

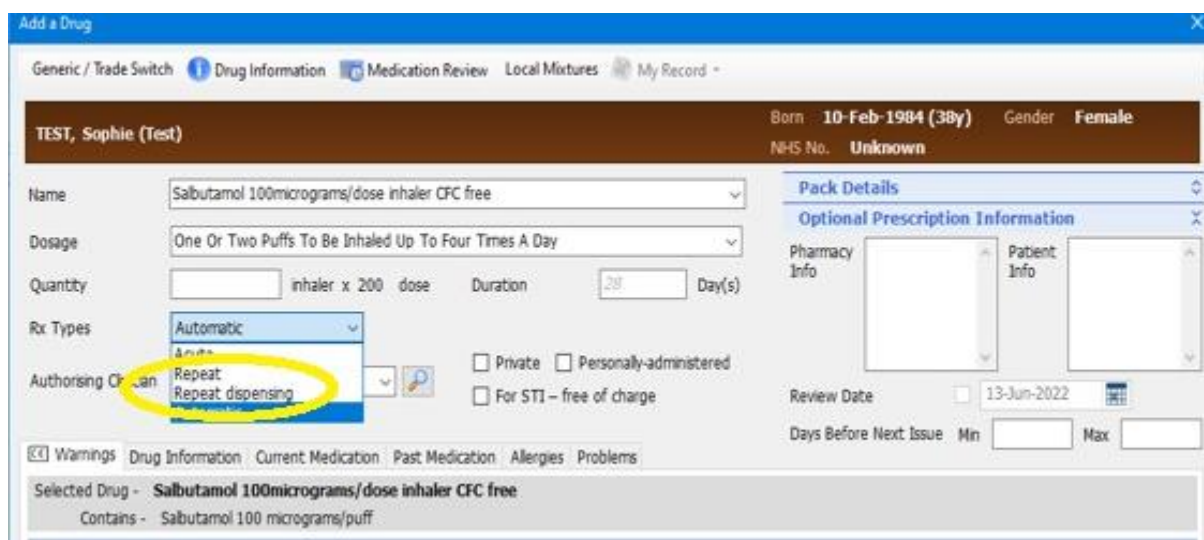
## How to Add a Variable Use Repeat Medication on Emis Web

Variable Use Repeat Medication is a function which allows you to add medication that is being used on a when necessary (PRN) basis.

To avoid the prescribing of repeat items that are 'when required' or of variable use (such as some inhalers/cream etc) being issued every month unnecessarily along with the regular repeat items, this feature quickly and easily separates them off from regular repeat or repeat dispensing medicines on the medication screen.

Steps:

1. Select 'Add Drug'
2. Enter medication details as usual
3. From the drop-down list select Rx type as 'Repeat' or 'Repeat Dispensing'. The Variable Use check box is only available if Rx type is repeat/repeat dispensing. It will not appear if the Rx type is acute (default)



The screenshot shows the 'Add a Drug' interface in Emis Web. At the top, the patient's name is 'TEST, Sophie (Test)', born 10-Feb-1984 (38y), female, with an unknown NHS number. The medication selected is 'Salbutamol 100micrograms/dose inhaler CFC free'. The dosage is 'One Or Two Puffs To Be Inhaled Up To Four Times A Day'. The quantity is 'inhaler x 200 dose' and the duration is '28 Day(s)'. The 'Rx Types' dropdown menu is open, showing 'Automatic', 'Acute', 'Repeat', and 'Repeat dispensing'. The 'Repeat' and 'Repeat dispensing' options are highlighted with a yellow circle. The 'Authorising Clinician' is 'Jan'. There are checkboxes for 'Private', 'Personally-administered', and 'For STI - free of charge'. The 'Review Date' is '13-Jun-2022'. The 'Days Before Next Issue' has 'Min' and 'Max' input fields. At the bottom, it shows 'Selected Drug - Salbutamol 100micrograms/dose inhaler CFC free' and 'Contains - Salbutamol 100 micrograms/puff'.

#### 4. Select the Variable Use box

Generic / Trade Switch Drug Information Medication Review Local Mixtures My Record

TEST, Sophie (Test) Born 10-Feb-1984 (38y) Gender Female  
NHS No. Unknown

Name Salbutamol 100micrograms/dose inhaler CFC free

Dosage One Or Two Puffs To Be Inhaled Up To Four Times A Day

Quantity inhaler x 200 dose Duration 28 Day(s)

Rx Types Repeat Authorised Issues

Authorising Clinician KASHYAP, K P (Dr)

Private  Personally-administered  
 Variable use  
 For S11 - free of charge

Pack Details  
Optional Prescription Information

Pharmacy Info Patient Info

Review Date 13-Jun-2022

Days Before Next Issue Min Max

Warnings Drug Information Current Medication Past Medication Allergies Problems

5. Select issue later or issue where appropriate

6. Once complete the medication will appear in a separate box on the patient's record as shown below

Active TEST, Sophie (Test) Born 10-Feb-1984 (38y)

Drug / Dosage / Quantity

**Repeat**

A **Atenolol 100mg tablets** TAKE ONE EACH MORNING, 28 tablet(s)

B **Levothyroxine sodium 25microgram tablets** TAKE ONE DAILY, 28 tablet(s)

C **Levothyroxine sodium 50microgram tablets** TAKE ONE DAILY, 28 tablet(s)

**Repeat dispensing**

D **Bendroflumethiazide 2.5mg tablets** One To Be Taken Each Morning, 28 tablet

**Variable use repeat dispensing**

E **Salbutamol 100micrograms/dose inhaler CFC free** One Or Two Puffs To Be Inhaled Up To Four Times A Day, 1 x 200 dose

## How to Add a Variable Use Repeat Medication on SystemOne

Variable Use Repeat Medication is a function which allows you to add medication that is being used on a when necessary (PRN) basis.

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Steps:

7. Select 'Drug Prescribed'
8. Enter repeat medication details as usual
9. Tick the box 'Irregularly issued template'. This check box is only available if Rx type is repeat/repeat dispensing. It will not appear if the Rx type is acute (default).

The screenshot displays the medication prescribing interface for Metformin 500mg tablets. The 'Medication start' is set to Wed 22 Mar 2017. The 'Drug prescribed' is Metformin 500mg tablets. The 'Script type' is set to NHS issue. The 'Dose' is One to be taken Twice Daily. The 'Total quantity' is set to 56 tablets. The 'Issue duration' is 28 Days. The 'Use maximum issues' checkbox is checked and set to 5. The 'Irregularly issued template' checkbox is highlighted with a green circle. Other checkboxes include 'Patient can initiate issues' (checked), 'Repeat template can be reauthorised' (checked), and 'Record that a medication review has been performed' (unchecked).