

## E-prescribing GSK vaccines for pharmacy administration E-prescribing directly to pharmacy via athenaClinicals 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 athenaClinicals 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 athenaClinicals 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 athenaClinicals EHR version 19. Screens and features may change as new software versions are released.*

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## Most Frequently Written list for e-prescribing

athenaClinicals EHR does not have the ability to explicitly save prescriptions as Favorites. It does, however, save a list of most frequently written prescriptions, which offers similar benefits to Favorites.

The following describes the process for prescribing the vaccine from the **Most Frequently Written** list in athenaClinicals EHR:

- The provider completes an appropriately formatted prescription for the vaccine. The system automatically saves this prescription
- The next time the provider needs to write a prescription for the vaccine, he/she can search for the drug, and a list of the provider's most frequently written prescriptions will display
- The provider selects the saved prescription for the vaccine. He/she can now make any edits as necessary. The completed prescription is now ready to be transmitted to the pharmacy
- It is helpful to remember that the athenaClinicals EHR system saves the first prescription written for a medication. Thereafter, the provider can easily select this saved prescription on a patient-by-patient basis and modify as needed

It is not possible to edit the **Most Frequently Written** list in athenaClinicals EHR. The only editing option available is to delete the prescription from the list completely. Writing a new, correct prescription will automatically add it to the list.

## E-prescribing vaccines in athenaClinicals EHR

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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 athenaClinicals EHR.

For a prescription to be written for a vaccine, the vaccine must be available for selection in the athenaClinicals 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 on Day 1 and administer second dose 90 days later). Instructions to the pharmacist to administer the entire series can also be written in the **Note to Pharmacy** section of the e-prescription. In athenaClinicals EHR, the **Note to Pharmacy** is not saved with the **Most Frequently Written** list, so it must be included each time an e-prescription for a vaccine is written.

In athenaClinicals EHR, providers order prescriptions using **Medication Orders** and transmit them electronically to the patient's pharmacy.

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## To e-prescribe a vaccine

- Search for the vaccine in the **Search** field under the **Medication** tab

- Select the vaccine to display the default patient instructions (called **SIG**)

- Enter appropriate Qty and unit of measure. Select **DAW (Dispense As Written)** to request no substitution
- Click **Unstructured** and enter appropriate **SIG** in the free text field
- Enter administration details in the **Note to Pharmacy** field
- Select the appropriate pharmacy and transmit the vaccine prescription to the pharmacy

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