

Medications – Freetext Medications and Infusions



This Quick Reference Guide will explain how to:

Prescribe freetext medications and infusions (medications NOT in the EMR catalogue).

There will be instances when the medication you want to prescribe cannot be found in the EMR.

Some examples could be:

- Overseas medications
- Complementary and Alternative Medications (CAMs).

Key points

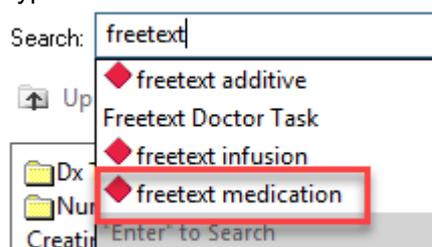
Freetext medications are NOT added to the EMR's in-built warning system (clinical decision support)

There will be no alerts for drug interactions, drug allergies, drug duplication etc.

Freetext medications are only to be used for medications that don't exist in the EMR.

Ordering Freetext Medications

1. Go to **Orders and Referrals + Add** in the Table of Contents and click **+Add**
2. Type "freetext" into the Search field and select **freetext medication**



- Complete all mandatory fields highlighted yellow. In the **Freetext dose** field, always accompany dose with correct units e.g. 1 tablet, 20 mL

Details for freetext medication

Details | Order Comments | Diagnoses

Strength dose unit:

Volume dose unit:

*Medication name: **Hair Skin and Nails BM** Strength dose:

*Route of administration: **Oral** Volume dose:

*Frequency: **daily** *Freetext dose: **1 tablet**

PRN reason: Drug Form:

PRN: Yes No

Max dose per 24 hours:

Remaining Ad:

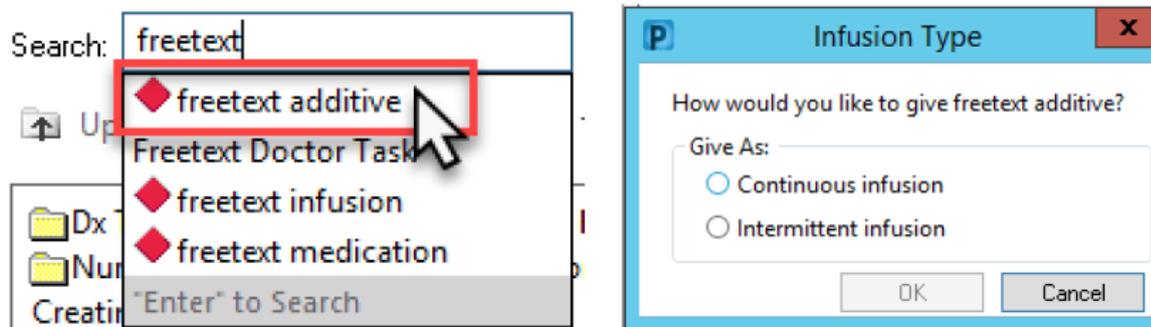
- Sign the order and review the **MAR/MAR Summary**

Ordering Freetext Infusions

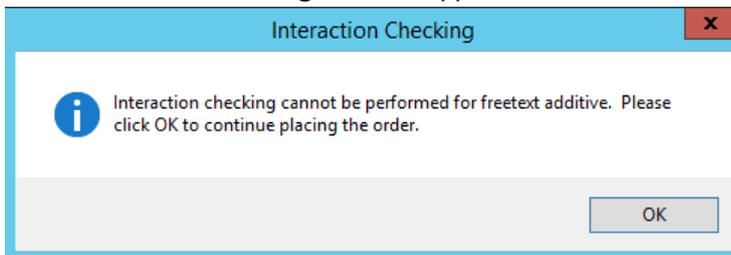
Ordering a FREETEXT ADDITIVE:

To be used when the additive (medication) component of the infusion is not in the EMR.

- Go to **Orders and Referrals + Add** in the Table of Contents and select **+Add**
- Search "freetext" into the Search field and select **freetext additive**
- Select the **Infusion Type** and select **OK**



- An **Interaction Checking** alert will appear. Select **OK**



5. Select the **Base Solution** icon. Search for and select the required diluent, e.g. sodium chloride 0.9% infusion (BAG BY BAG) and select **Done**

Base Solution	Bag Volume	Rate	Infuse Over	
				
Additive	Additive Dose	Normalized Rate	Delivers	Occurrence
 freetext additive				EB
				
Total Bag Volume				

6. Replace the words “freetext additive” with the required additive
7. Complete the **Additive Dose** field, including units

Base Solution	Bag Volume	Rate	Infuse Over	
 sodium chloride 0.9% infusion (BAG BY BAG)	mL	 mL/hr	hr(s)	
Additive	Additive Dose	Normalized Rate	Delivers	Occurrence
 freetext additive				EOB-S2
				
Total Bag Volume	mL			

8. Complete all other mandatory fields

Base Solution	Bag Volume	Rate	Infuse Over	
 sodium chloride 0.9% infusion (BAG BY BAG)	500 mL	 250 mL/hr	2 hr(s)	
Additive	Additive Dose	Normalized Rate	Delivers	Occurrence
 AZ9876 Clinical Trial Drug	20 mg	 10 mg/hr	10 mg/hr	EB
				
Total Bag Volume	500 mL			

9. Check the **Details** tab and enter any required **Order Comments**
10. Sign the order and review the **MAR/MAR Summary**

Ordering a FREETEXT INFUSION:

To be used when the diluent (fluid) is not in the EMR.

1. Go to  in the Table of Contents and select **+Add**
2. Search “freetext” and select **freetext infusion**

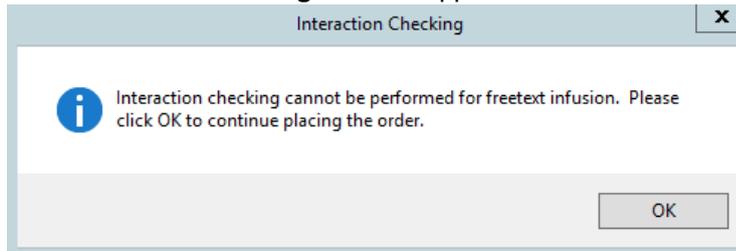
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-  freetext additive
- Freetext Doctor Task
-  **freetext infusion**
-  freetext medication



3. An **Interaction Checking** alert will appear. Select **OK**



4. Replace the words “freetext infusion” with the required diluent

Base Solution	Bag Volume	Rate	Infuse Over	
freetext infusion	mL	mL/hr	hr(s)	
Additive	Additive Dose	Normalized Rate	Delivers	Occurrence
Total Bag Volume		mL		

5. Complete all other mandatory fields

Base Solution	Bag Volume	Rate	Infuse Over	
Plasma-Lyte 148	1000 mL	125 mL/hr	8 hr(s)	
Additive	Additive Dose	Normalized Rate	Delivers	Occurrence
Total Bag Volume		1000 mL		

6. Check the **Details** tab

Note: Duration should always be entered in “bag(s)”

Drug Form:

Duration:

*First Dose Date / Time: 08/12/2020 12:39 AEDT

Priority: Routine

Stop type:

Route of administration: IV Infusion

*Duration unit:

Indication:

Stop Date/Time:

Bolus Dose:

7. Enter any required **Order Comments**

8. Sign the order and review the **MAR/MAR Summary**