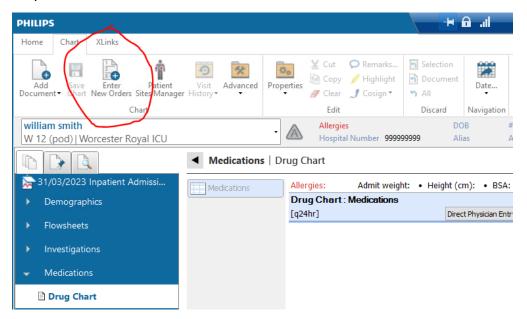
# How to prescribe a suspended medication in ICCA and how to activate it later on in the patient's stay on ITU

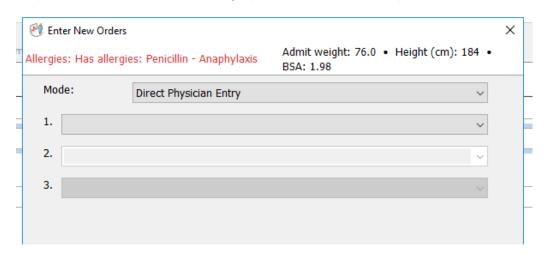
This guide shows how to prescribe a suspended medication in ICCA, and also how to activate that prescription later when clinically appropriate. This function is useful for preadmission regular medications which you may want to be aware of, but do not want the patient to receive at this point in time. Pharmacists may add suspended pre-admission medications when they check the patient's medication history.

Step 1: Access the correct patient's record on ICCA

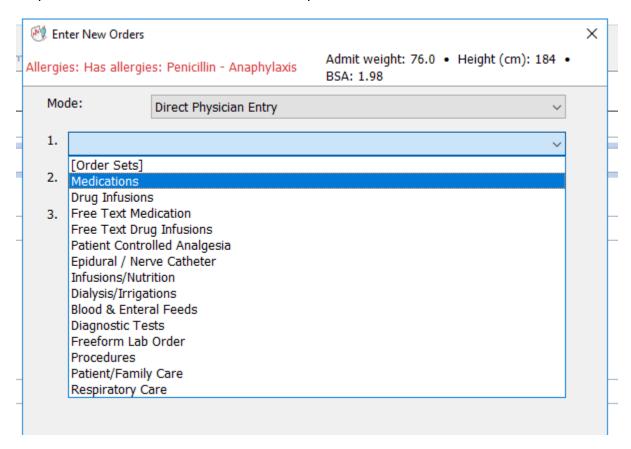
Step 2: Click on 'Enter New Order'



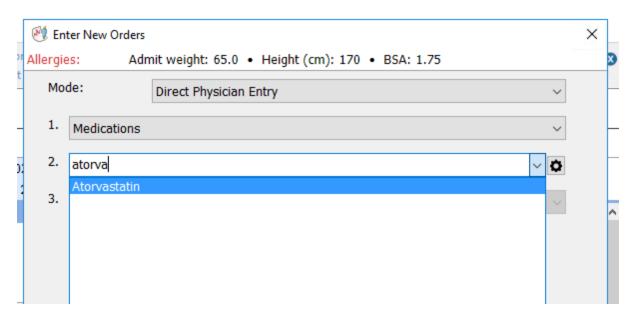
Step 3: Make a note of the demographic information in the patient banner



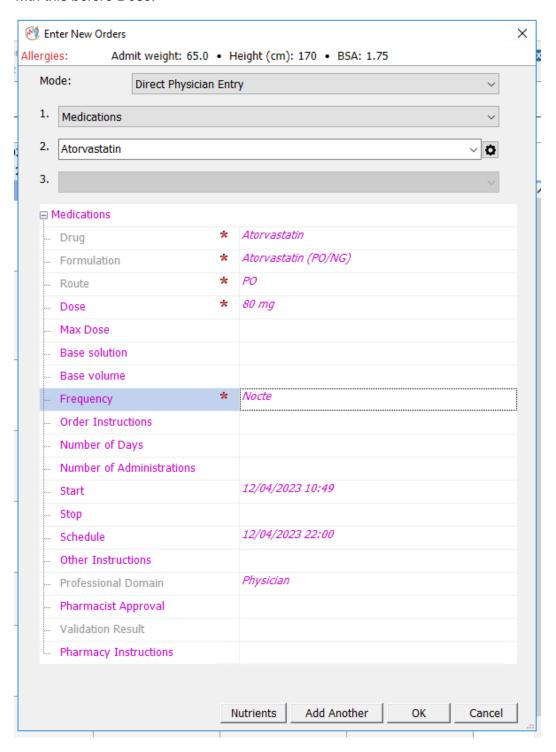
Step 4: Select 'Medications' from the first drop down list



