

# Holding Medications

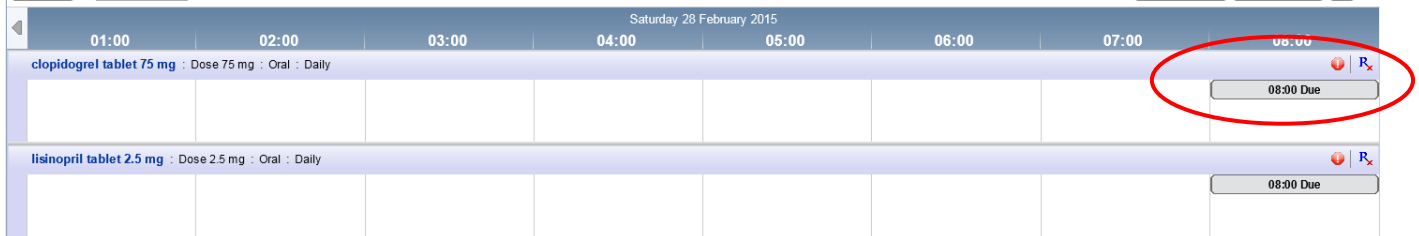
Medications prescribed for an inpatient sometimes need to be held temporarily.



## Holding Specific Doses

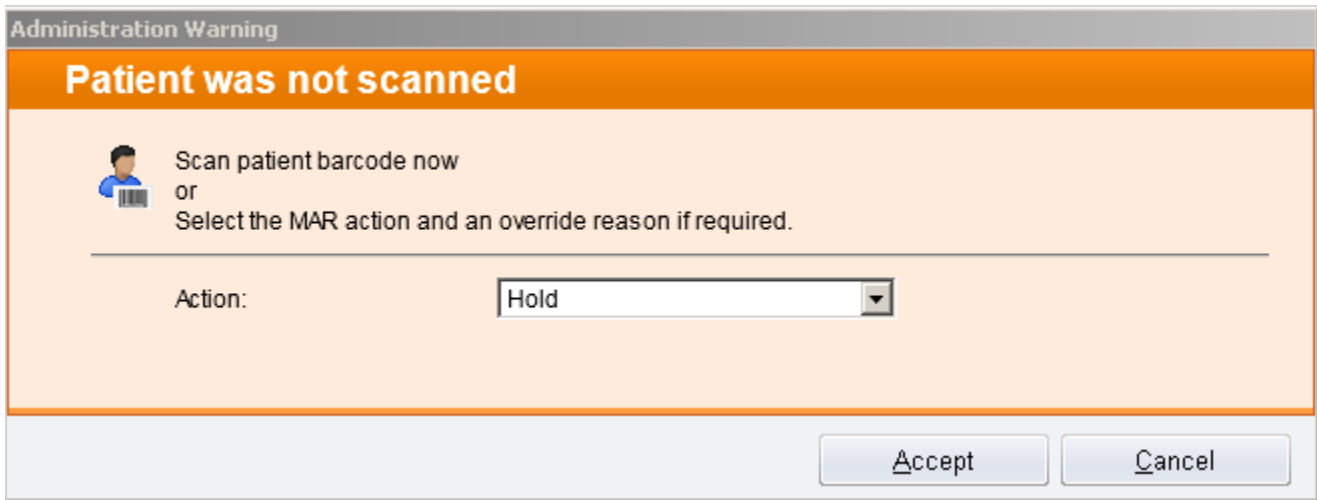
To hold specific doses (e.g. holding anticoagulants on the day of surgery), use the following workflow:

