

Providers are now able to order tapers, ramps, or combined dosages (scheduled combined with as-needed doses) more efficiently in APeX. Two separate orders will no longer need to be placed nor will special free text sigs.

Order a Tapering or Ramping Medication

1. Place an order for a medication from the Visit Taskbar or another ordering activity.
2. In the Order Composer, select a sig method of **Taper/Ramp**.
3. Click **Add Dosage Period** to add another dosage. See the image below for an example of a tapering medication.
4. Fill out the rest of the Order Composer as normal.

predniSONE (DELTAONE) 10 MG tablet

Sig Method: Specify Dose, Route, Frequency Use Free Text **Taper/Ramp** Combination Dosage

Multiple Dosages:

Dose: 40 mg 10 mg
Prescribed Dose: 40 mg
Prescribed Amount: 4 tablet
Frequency: DAILY Daily BID
5 Days 1 week 14 days 1 Month

Followed By

Dose: 30 mg 10 mg
Prescribed Dose: 30 mg
Prescribed Amount: 3 tablet
Frequency: DAILY Daily BID
5 Days 1 week 14 days 1 Month

Followed By

Dose: 20 mg 10 mg
Prescribed Dose: 20 mg
Prescribed Amount: 2 tablet
Frequency: DAILY Daily BID
5 Days 1 week 14 days 1 Month

+ Add Dosage Period

Starting: 4/12/2017 Ending: 4/27/2017

Route: Oral Oral

Patient Sig: Take 4 tablets by mouth daily for 5 days, THEN 3 tablets daily for 5 days, THEN 2 tablets daily for 5 days.

Next Required

Order a Combined Dosage Medication

1. Place an order for a medication from the Visit Taskbar or another ordering activity.
2. In the Order Composer, select a sig method of **Combination Dosage**.
3. Click **Add Dosage Part** to add another dosage. This option can be used for many different cases, such as:
 - Different dosages at different times of day (for example, take 300 mg in the morning and 600 mg in the evening)
 - Different dosages on different days of the week (for example, take 20 mg every Monday and 30 mg every Thursday)
 - Scheduled doses combined with PRN doses (for example, take 20 mg every day, plus an extra 10 mg if needed)

4. Fill out the rest of the Order Composer as normal.

The screenshot displays the Epic Order Composer for **gabapentin (NEURONTIN) 300 MG capsule**. The interface includes the following elements:

- Product:** GABAPENTIN 300 MG PO CAPS. A link to "View Available Strengths" is present.
- Sig Method:** Tabs for "Specify Dose, Route, Frequency", "Use Free Text", "Taper/Ramp", and "Combination Dosage" (which is selected and circled in red).
- Multiple Dosages:**
 - Dose 1:** 300 mg (selected), 300 mg, 600 mg. Prescribed Dose: 300 mg, Prescribed Amount: 1 capsule. Frequency: EVERY MORNING.
 - Dose 2:** 600 mg (selected), 300 mg, 600 mg. Prescribed Dose: 600 mg, Prescribed Amount: 2 capsule. Frequency: EVERY EVENING.
- Buttons:** "Add Dosage Part" (circled in red), "TID", "EVERY MORNING", "EVERY EVENING".
- Duration:** 7 Days, 1 week (selected), 14 days, 1 Month. Starting: 4/12/2017, Ending: 4/19/2017.
- Route:** Oral (selected).
- Patient Sig:** Take 1 capsule by mouth every morning AND 2 capsules every evening for 7 days.
- Footer:** "Next Required" button, "Accept" and "Cancel" buttons.