# CST Cerner Help

Order Taper Medications

This help topic shows how to order a taper medication, using an example of prednisone 50 mg PO qdaily tapering by 5 mg daily until 10 mg is reached. This functionality can only be used for linear tapers.

> ⚠ **WARNING**: Taper medication orders **cannot** be selected from **Quick Orders** list and must be placed by clicking the plus sign **+** on the Orders page.

1. From the **Orders** tab, click the **plus +** to display the **Search** window.
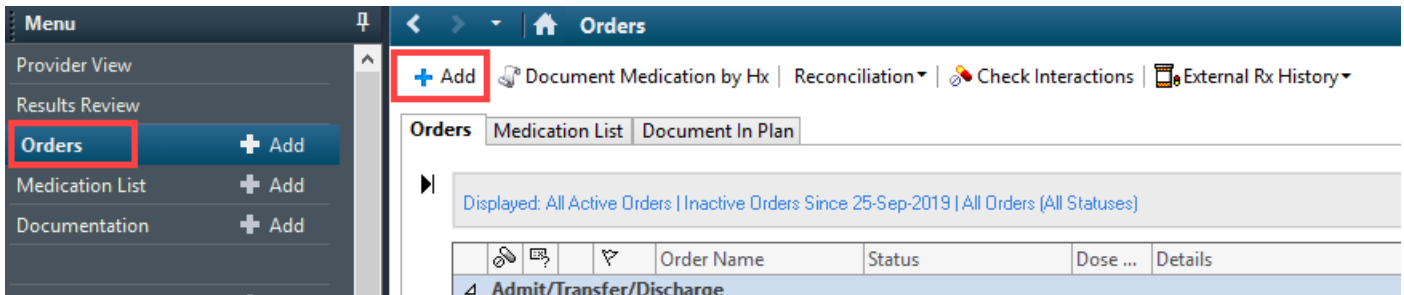
2. Search for the medication and select an appropriate order sentence for the starting dose.

3. Then, click **Done** to continue.
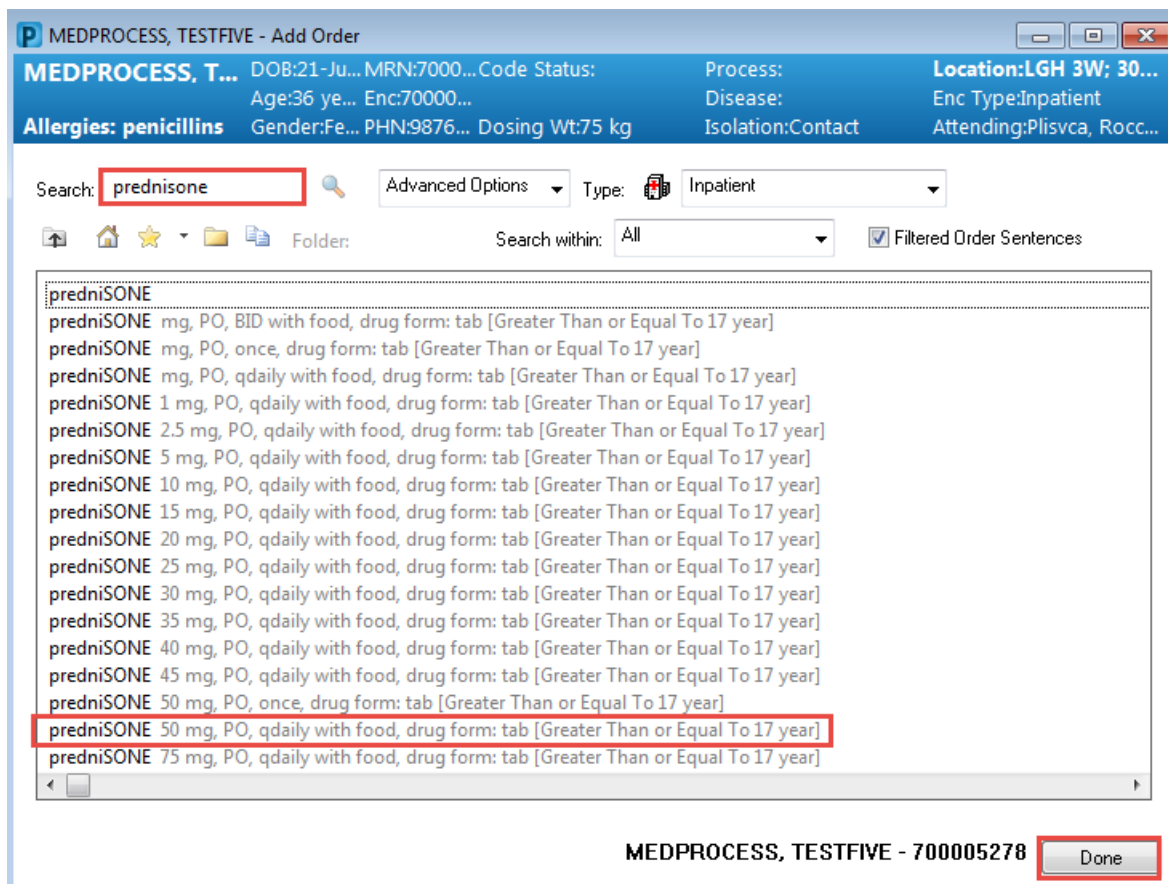
4. Modify any order details for the starting dose if necessary: **Dose**, **Unit**, **Frequency** etc.