1. Go to the MAR find and click on the dose you need to hold.

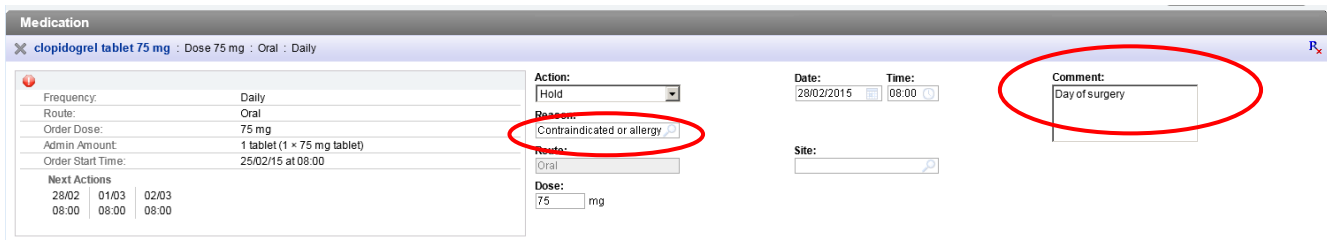


You may see an alert informing you that you are documenting against a future administration – click “Yes” to continue.

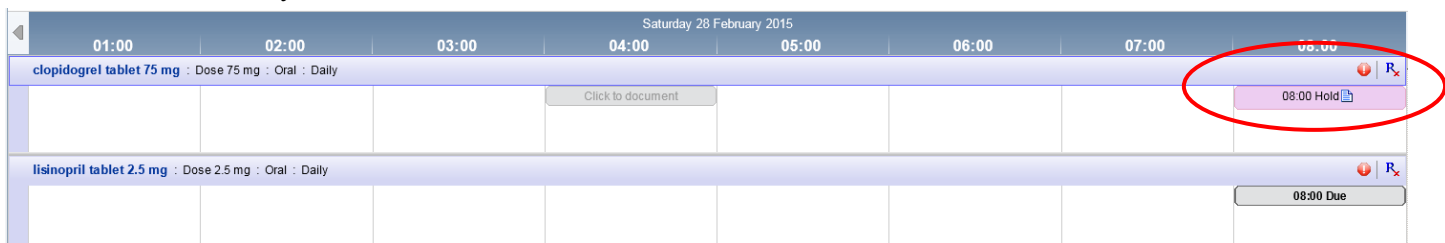
2. Select the “Hold” action as in the administration warning window, and Accept.



3. Select a reason for holding this dose (this is required). You can also enter a comment. Click Accept at the bottom of the screen.



4. Verify – the dose is marked as “Hold” on the MAR. You can hover over it with your mouse to view the reason and comment you have entered.



5. To hold more than one dose – follow this workflow for each dose that should be held.



# Holding Medication Until Further Review

To hold a medication until further review (e.g. holding Furosemide while a patient is dehydrated) use the following workflow:

1. Find the medication on the MAR, and on the current time slot:

Friday 27 February 2015							
10:00	11:00	12:00	13:00	14:00	15:00	16:00	17:00
clopidogrel tablet 75 mg : Dose 75 mg : Oral : Daily							
furosemide tablet 40 mg : Dose 40 mg : Oral : Every morning							
Click to document							

2. Select an action of **“Doctor Medication Hold”** in the administration warning window, and Accept.

**Administration Warning**

**Patient was not scanned**

Scan patient barcode now  
or  
Select the MAR action and an override reason if required.

Action:

3. Select a reason for holding this dose (this is required). You can also enter a comment. Click Accept at the bottom of the screen.

**Medication**

**furosemide tablet 40 mg** : Dose 40 mg : Oral : Every morning

Frequency: Every morning Route: Oral Order Dose: 40 mg Admin Amount: 1 tablet (1 x 40 mg tablet) Order Start Time: 25/02/15 at 08:00	<b>Action:</b> <input type="text" value="Doctor Medication Hold"/> <b>Reason:</b> <input type="text" value="Contraindicated or allergy"/> <b>Route:</b> <input type="text" value="Oral"/> <b>Dose:</b> <input type="text" value=""/> mg	<b>Date:</b> 27/02/2015 <b>Time:</b> 14:20	<b>Comment:</b> <input type="text" value="Hold while the patient is dehydrated"/>
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Next Actions  
28/02 01/03 02/03  
08:00 08:00 08:00

4. Verify: a new action of **“Dr Med Hold”** appears on the MAR (You can hover over it with your mouse to view the reason and comment you have entered) and the colour of the row is green.

