

E-prescribing GSK vaccines for pharmacy administration E-prescribing directly to pharmacy via athenaPractice (Centricity) 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 athenaPractice (Centricity) 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 athenaPractice 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 athenaPractice (Centricity) EHR version 18. Screens and features may change as new software versions are released.

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Saving vaccines as Custom Lists for e-prescribing

Custom Lists enable the provider to create a shortcut for frequently written prescriptions and to save appropriate variables to be included for each prescription. **Custom 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.

- **Custom Lists** can be saved by the individual provider or shared across the practice or an entire health system
- The ability to save as a **Custom 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 athenaPractice (Centricity) EHR.

For a prescription to be written for a vaccine, the vaccine must be available for selection in the athenaPractice (Centricity) 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. The **Note to Pharmacy** is automatically saved with the **Custom List**, so it will be included each time an e-prescription for a vaccine is written from the **Custom List**.

In athenaPractice (Centricity) EHR, providers order prescriptions in **New Medication** orders and transmit them electronically to the patient's pharmacy.

To e-prescribe a vaccine

- In the **New Medication** window, click the **Reference List** button to open the **Find Medication** window

New Medication	
Name:	Find Medication
Birth: 01/10/1966	Custom List: <input type="text"/> ▼ Reference List...
Age: 51 Years Old	<input type="text"/> ▼
Sex: Female	
Height: 63 in (160.0cm*)	Formulary: <None>

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- In the **Find Medication** window, type the desired product, (i.e. the vaccine name) into the **Search for** field and click **Search**; select the product from the search results and click **OK**

Brand Name	Generic Name	Type	Avg. S
Product X	Product X	Brand	

- The selected vaccine displays in the **Define Medication** section of the **New Medication** window
- Enter the directions (**SIG**) for the medication into the **Instructions** field
- Fill out Quantity, Refills, and other instructions as appropriate
- Place a check in the **Brand Medically Necessary** checkbox to ensure the medication is dispensed as written
- Enter administration details in the **Pharmacy** field
- Click the **Save & Continue** button to complete the prescription

Find Medication

Custom List: [dropdown] Reference List...

Formulary: <None>

Define Medication

Medication: Product X

Instructions: Dispense (1) vial

Start Date: [calendar] Stop Date: [calendar] Dosing Calculator

Duration: [dropdown] [radio] Days [radio] Weeks [radio] Months Monograph

Prescription

Quantity: 1 Refills: 0 [checkbox] Brand Medically Necessary [checkbox] Print Pt. Handout

Pharmacy: [Select...] Authorized By: [dropdown]

Prescribing Method: [dropdown] State: [dropdown]

Note to Pharmacy: [text area]

Add to custom list: [checkbox] Drug [checkbox] Instructions/Duration [checkbox] Qty/Refills

Save & Continue OK Cancel

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