

What is ePrescribing?

Electronic Prescribing, known as “ePrescribing”, allows health care professionals to seamlessly transmit a new, changed, refilled, or canceled prescription to a pharmacy. ePrescribing improves patient safety and medication adherence, increases efficiency and security, and helps fight opioid abuse.

ePrescribing benefits patients and prescribers through:

- **Reduced errors:** ePrescribing can reduce errors (for example due to illegible handwriting) by giving physicians and pharmacists access to patients’ prescription history to reduce the chance of dispensing incorrect drugs. Many drugs are available in multiple strengths or forms. ePrescribing technology prompts prescribers to complete dose, route, strength, and frequency information which helps alleviate some of the risks associated with generating and filling prescriptions.
- **Clinical support:** ePrescribing can offer clinical alerts to improve patient care, including notification of allergies, drug interactions, duplicate therapies, and lets physicians and pharmacists know if a newly prescribed drug has any potential for negative reactions.

Prescription tracking: There is no effective way to track handwritten prescriptions physicians provide to patients to verify the prescriptions were filled. ePrescribing allows physicians to verify filled prescriptions and presents an opportunity for physicians to counsel patients on medication management if needed. Physicians can also gain insight into the frequency at which patients fill controlled substances, making it easier to spot potential drug abuse. Additionally, since ePrescriptions are sent directly to the pharmacy it eliminates the opportunity for them to be lost.