Friday 27 February 2015							
10:00	11:00	12:00	13:00	14:00	15:00	16:00	17:00
clopidogrel tablet 75 mg : Dose 75 mg : Oral : Daily							
furosemide tablet 40 mg : Dose 40 mg : Oral : Every morning				14:15 Dr Med Hold			
lisinopril tablet 2.5 mg : Dose 2.5 mg : Oral : Daily							

5. The medication will appear in the active orders report and will be marked as **“MAR Hold”** (which indicates that the medical team should review the need for restarting treatment).

Scheduled		Modify Discontinue
clopidogrel tablet 75 mg 75 mg, Oral, Daily, First dose on Wed 25/2/15 at 08:00		Modify Discontinue
<b>[MAR Hold]</b> furosemide tablet 40 mg 40 mg, Oral, Every morning, First dose on Wed 25/2/15 at 08:00		Modify Discontinue

The medication will also appear on the **“Current Meds”** summary report, the row will be grey and missed doses will be purple:

Summary

Overview Index Labs Rad Micro Meds History Current Meds Springboard Report Nursing Adm Summary More

Report: Current Meds

DOCTOR, Marhold #3007312 (CSN:97351) (76 y.o. M) (Adm: 05/02/15) A3 WARD.A3 Day Room-Day Room

Only active medications are shown.

Scheduled Meds Sorted by Name for DOCTOR, Marhold as of 27/02/15 14:27

Legend

Medication	27/02/15	28/02/15	01/03/15	02/03/15	03/03/15	04/03/15	05/03/15
clopidogrel tablet 75 mg Dose: 75 mg Freq: Daily Route: Oral Start: 25/02/15 08:00		08:00	08:00	08:00			
furosemide tablet 40 mg Dose: 40 mg Freq: Every morning Route: Oral Start: 25/02/15 08:00	14:20 [C]	08:00	08:00	08:00			

Continuously Meds Sorted by Name for DOCTOR, Marhold as of 27/02/15 14:27

Automatically Held  
28/02 08:00  
Provider: CC



## Restarting Medication (Unhold)

To restart treatment:

1. Find the medication on the MAR and click in the appropriate time slot (after the last dose you would like to be held).

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	02:00	03:00	04:00	05:00	06:00	07:00	08:00	09:00
clopidogrel tablet 75 mg : Dose 75 mg : Oral : Daily							08:00 Hold	
furosemide tablet 40 mg : Dose 40 mg : Oral : Every morning							08:00 Auto Held	
lisinopril tablet 2.5 mg : Dose 2.5 mg : Oral : Daily							08:00 Due	

You may see an alert informing you that you are documenting against a future administration – click “Yes” to continue.

2. Select an action of “**Doctor Medication Unhold**” in the administration warning window, and Accept.

Administration Warning

**Patient was not scanned**

Scan patient barcode now  
or  
Select the MAR action and an override reason if required.

Action:

Accept Cancel

You will see an alert informing you that the medication is marked as “MAR Hold” – click “Yes” to continue.

3. Select a reason for un-holding this dose (this is required). You can also enter a comment. Click Accept at the bottom of the screen.

