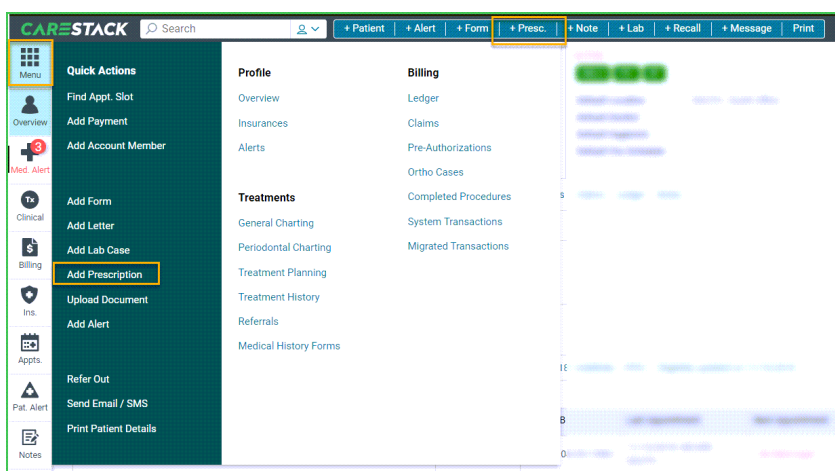# Lesson Summary: Prescriptions

Overview

When most people think of dentistry, they don't think of prescriptions first. Or second. Or even third. Yet, a patient's current prescriptions can impact your treatment choices - extractions and blood thinners don't mix.

You may need to prescribe medications too -antibiotics, pain killers, and super strong mouthwash.
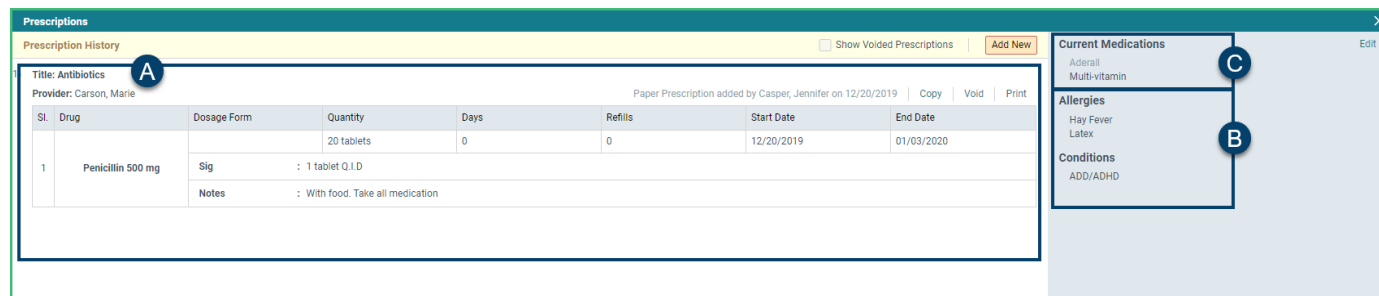
Prescription Slider

You have two options for opening the prescription slider. Before you can use either of them, you'll first have to be in the patient profile. After all, prescriptions are for a person.

With your patient, you can either click the **+Presc.** quick link or take two clicks to go through the **Menu** icon.

Both navigation options imply that you will begin adding a prescription. But neither one actually jumps you into the middle of the prescribing process.

Instead, they both take you into the prescription slider, where you can work with the patient's existing medications or prescribe one yourself either on paper or electronically.

A: Medications prescribed by providers in YOUR practice.

B: Allergies and Conditions entered in the CareStack Health History

C: Medications prescribed by other providers at other practices that must be entered manually.

Add Prescription: Prescribed Elsewhere

Even when you are not the prescribing doctor, it is important to know what other medications the patient is taking, so CareStack offers those details to you in the prescription slider.