5. Click the **Taper** icon ╷╷╷. to open the medication tapering window.

NOTE: If the **Taper** icon ╷╷╷. is greyed out, it indicates the functionality is not available for the medication selected.

6. Complete all the taper details in the medication tapering window as required.

   Taper details define when and how often the dose should be reduced or increased.

7. Click **Calculate Steps.**

   Order lines populate under **Planned Regimen.**

8. Review each order line, its dose, start and end date.

predniSONE

Start

*Dose	*Unit		*Route	*Frequency		*Start	
50	mg	🔲	PO	qdaily with food		24-Apr-2018	1631 America/Los_Angeles

Taper details

| Reduce | by | 5 | mg | every | 1 | day |

*Final dose 10 mg

◉ Stop final dose after 1 day
○ Continue until instructed to stop

Calculate Steps

Planned regimen ←

Dose	Unit	Route	Frequency	Start	Last Dose	Doses		
50	mg	PO	qdaily with food	24-Apr-2018 16:31 America/Los_Angeles	24-Apr-2018 16:31 America/Los_Angeles	1 Dose(s)		
45	mg	PO	qdaily with food	25-Apr-2018 08:00 America/Los_Angeles	25-Apr-2018 08:00 America/Los_Angeles	1 Dose(s)		
40	mg	PO	qdaily with food	26-Apr-2018 08:00 America/Los_Angeles	26-Apr-2018 08:00 America/Los_Angeles	1 Dose(s)		
35	mg	PO	qdaily with food	27-Apr-2018 08:00 America/Los_Angeles	27-Apr-2018 08:00 America/Los_Angeles	1 Dose(s)		
30	mg	PO	qdaily with food	28-Apr-2018 08:00 America/Los_Angeles	28-Apr-2018 08:00 America/Los_Angeles	1 Dose(s)		
25	mg	PO	qdaily with food	29-Apr-2018 08:00 America/Los_Angeles	29-Apr-2018 08:00 America/Los_Angeles	1 Dose(s)		
20	mg	PO	qdaily with food	30-Apr-2018 08:00 America/Los_Angeles	30-Apr-2018 08:00 America/Los_Angeles	1 Dose(s)		
15	mg	PO	qdaily with food	01-May-2018 08:00 America/Los_Angeles	01-May-2018 08:00 America/Los_Angeles	1 Dose(s)		
10	mg	PO	qdaily with food	02-May-2018 08:00 America/Los_Angeles	02-May-2018 08:00 America/Los_Angeles	1 Dose(s)	⊞	⊟

Details for predniSONE

Details | Order Comments

! Review Schedule Remaining Administrations: 1 Stop: 30-Apr-2018 07:59:00 PDT

*Dose:	25	*Dose Unit:	mg
*Route of Administration:	PO	*Frequency:	qdaily with food
Administer over:		Administer over Unit:	
Duration:	1	Duration Unit:	day
Drug Form:	tab	First Dose Priority:	

Add To Favorites   OK   Cancel

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9. To modify any line of the orders, select it in the **Planned Regimen** section, then modify in the **Details** section of the window.

· The **plus** and **minus** icons ⊞ ⊟ on the bottom-right corner allow adding a new order line or deleting the bottom order line.

