

**Prescribing tip for information**

**Adding “Hospital ONLY” drugs onto Emis Web**

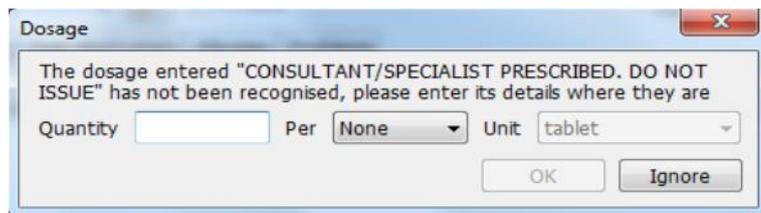
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It is important to have a reliable and safe method for recording **all** the medications that patients are prescribed no matter who is ultimately responsible for its issue. A significant number of patients receive treatments that are traditionally regarded as being hospital only (Red drugs) and often the responsibility (including the ongoing prescribing) for these treatments remains with the hospital specialist. In these cases, it is crucial that the patient’s general practice is both aware of the status of the medication and can record its existence on the practice system, whilst at the same time avoiding any undue risk to the patient from inappropriate issues. In addition, it is clearly an advantage to record hospital-only drugs in a way that enables the clinical system to highlight any potentially harmful drug interactions.

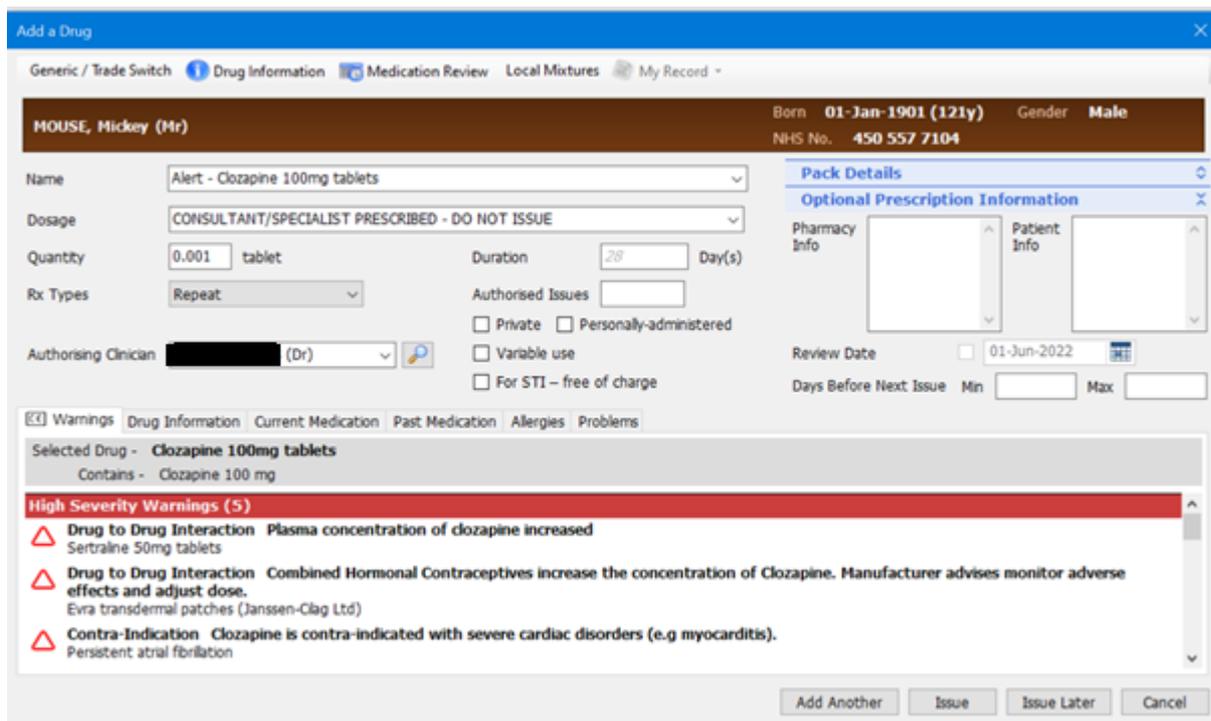
**Practices are advised to follow the prescription entry details below to avoid inadvertent issue of hospital only medication.**