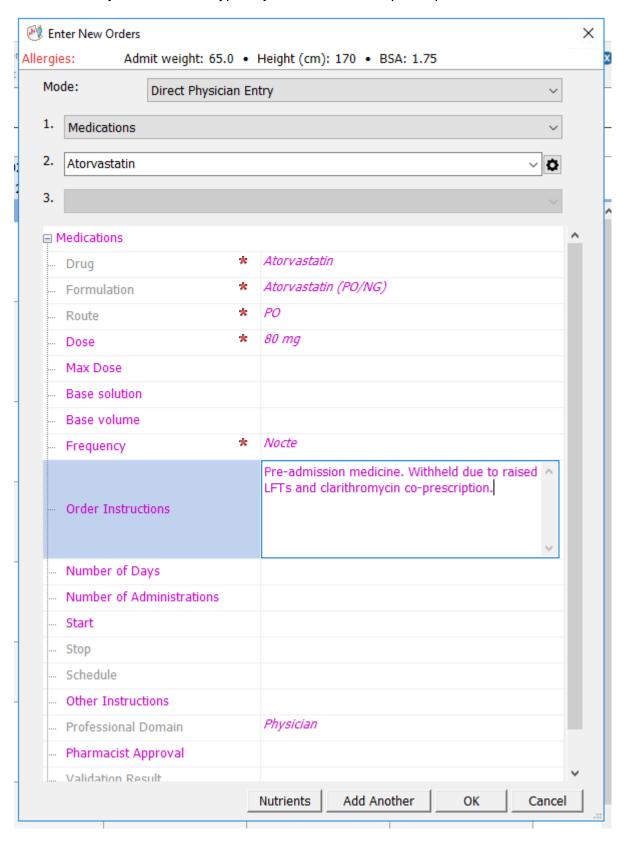
Step 5: Type in the name of the medication you want to prescribe. If you can't find it, double check your spelling! (then see Appendix 1 if it is not in the formulary)



Step 6: Select the most suitable standard order from the drop down list, if there is one. These can be edited once selected, or if you choose the blank option represented here then the information on dose and frequency will need to be added. *If Route is blank, then start with this before Dose.* 

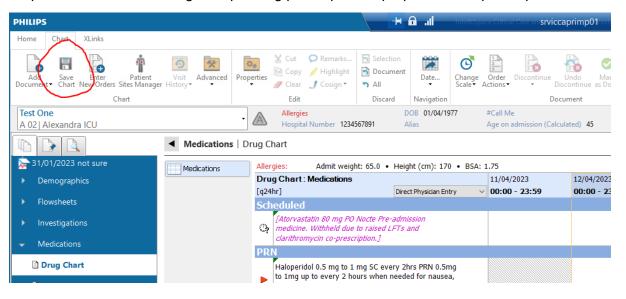


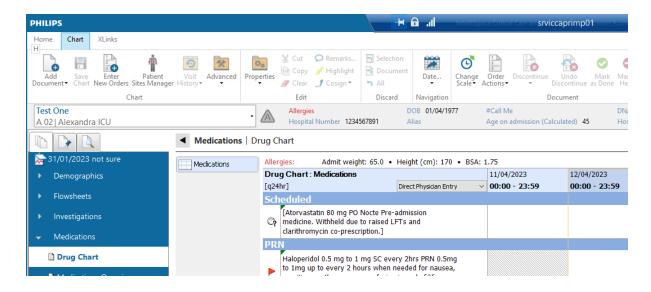
Step 7: Delete the Start date and time. Extra information can be added in the 'Order Instructions' if you wish to free type any comments on the prescription.



Step 7: Once you are happy with the details of the prescription, press OK or Add Another if you wish to prescribe more than one item.

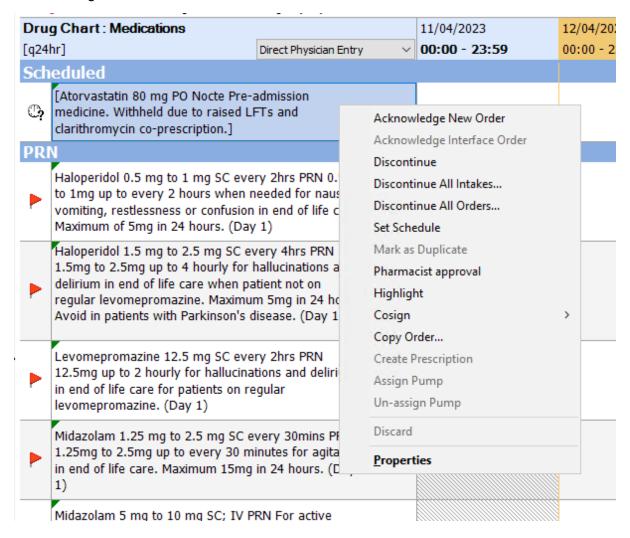
Step 8: Save Chart to change the pending prescription in purple to a live prescription in black



