

Electronic Prescribing of Controlled Substances (EPOCS)

For Ambulatory Nursing Staff the only changes to your workflow will be:

1. When you get to the box shown below, you'll need to choose "Proposal" instead of "Order".

The screenshot shows the EPOCS interface for patient ZZTEST, MARY. A dialog box titled 'Ordering Physician' is open, showing options to 'Order' or 'Proposal' (selected). Under 'Communication type', 'Written/Electronic Protocol/Standing Order' is selected. The dialog also shows fields for 'Physician name', 'Order Date/Time', and 'Initiate Protocol/Proposed Pending Approval'.

2. Instead of printing the prescription, you'll need to choose a pharmacy to send the prescription to (see below). Most pharmacies will have the capability to receive controlled e-prescriptions. If they do not, you'll need to print the prescription.

The screenshot shows the 'Details for oxyCODONE (oxyCODONE 5 mg oral capsule)' form. The 'Send To' dropdown menu is highlighted, showing the selected pharmacy 'mh_mc_fmns1524'. The form includes fields for 'Dose', 'Route of Adminstr.', 'Frequency', 'Duration', 'Dispense', 'Refill', 'PRN', 'Indication', 'Type Of Therapy', 'Brand Medically Necessary', 'Print Education Leaflet?', 'Dose Form', 'Max Daily Dose', 'Max Daily Dose Unit', 'Special Instructions', 'Start Date/Time', 'Stop Date/Time', 'Select Prescriber Address', 'Print DEA Number', 'Samples', 'eRx Note to Pharmacy', and 'Special Instructions (Pharmacy)'.

A message will be sent to the provider in Cerner asking for approval of the controlled substance and instructing them to enter a security code. They will receive a message through the Duo app on their phone giving them the security code to enter into Cerner. Once these steps are completed the prescription will be sent to the pharmacy.

Nursing staff will still need to follow departmental policy for refilling controlled substances, such as checking for early refill requests, non-compliance with appointments, etc.