Planned regimen

Dose	Unit	Route	Frequency	Start	Last Dose	Doses		
50	mg	PO	qdaily with food	06-Mar-2018 12:34 America/Los_Angeles	06-Mar-2018 12:34 America/Los_Angeles	1 Dose(s)		
45	mg	PO	qdaily with food	07-Mar-2018 08:00 America/Los_Angeles	07-Mar-2018 08:00 America/Los_Angeles	1 Dose(s)		
40	mg	PO	qdaily with food	08-Mar-2018 08:00 America/Los_Angeles	08-Mar-2018 08:00 America/Los_Angeles	1 Dose(s)		
35	mg	PO	qdaily with food	09-Mar-2018 08:00 America/Los_Angeles	09-Mar-2018 08:00 America/Los_Angeles	1 Dose(s)		
30	mg	PO	qdaily with food	10-Mar-2018 08:00 America/Los_Angeles	10-Mar-2018 08:00 America/Los_Angeles	1 Dose(s)		
25	mg	PO	qdaily with food	11-Mar-2018 08:00 America/Los_Angeles	11-Mar-2018 08:00 America/Los_Angeles	1 Dose(s)		
20	mg	PO	qdaily with food	12-Mar-2018 08:00 America/Los_Angeles	12-Mar-2018 08:00 America/Los_Angeles	1 Dose(s)		
15	mg	PO	qdaily with food	13-Mar-2018 08:00 America/Los_Angeles	13-Mar-2018 08:00 America/Los_Angeles	1 Dose(s)		
10	mg	PO	qdaily with food	14-Mar-2018 08:00 America/Los_Angeles	14-Mar-2018 08:00 America/Los_Angeles	1 Dose(s)		
	mg	PO	qdaily with food	14-Mar-2018 08:00 America/Los_Angeles	14-Mar-2018 08:00 America/Los_Angeles	1 Dose(s)	⊞	⊟

Details for predniSONE

Details | Order Comments

! Review Schedule Remaining Administrations: 1 Stop: 11-Mar-2018 07:59:00 PDT

*Dose:	30	*Dose Unit	mg
*Route of Administration:	PO	*Frequency:	qdaily with food
Administer over:		Administer over Unit:	
Duration:	1	Duration Unit:	day
Drug Form:	tab	First Dose Priority:	

Add To Favorites   OK   Cancel

10. Click **OK.**

11. Review the taper order, then click **Sign** to complete order entry.

12. Click **Refresh** 🔄 2 minutes ago to update the order status.

· The **Taper Dosing** icon ⊪ displays next to the medication order and all order lines that are part of the taper.

· Taper medication orders display on the **MAR**, ready to be administered.

· Taper medication orders can be also reviewed under **Order Profile**.

Order Profile (49)

☐	🏥	predniSONE 35 mg, PO, qdaily with food
☐	🏥	predniSONE 30 mg, PO, qdaily with food
☐	🏥	predniSONE 25 mg, PO, qdaily with food
☐	🏥	predniSONE 10 mg, PO, qdaily with food
☐	🏥	predniSONE 45 mg, PO, qdaily with food
☐	🏥	predniSONE 5 mg, PO, qdaily with food
☐	🏥	predniSONE 50 mg, PO, qdaily with food
☐	🏥	predniSONE 40 mg, PO, qdaily with food
☐	🏥	predniSONE 20 mg, PO, qdaily with food
☐	🏥	predniSONE 15 mg, PO, qdaily with food

· Patient **Orders** also list the taper medication.

Create a Prescription for a Taper Dosing Medication Order

The taper dosing medication functionality is unavailable when creating a prescription in CST Cerner. Follow the steps below to create a prescription for a medication taper order that was placed for a patient when in hospital.

Scenario: Your patient has been started on a prednisone medication taper order 7 days ago in hospital. The original order was prednisone 40 mg, qdaily with food, decrease by 10 mg qweek until at 10 mg, decrease to 5 mg for one week and decrease to 2.5 mg for one week then discontinue. The patient will be discharged tomorrow. They will continue on the prednisone order tomorrow at the tapered dose of 30 mg qdaily with food.

The approved workflow is as follows:

1. Continue the first prednisone order and discontinue all subsequent tapering prednisone orders.

2. The instructions for the taper should be manually entered into the **special instructions field** (to appear on the prescription).

3. The dispense quantity can either be the calculated number of tablets or the duration the taper will last for.

How this is done in CST Cerner?