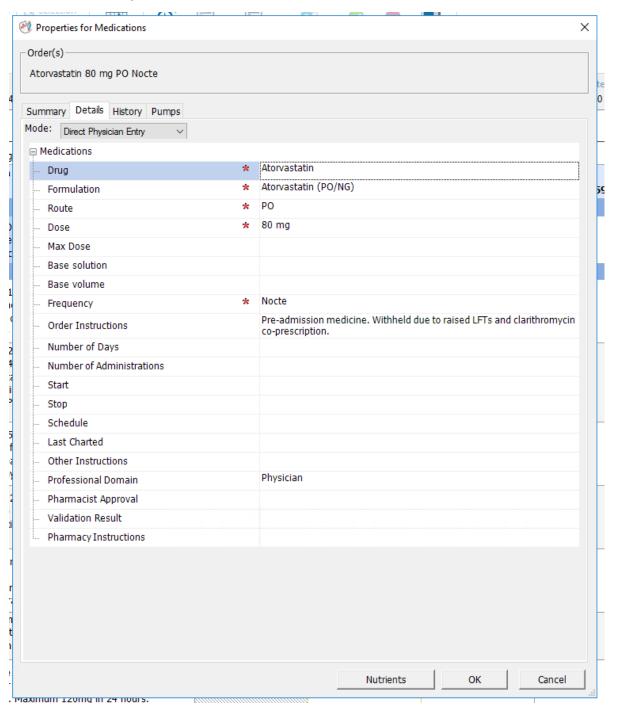


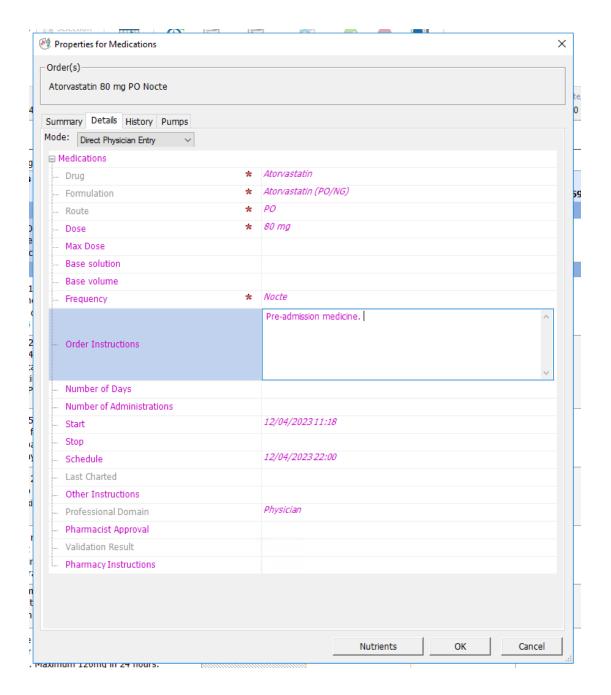
The clock and question mark symbol and the brackets around the prescription show that this is merely a placeholder and no doses can be administered by nursing staff.

Step 9: When you want this prescription to become active, right click on the box to bring up the following menu

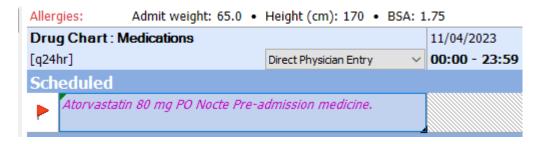


Step 10: Click on Set Schedule which brings up the prescription, and enter a start date. Consider amending Order Instructions as appropriate too.

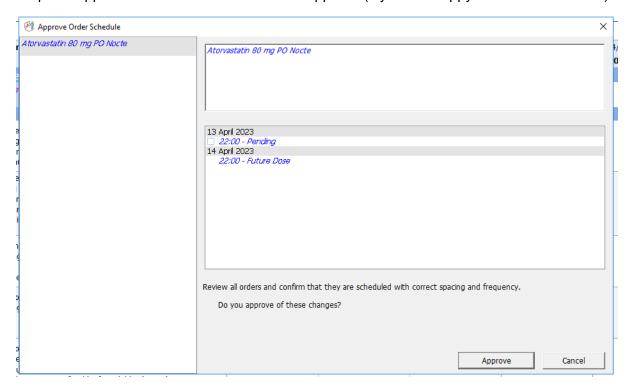




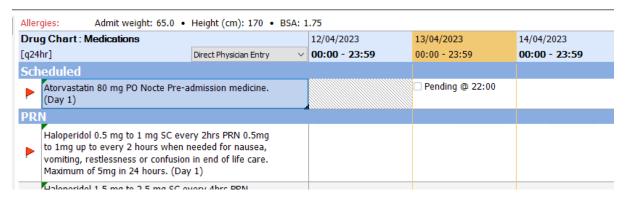
Step 11: Click on OK until you have the purple prescription in the drug chart, and then Save Chart as before.



