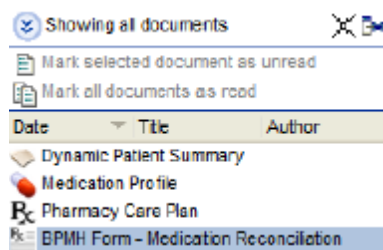


Frequently Asked Questions Best Possible Medication History (BPMH) Form - Medication Reconciliation

How do I access the new BPMH form?

The new form is accessible from Alberta Netcare Portal, in the Clinical Document Viewer, directly below the Medication Profile and Pharmacy Care Plan links.



What's different in this form versus the Medication/PIN Profile I normally use?

The key features of this form:

- It is pre-populated with the dispensed prescription history from PIN
- It is an AHS approved form to complete the BPMH and reconcile.

It is still necessary to interview the patient/caregiver or access a second source to complete the BPMH.

Prescribed medications not appearing on the PIN, over-the-counter medications, herbals, vitamins, homeopathic preparations, supplements, health remedies, and substances of abuse need to be written on the BPMH.

Who should use this form?

This form is intended for anyone who would normally collect a Best Possible Medication History.

Is this an official form?

Yes. This is an official AHS form (form number is displayed on bottom left of page) and can be placed in the patient's chart.

What are the benefits of the new BPMH form?

- 1) The form **saves time** — it reduces the need for manual transcription by pre-populating the patient's medication history as per the PIN.
- 2) The form is **user-friendly** — it allows clinicians to verify the medication information with the patient as a second source; and authorized prescribers to reconcile and include comments beside each medication.
- 3) The form is **convenient** — as an AHS-approved form it can be retained in patient charts.

Does this new form change the MedRec requirements?

No, the MedRec requirements have not changed. Practitioners still have the option of continuing to use their current MedRec forms.

The new form does not remove the requirement to validate a patient's medication history with two sources. The pre-populated form serves as one source, and the patient/caregiver interview can serve as a second source.

How do I complete the form?

Materials are available on the [Alberta Netcare Learning Centre](#), to help you learn how to use the form.

What does the pre-populated medication information contain?

The pre-populated information contains the following:

**Ticagrelor (BRILINTA 90 MG
TABLET)**

1 Tablet(s) Two times daily

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1. Medication name and strength
2. Instructions
3. Date of last dispense
4. Quantity dispensed

How do I address medications listed that a patient is no longer taking?

In the column 'Taken per Netcare' check the "No" box and indicate the reason why.

What is the difference between the 'Continue per Netcare' column and the 'Continue per verified history' column?

If you want to continue according to what is pre-populated, then check the *Continue per Netcare* column. If you want to continue what has been *handwritten* in the dose, route, and frequency columns, check the *Continue per Verified History* column.

Warning: The medication information is written in strength and number of tablets. To avoid patient harm, calculate the dose in mg, mcg, etc.

How do you document a medication with differing doses throughout the day?

If there is not enough space on the original row, then document the medication and its doses in the blank spaces provided on the form.

How do you change a home medication using this form?

Check the "Change" box in the Prescriber Orders section if you change the home medication dose, route or frequency. Write the reason for change in the "Comments/Rationale for Discontinuations, Holds and Changes" column AND write a new order in the regular physician order section.

What is the difference between 'Hold' and 'Discontinue' for PRN medications?

Discontinue and Hold columns – Check these "Discontinue" or "Hold" boxes for any medications that you want to discontinue or place on hold AND write the reason in the "Comments/Rationale for Discontinuations, Holds and Changes" column.

How was the form developed?

The BPMH form was developed as part of the Medication Reconciliation program at AHS. Consultations and usability testing with key stakeholders took place within AHS to develop the form to ensure that it adheres with current AHS policies and processes, streamlines the MedRec process, and enhances safe medication practice.