The information does NOT flow automatically from the health history or other document, but must be added in directly. To add an existing medication:

1. Click **Edit** in the grey panel on the right side of the slider.
2. Click the **+Add New** link.
3. Complete the medication details. You don't need dosage, just the medication and dates.
4. Click the check-mark to accept the medication.

You can do that as many times as you need. Close the window when you are finished.

Add Prescription: Prescribed on Paper

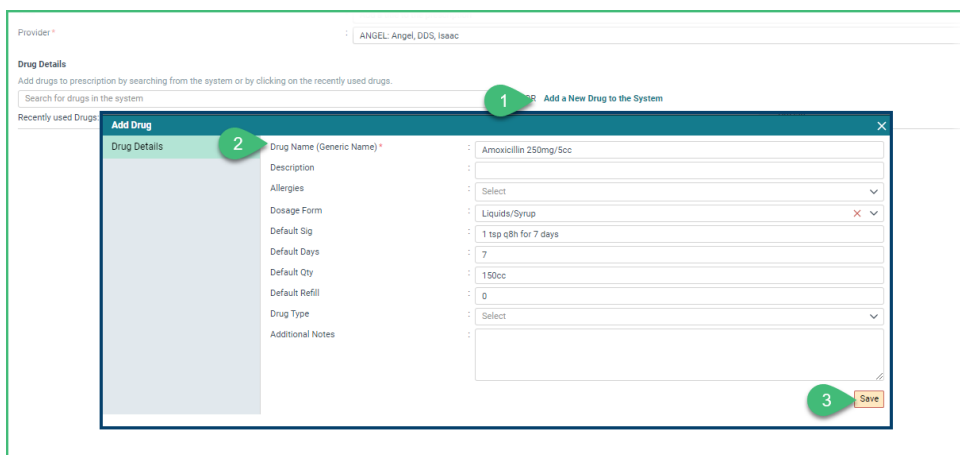It's time for you to prescribe medications of your own.

You can add the prescription in CareStack and print it directly from the record for the patient to take to the pharmacy. To prescribe medication:

1. Click the **Add New** button.
2. Select the **provider**.
3. Select the **medication** from the drop-down list.
4. Review or update the dispensing details as appropriate.
5. Click **Save** or **Save and Print**.

When the Medication Isn't There

Having your preferred dosage instructions saved will speed your prescription process by completing the sig with your saved defaults. You can add your medication as you add the prescription. To add your medication to CareStack, begin by adding the prescription and then:

1. Click the **Add a New Drug to the System** link.
2. Add the details as appropriate. The more you add, the more that will populate for you.
3. Click **Save**.

The medication will be added to the patient with the sig instructions and available in the drop-down list to be used again.

Add Prescription: ePrescribe

If your practice has requested the option and it is fully configured, you can use the integrated **DoseSpot** tool to electronically prescribe your patients' medications. It saves you a bit of paper and prevents the prescription from getting lost on the way to the pharmacy.
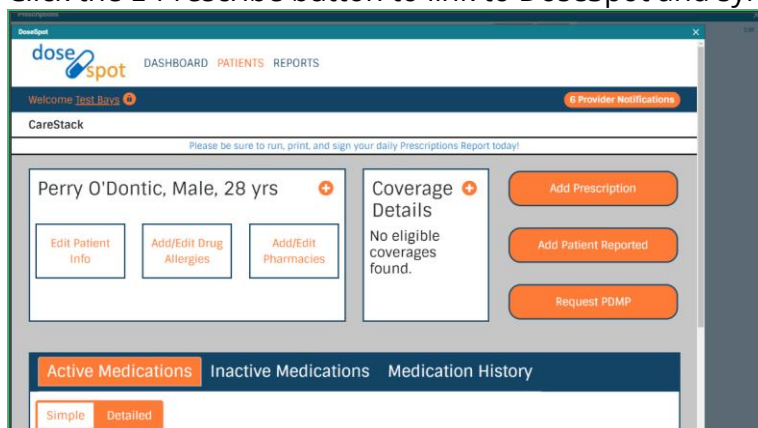
You will only see the E-Prescribe button when:

- Your practice has enrolled with DoseSpot.
- DoseSpot has been enabled for your practice by the CareStack support team.
- The location and provider have been configured in CareStack and in the DoseSpot portal.
- You are logged in as a configured provider.

