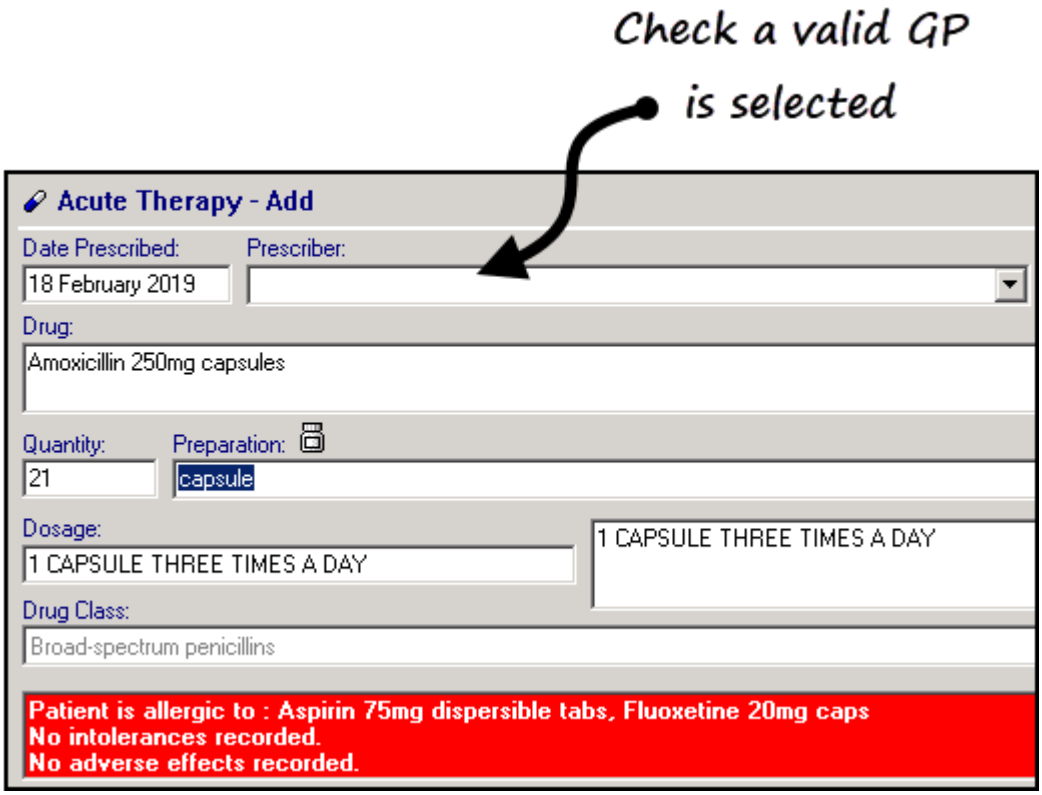
England – Are you ready for EPS Phase 4?

No prescriptions should be created with pooled GP codes. Prescriptions should be issued with actual Prescribing Codes, this is especially important with the release of EPS Phase 4, as the use of a pooled GP code prevents the creation of an EPS prescription, which can lead to delays in patients receiving their medication.

Over the next few weeks, as you add and reauthorise medication, check the Prescriber selected is an actual prescriber, not a pooled GP.



Important - When pooled GP lists were set up for registering purposes, they were allocated Prescribing Numbers that started with a 7, these are not valid for EPS Phase 4 and therefore do not work.

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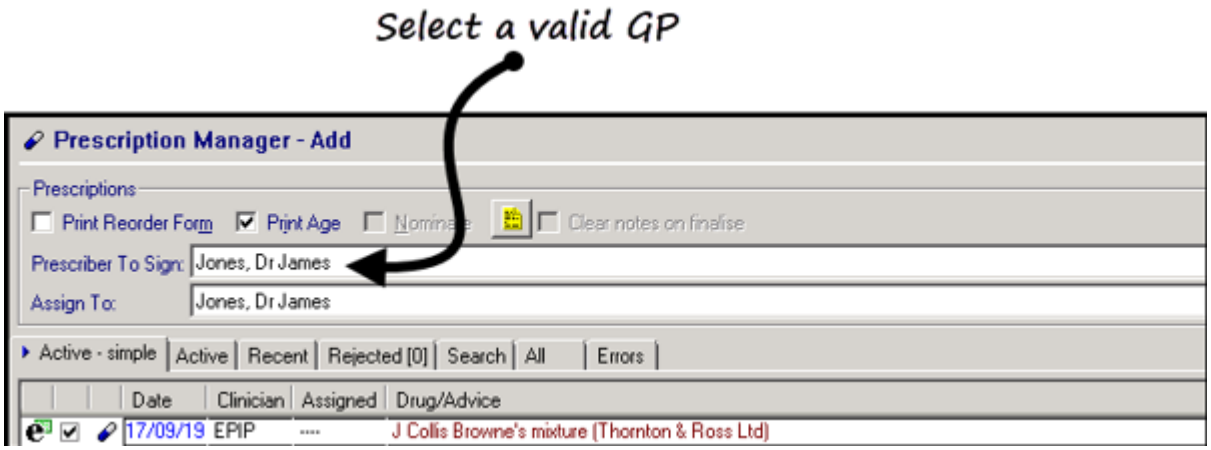
In the meantime, when a non-clinician prepares a prescription for signing, they must check a valid GP is selected in **Prescriber To Sign**.