1. For the original prednisone order (**predniSONE 40 mg, PO, qdaily with food**) click the radio button under **Create New Rx** column to add to the prescription.
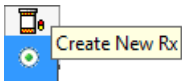
2. Click the radio buttons under the **Do not continue after discharge column** for all subsequent prednisone orders.
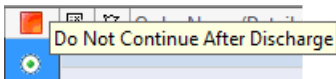
3. Click on the medication under the **Orders After Reconciliation** column to confirm/fill out the details of the medication at the bottom of the screen.
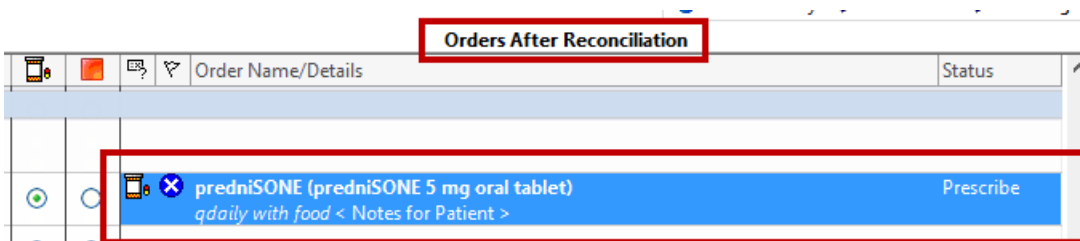
4. For the following fields, enter the following:

   a. *Dose: **5 mg** (*Change from tablets if present*)

b. *Route of Administration: **PO**

c. *Dispense: **5 week**

d. *Refill: **0**

e. Send To: ***Select your desired printer from the drop-down menu***

5. Type instructions in the **Special Instructions** field.

    Note: As all instructions are not viewable, hover over the box to view the complete text.

6. For the following fields, enter the following:

    a. ***Stop Date/Time**: DD-MM-YYYY

    b. **Type of Therapy**: Select the **Acute** radio button

7. When complete, click **Sign** button. Prescription will print to the desired printer.

Orders Prior to Reconciliation

	Order Name/Details	Status			
⊿ 🔲📊	**predniSONE Taper**	Ordered			
🔲📊	**predniSONE** 40 mg, PO, qdaily with food	Ordered	○	⦿	○
🔲📊	**predniSONE** 30 mg, PO, qdaily with food	Ordered	○	○	⦿
🔲📊	**predniSONE** 20 mg, PO, qdaily with food	Ordered	○	○	⦿
⊿ 🔲📊	**predniSONE Taper**	Ordered			
🔲📊	**predniSONE** 10 mg, PO, qdaily with food	Ordered	○	○	⦿
🔲📊	**predniSONE** 5 mg, PO, qdaily with food	Ordered	○	○	⦿
🔲📊	**predniSONE** 2.5 mg, PO, qdaily with food	Ordered	○	○	⦿

Original Taper Dose (callout pointing to predniSONE 40 mg)

Orders After Reconciliation

	Order Name/Details	Status
🔲	**predniSONE (predniSONE 5 mg oral tablet)** *5 mg, PO, qdaily with food, 5 week, 0 Refill(s) < Notes for Patient >*	Prescribe

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▼ Details for **predniSONE (predniSONE 5 mg oral tablet)** ▼

Send To: [Do Not Send: other reason ▼] [...]

🔲 Details | 📖 Order Comments

*Dose	*Route of Administrati...	*Frequency	Duration	Dispense	30	90	*Refill
🟢 5 mg	🟢 PO	🔲 qdaily with food		5 week			🔷 0

PRN: [▼]

Drug Form: [tab ▼]

*Start Date/Time: [16-May-2018] [▲▼] [1200] [▲▼] PDT

*Stop Date/Time: [20-Jun-2018] [▲▼] [▼]

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Special Instructions: 30 mg PO daily for 1 week, then
20 mg PO daily for 1 week, then
10 mg PO daily for 1 week, then...

Type Of Therapy: ○ Acute
⦿ Maintenance

30 mg PO daily for 1 week, then
20 mg PO daily for 1 week, then
10 mg PO daily for 1 week, then
5mg PO daily for 1 week, then
2.5 mg PO daily for 1 week, then
discontinue

[0 Missing Required Details] [All Required Orders Reconciled]

Reconcile *and* [Plan] [Sign] [Cancel]