If one of these elements is missing, you will not see the E-Prescribe button. Reach out to your manager or your CareStack Account Executive for more details.
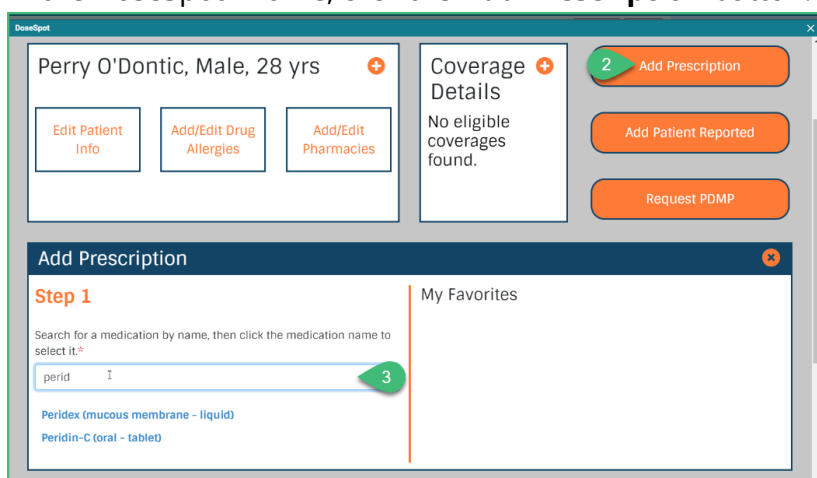
To ePrescribe medication:

1. Click the E-Prescribe button to link to DoseSpot and synchronize the patient profiles.
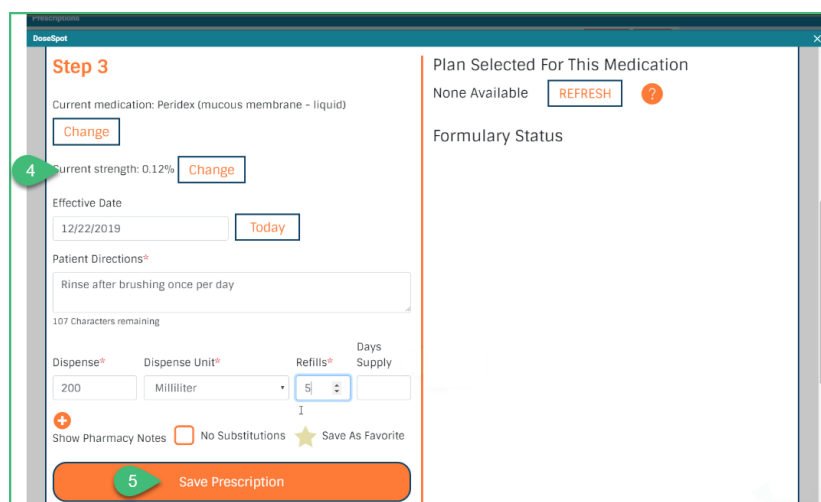

The patient's name, birthdate, and contact information come from CareStack. A mobile number is required.

You will need to add any drug allergies and the patient's preferred pharmacy.

2. In the DoseSpot iFrame, click the **Add Prescription** button.

3. Select the medication from the drop-down list, including the medication strength if required.
4. Review or update the dispensing details as appropriate.
5. Click **Save Prescription**.

Notice the prescription doesn't get sent immediately, instead, you can repeat the process for additional medications. When you have all the required prescriptions:

1. Select the prescription(s) to send
2. Click **Approve and Send**.

3. Enter the provider PIN if required.

The electronic prescription is on its way to the pharmacy.