

Documenting Medication History within Cerner's PowerChart for Nurses

Documenting a patient's medication history in Cerner's PowerChart involves accurately entering and reviewing medication-related information to ensure precise medical records. The goal is to maintain an up-to-date and comprehensive medication list, enabling the provider to complete the medication reconciliation process. This is a nursing responsibility that needs completed for every patient visit, regardless of the type of visit.

Key Points:

- **Conduct the Best Possible Medication History (BPMH)** to ensure the provider has the most current and accurate list for informed decision-making.
- Medications on the "Document meds by hx" screen may be outdated.
- Medication history and prescriptions may carry over from previous encounters in Cerner, potentially reflecting medications from months or years ago.
- **DO NOT** click "Document History" without verifying the information.

Steps to Document Medication History:

1. Access the Meds/Allergies Tab:

- Open the patient's intake form and locate the "Meds/Allergies" tab.
- Once open, click "Document Medication by HX."

The screenshot displays the Cerner PowerChart interface. On the left, a vertical sidebar contains various tabs, with 'Meds / Allergies' highlighted in blue and circled in orange. The main content area is divided into two sections. The top section, titled 'Allergies', includes a 'Mark All as Reviewed' button, 'Add' and 'Modify' buttons, and a 'No Known Allergy' button. Below this is a table with columns for 'Substance', 'Terminology', and 'Category'. The bottom section, titled 'Medications / Prescription', features a '+ Add' button and a 'Document Medication by Hx' button, which is also circled in orange. Below these buttons is a 'View' section with checkboxes for 'Activity' and 'Admit/Transfer/Discharge/Status'.

2. If No Medications are Being Taken:

- If the patient is not taking any medications at home, select the "No Known Home Medications" checkbox.

Age: 15 years Height: 165 cm Weight: 80 kg BMI: 29.4 DOB: 10/15/1978
Sex: Male Fin#: 60000002 Loc: SCHD Clinic
xDocs: (6) New Contact: Dill, Robert S ... ATTND: C

Pharmacy Medication History

☐ No Known Home Medications ☐ Unable To Obtain Information ☐ Use Last Compliance

	Last Dose Date/Time	Information Source	Compliance...	Compliance Cor
✓ Last Documented On 9/25/2024 12:25 CDT (Morris (CommWx) SCHDCO, Zach)				

3. Review Existing Medication History:

- Review the patient's current and past medication history, which may already be populated in the system. PowerChart often pulls data from previous healthcare encounters or external providers.
- Categories to review:
 - **Current Medications:** Medications the patient is actively taking.
 - **Home Medications:** This includes prescriptions from other providers, over-the-counter medications, and herbal supplements.

4. Document New Medication History:

- If the patient has new medications or updates, follow these steps:
1. Click on the "Add Medication" or "Medication History" button.
 2. Enter the medication details:
 - **Medication Name:** Type or select from the dropdown list.
 - **Dosage:** Specify the dosage (e.g., 50 mg, 5 mL).
 - **Route:** Indicate the method of administration (oral, IV, etc.).
 - **Frequency:** Specify how often the medication is taken (e.g., every 4 hours, daily).
 - **Start and End Dates:** Include the start and end dates (if applicable).

0. Complete Status, Information source and Last dose
1. If patient is Not taking or is Not taking as prescribed – Add comment as to reason. (Required field)

2. Compare the medications listed in PowerChart with the patient's reported medications and make any necessary adjustments.

- After entering or reviewing medications, confirm that all entries are correct and up to date.
- Double-check for any errors in dosage, frequency, or other critical details.

- Once the medication history is complete or updated, sign off on the documentation by clicking the “Document History” button at the bottom right-hand corner.

- If completed correctly, a green checkmark will appear, confirming the entry. This allows the provider to complete the Med reconciliation.

ACO:

Reconciliation Status

✓ Meds History ! Admission ! Outpatient