Medication

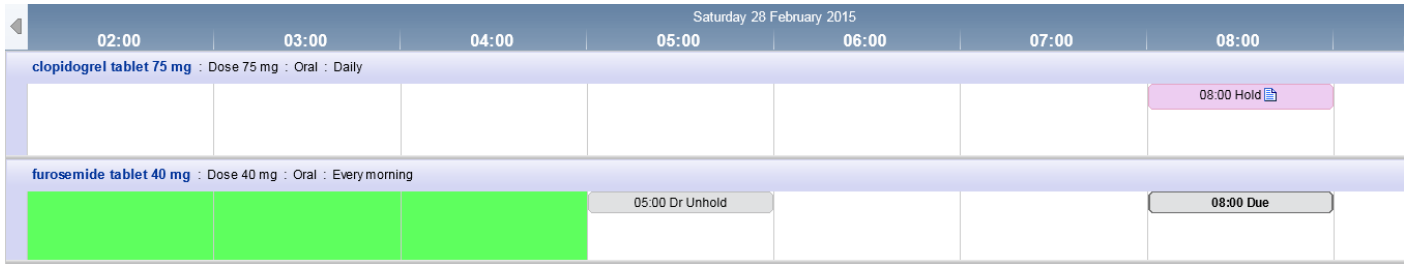
**furosemide tablet 40 mg** : Dose 40 mg : Oral : Every morning

Frequency:	Every morning	Action:	Doctor Medication Unhold	Date:	27/02/2015	Time:	22:00	Comment:	Enter Comment
Route:	Oral	Reason:	Unhold - restarting treatm						
Order Dose:	40 mg	Route:	Oral						
Admin Amount:	1 tablet (1 x 40 mg tablet)	Dose:							
Order Start Time:	25/02/15 at 08:00								

Recent Actions

	27/02	28/02	01/03	02/03
	14:20	08:00	08:00	08:00

4. Verify: there is a new action of “Dr Unhold” on the MAR, the row is no longer marked as green. Future doses appear marked as “Due”.

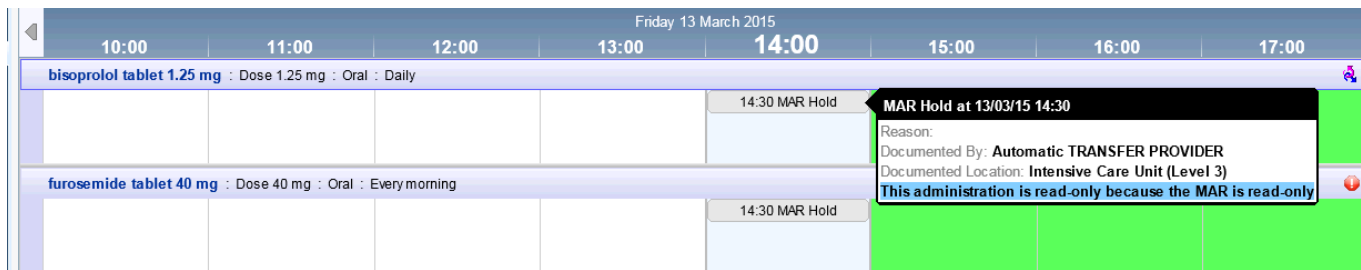


The medication will not be marked as “MAR Hold” on the active orders and current meds reports.



## Unreconciled Medications on MAR Hold

When a patient is transferred between levels of care (for example, ICU to a ward), or from the theatre, medication reconciliation is required. Unreconciled medications will be marked as “MAR Hold” on the MAR – hovering over the MAR Hold indicator will display this information:



If the patient has medications which are marked as MAR Hold due to lack of reconciliation on transfer, the following BPA will display when the patient’s chart is opened:

**This patient has active medications on MAR hold due to incomplete order reconciliation on transfer**

[Orders Needing Review](#)

Follow the link to review and reconcile orders:

Unreviewed Medication on MAR Hold		Apply to Group
<b>[MAR Hold] bisoprolol tablet 1.25 mg</b> 1.25 mg, Oral, Daily, First dose on Thu 12/2/15 at 11:45		Continue Discontinue Modify
<b>[MAR Hold] furosemide tablet 40 mg</b> 40 mg, Oral, Every morning, First dose on Thu 12/2/15 at 11:45		Continue Discontinue Modify
<b>[MAR Hold] paracetamol tablet 1 g</b> 1 g, Oral, 4 times daily, First dose on Thu 12/2/15 at 12:00		Continue Discontinue Modify