Step 12: Approve the Order Schedule which appears (if you are happy with the information)

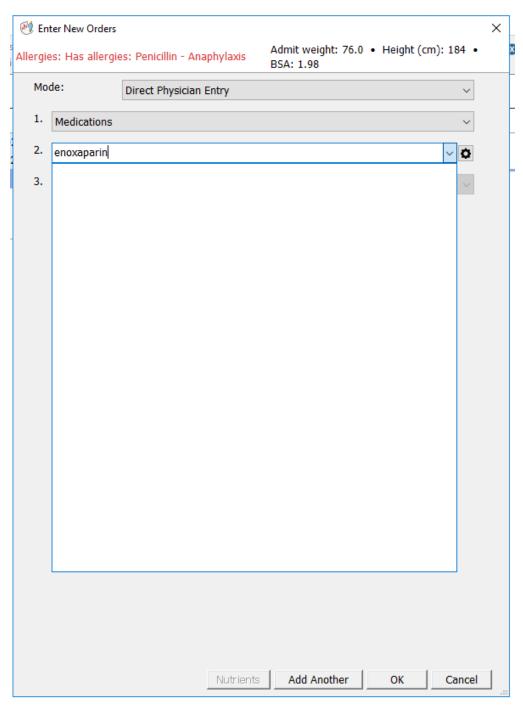


#### The prescription is now ready to be administered:

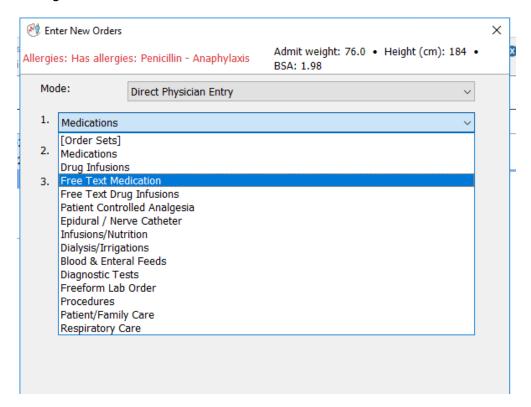


## Appendix 1: what to do if the medication you need to prescribe is not in the ICCA formulary

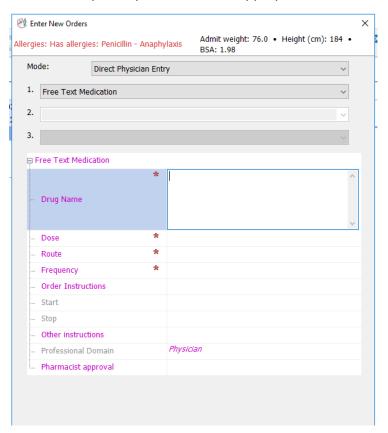
If a drug is not in the formulary, then it will not give you any suggestions when you type in the name correctly.

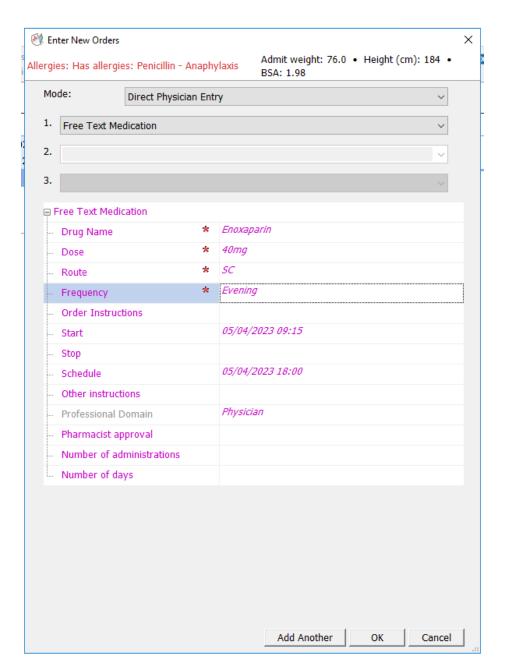


## Change from 'Medications' to 'Free Text Medication'



#### Enter all the prescription details as appropriate





Remove start date and time, then press OK and Save Chart as per the instructions above.