

# From the Office of Clinical Informatics Barcode Medication Administration Tips & Tricks

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The following information outlines reminders and tips to assist with Barcode Medication Administration (BCMA) within Cerner.

# **Vaccine Administration Tips**

When scanning a vaccine QR code, the lot number, manufacturer, and expiration date may not automatically populate. If this happens, follow the steps below:

STEP 1: Exit the medication documentation window to return to the **Medication**Administration wizard.

<u>STEP 2</u>: Uncheck the box next to the vaccine.

**STEP 3**: Re-scan the QR code, making sure

to hold the scanner directly above the barcode, until you hear a beep to confirm the scan was captured.

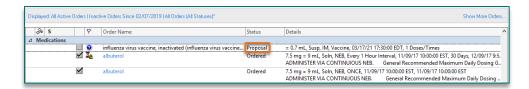
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If a medication will not scan, submit a Help Desk ticket with the medication name, NDC number, lot number, expiration date, manufacturer, and practice name/location.

# **Medication Order Status Reminder**

Confirm medication is in an Ordered status before administering. If the medication is in a Proposed status, the order is not active and cannot be scanned.



# **Correct Encounter Reminder**

- ➤ Within PowerChart, open the patient's chart from the Ambulatory organizer to confirm you have the correct encounter.
- > If working within FirstNet, open the patient's chart from ED LaunchPoint.
- ➤ If documentation of the medication administration occurs on the wrong FIN, it will need to be corrected.

### Patient Wristband or Wristband Sheet

- ➤ It is important to scan the patient's wristband/wristband sheet to assist in safely identifying the patient.
  - If working in a practice that uses wristband sheets, these should be printed and attached to the patient's paperwork upon check in.