

MEDICATION RECONCILIATION FAQs

1) What if I am not comfortable addressing a certain medication or, for example, another physician's medication?

- If it is a home medication, you can choose the "Def" button to defer.
- If it is an inpatient medication, and the only option is to continue or cancel, you should choose to continue the medication. The physician whom originally ordered the med is the one responsible and whose name is on the order. If you continue a med that someone else ordered, you are really just "acknowledging" that another physician ordered it. It does not send a duplicate order to pharmacy and it does not link that med to you or put your name on it. The physician who originally ordered it would be responsible for canceling it if desired.

2) If I am the primary care physician and am doing a discharge medication reconciliation, do I have to wait for the specialist to address their meds before I can do the discharge? For example, what if the Cardiologist rounds much later than me and I am already home?

- In this situation, the attending physician would start the discharge medication reconciliation and address all of their meds. Then you would click on the "save as draft" button.

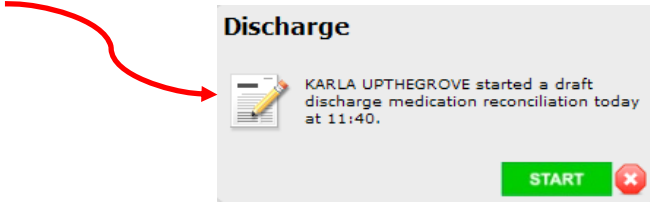
The screenshot shows a web-based medication reconciliation interface. At the top, it says "Discharge Draft - Home & Inpatient Meds". Below this is a table of medications, grouped by therapeutic class. A red arrow points from the top right of the table down to the "save as draft" button at the bottom of the interface.

Name	Dose, Route, Frequency	Actions
Antibacterial Agents		
UNK CEFTRIAXONE/NS 1GM ADD-EZ (ROCEPHIN) NS MB 0.9 %	1 GM INTRAVENOUS EVERY HOUR 50 ML	Cont Mod DC
Anticoagulants		
UNK WARFARIN (COUMADIN) WARFARIN	5 MG ORAL EVERY HOUR 4 MG	Cont Mod DC
Antihistamines		
UNK diphenhydrAMINE (BENADRYL) FAMOTIDINE	50 MG/1 ML INTRAVENOUS EVERY HOUR 30 MG	Cont Mod DC
Cardiac Inotropes		
UNK DIGOXIN (LANOXIN)	125 MCG ORAL EVERY HOUR	Cont Mod DC
Corticosteroids		
UNK predniSONE (DELTASONE)	40 MG ORAL EVERY HOUR	Cont Mod DC
Smoking Deterrents and Combinations		
UNK NICOTINE 14 MG/24 HR (NICODERM CO)	14 MG TRANSDERMAL EVERY HOUR	Cont Mod DC

At the bottom of the interface, there are several buttons: "complete", "save as draft" (highlighted with a red box), "cancel draft", "Link Meds", "view previous report", and "Add Home Medication".

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- If you log in to do a discharge medication reconciliation and see that a draft has already been started,



then click on the green "START" button to continue from where the previous physician left off. It is your responsibility to open a draft and see if any of the meds you ordered are on there and to address them. **Note:** do not click the red stop sign with a white x unless you want to completely delete the draft that someone started. The whole thing would then need to be redone.

NOTE: you should never "save as draft" when doing an admission medication reconciliation as it would prevent those meds from being processed by the pharmacy. The med recon must be "Completed" before the "Cont" meds will cross over to pharmacy.

3) What if it is the middle of the night or I am out and unable to reach a computer?

- If you are unable to complete the electronic medication reconciliation, the nurse can enter the essential meds needed to care for the patient as "one time" verbal orders in CPOE. The nurses do not have access to actually complete an electronic medication reconciliation for you, therefore, you would still need to complete it once you do have access to a computer.

4) Will the Emergency Department physicians be doing electronic medication reconciliation?

- The ED physicians will provide electronic medication reconciliation for ONLY the admits that they previously completed the paper medication reconciliation form for. This includes the admits for everyone EXCEPT Staff Medicine, Family Practice, ICU, and the Academic Hospitalist group as those services perform their own when the patient reaches the floor.

5) Are electronic medication reconciliations required for any outpatients?

- All outpatients and same day surgery patients will have their medication reconciliation done on paper. However, if an outpatient is admitted, then you would do an admission medication reconciliation electronically.

6) What is the procedure in the PACU (recovery room)?

- PACU orders should be discontinued when the patient is "moved" electronically to an inpatient bed location. The pharmacy will process the med recon discontinued PACU medications once the patient physically leaves the recovery room.

7) What is the process for Post-Op patients?

- The Post Op order sets have been set up to automatically prompt for a transfer medication reconciliation. A transfer med recon will address home meds and inpatient meds if an admission med recon was never completed on the patient.

8) What do the different symbols or icons mean when completing a medication reconciliation?

- Home Medication

- Discontinue Pending

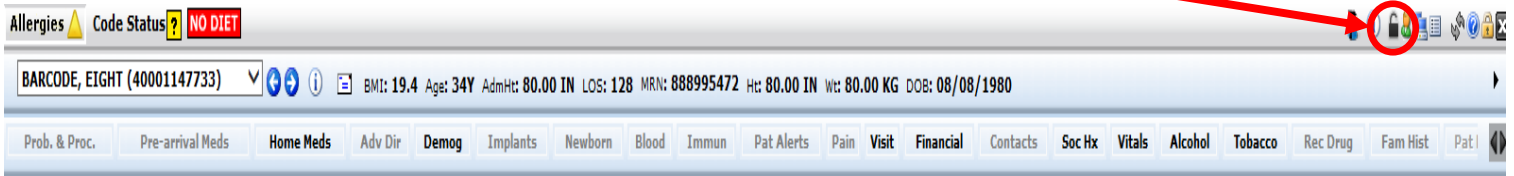
- Hold Pending

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9) What if I try to do a Medication Reconciliation and get an error stating that it's "locked" and I'm unable to proceed?

Submit	Hold	Discontinue	Cancel Req	Resume	Renew	Reorder	RX Relationships	RX Alerts	Co-Sign	Clipboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Group by Area
All actions are not allowed on Med Orders because Medication Reconciliation is currently locked by user: DONNA BILODEAU since: 9/17/2014 2:55:50 PM											
Order Status	Processing Status ▼	Description	Area	Type	Freq	Start	Stop	Original (
	Add Pending	TOPIRAMATE 100 MG ORAL	RX	MED	TWICE A DAY			MUSHTAQ			

- All Physicians, Medical Staff, and SuperUsers have the ability to unlock the account. Click the black "padlock" in the upper right hand corner of the screen:



- The following screen will appear. Click the blue padlock to unlock the account and proceed with your med recon.