**Instructions for inputting ‘Hospital only’ drugs onto EMIS Web**

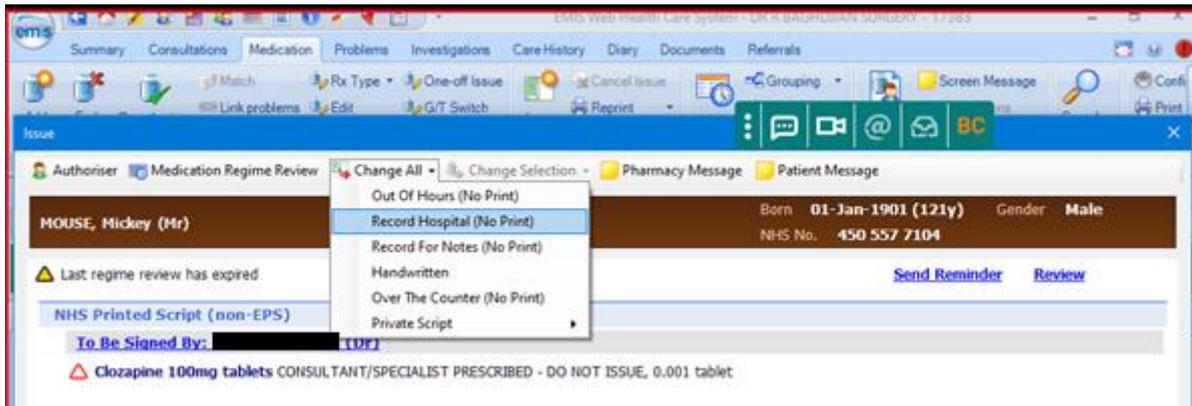
- Go to the medication tab of the patient and click on “add drug”.
- Enter the name of the drug and select.
- Complete the directions for use. Under dose enter: **CONSULTANT/SPECIALIST PRESCRIBED - DO NOT ISSUE**
- A message will appear on the screen - ‘Dosage not recognised’. **See below.**



- At this stage under ‘quantity’ to be issued enter the lowest quantity i.e., **0.001** and proceed.
- Under ‘Rx Types’ select ‘Repeat’ (**this will ensure the medication is visible on the patient’s Summary Care Record**). The prescription screen will appear as:



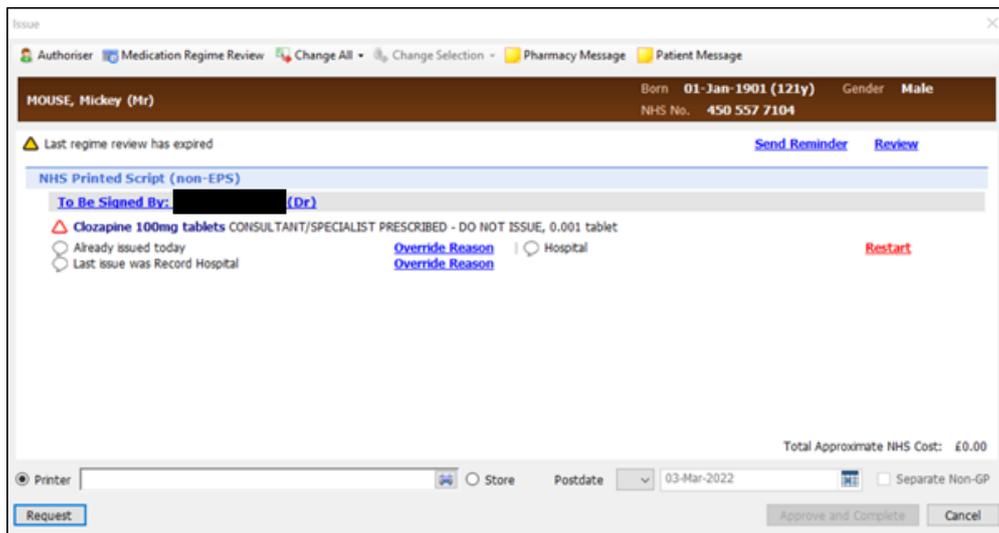
- Proceed **to issue** and select '**Change All**' from the top selection. Select as issued by '**Hospital (No Print)**' as per screen shot below



- The 'hospital only' drug will appear in a different section of the medication screen.

Drug / Dosage / Quantity	Usage Current / Average	Last Issue Date / Authoriser	Last Issue Number / Method
H Mometasone 50micrograms/dose nasal spray As Directed, 1 x 140 dose		[Redacted] (Dr)	
I Peak flow meter standard range as directed, 1 device		[Redacted] (Dr)	
J Sertraline 50mg tablets One To Be Taken Each Day, 28 tablet		[Redacted] (Dr)	
<b>Repeat</b>			
K Paracetamol 500mg tablets Two To Be Taken Daily, 14 tablet		20-May-2021 [Redacted] (Dr)	Print
L <b>WITHDRAWN</b> Laci-lube eye ointment (Allergan Ltd) Apply When Required, 5 gram		[Redacted] (Dr)	0 of 1
<b>Variable use repeat</b>			
M SpeediCath catheter male 12Ch 28412 (Coloplast Ltd) as directed by specialist, 1 catheter		[Redacted] (Dr)	
<b>Hospital</b>			
N Clozapine 100mg tablets CONSULTANT/SPECIALIST PRESCRIBED - DO NOT ISSUE, 0.001 tablet		03-Mar-2022 [Redacted] (Dr)	Record Hospital

If attempts are made to try to issue the hospital only drug a warning would appear in the '**Approve and Complete**' print box stating it was '**Last issue was hospital**'. You would need to click '**Override Reason**' to proceed.



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