribe a vaccine in an electronic health record (EHR) system, the provider must select multiple prescription elements, such as dosing and quantity, to order the specified product accurately. The process is similar to e-prescribing medications and should be familiar to the provider.

Benefits of e-prescribing directly to a patient’s pharmacy

Practices that cannot, or choose not to, vaccinate a patient in the office can e-prescribe the vaccine to the patient’s pharmacy for administration. This will record the provider’s recommendation for a vaccine in the patient record. Also, when the vaccine is administered in the pharmacy, the pharmacist may report the vaccination to the state immunization registry, and the vaccination could also be reported back to the patient record through the medication history. E-prescribing a vaccine for administration in the pharmacy will help ensure that patients get appropriate vaccines and will help document that vaccination in the patient record for better care coordination.

Considerations when e-prescribing a GSK vaccine:

EHRs may not have exact dosing, packaging, or quantity specific for a vaccine in the default selections in the prescription form. To electronically prescribe a vaccine, providers must include these prescription elements to order the vaccine accurately.

If you have further technical questions, consult your internal or external EHR support resources.

This guide provides a high-level overview of how to e-prescribe GSK vaccines using the Allscripts Professional EHR. The overview is meant to provide guidance for you, your practice’s EHR champion, or IT staff.

Please note that this guide was created based upon Allscripts Professional EHR version 19.4. Screens and features may change as new software versions are released.

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Saving vaccines as Short Lists for e-prescribing

Short Lists enable the provider to create a shortcut for frequently written prescriptions and to save appropriate variables to be included for each prescription. **Short Lists** reduce the number of clicks needed to create a prescription and help ensure consistency in selecting the correct dose, quantity, and dispense unit of measure.

- **Short Lists** can be saved by the individual provider or shared across the practice or an entire health system
- The ability to save a **Short List** may be limited to select users with specific system privileges or subject to practice business policies

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Some practices send patients to local pharmacies to have vaccines administered. In these cases, the prescriptions can be handwritten, or more efficiently, e-prescribed from within the Allscripts Professional EHR.

For a prescription to be written for a vaccine, the vaccine must be available for selection in the Allscripts Professional EHR product list.

When e-prescribing a vaccine with multiple doses in the series, custom instructions (**SIG**) can be created to administer the entire series (such as: administer first dose Day 1 and administer second dose 90 days later). Instructions to the pharmacist to administer the entire series can also be written in the **Pharmacist Notes** section of the e-prescription. The new e-prescription, with the custom **SIG** and **Pharmacist Notes**, can then be saved in the **Short List** so that an e-prescription will be written the same way in the future.

In Allscripts Professional EHR, providers order prescriptions in the **Rx Writer** to transmit them electronically to the patient's pharmacy.

To e-prescribe a vaccine

- Search for the vaccine in the **Search Term** field

The screenshot shows a search interface with the following elements:

- Navigation tabs: Patient Problem List, Patient Medications, My Short Lists, Short Lists, Search
- Buttons: Include, View...
- Source: Medications (dropdown)
- Category: All Medi-Span Entries (dropdown)
- Search Term: Product X (input field)
- Search button (highlighted with a red box)
- Radio buttons: Starts With, Contains
- Search results: Product X - [Rx/Brand]

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- Click the vaccine listed to display the prescription writer
- Enter Strength, Dose, Frequency, then Quantity, as appropriate
- Enter administration details into the **Pharmacist Notes** field

The screenshot shows the 'Prescription' tab of the Allscripts Professional EHR interface. At the top, there are tabs for 'Prescription', 'Additional Diagnoses', 'Education', and 'Alternatives'. The 'Prescription' tab is active, showing a 'Use Generic' button and a text field containing 'Product X'. Below this, there are several input fields: 'Strength' (dropdown), 'Dose...' (dropdown), 'Frequency' (dropdown), 'Based On:' (text field), 'Status:' (dropdown set to 'Active'), 'Reason:' (text field), 'Start Date:' (text field with '(Today)' and a calendar icon), and 'Samples Given:' (checkbox and text field). There are also checkboxes for 'Medically Necessary' and 'Dispense as Written' (checked). Below these fields are two tabs: 'Local Prescription' and 'Mail Order Prescription'. The 'Local Prescription' tab is active, showing an information icon and the text 'A local prescription will be included.' Below this are fields for 'Days:' (dropdown with a calendar icon), 'Quantity:' (dropdown with a unit dropdown set to 'mL'), 'Refills:' (dropdown), and 'Refill Quantity:' (dropdown with a unit dropdown). There are also buttons for 'Calculate Quantity', 'Qty', and 'Clear'. To the right of these fields is a 'Pharmacist Notes:' section with a large text area.

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