Searching for Active Repeats Authorised by a Pooled GP

You can run a search for any active repeat therapy authorised by a pooled GP, create a group of the patients affected and reauthorise the medication with a valid GP to prevent an issue with existing repeat therapy in the future.
To run the search:

1. From the Vision front screen, select **Reporting** - **Search and Reports** – **New Ad-hoc Search** .
2. The **Search: New Search** screen displays, complete as follows:

   On the left hand side:

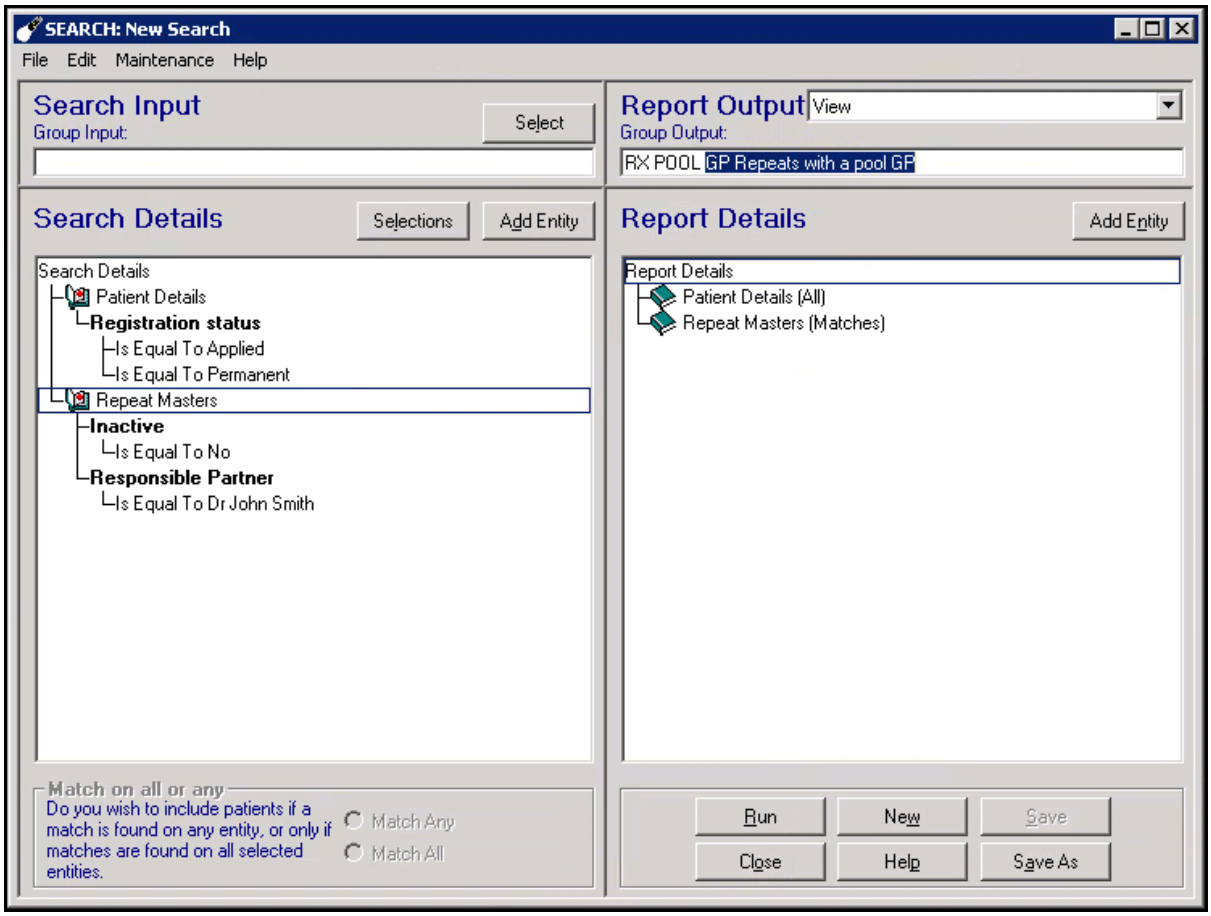
   - **Patient Details** – **Registration status**, select **Applied** and **Permanent**.
   - **Therapy** – **Repeat Masters**:

     – **Responsible Partner**, select your pooled GP.

     – **Inactive**, select **No**.

   On the right hand side:

   - **Group Output** – Give the resultant group a recognisable name, for example, *GP Repeats with a pooled GP*.



3. Select **Run**.

Training Tip – See http://help.visionhealth.co.uk/DLM690/Search_and_Reports/index.htm#35900 for help with running searches.

4. Close **Search and Reports**.
5. From the Vision front screen, select Consultation Manager.
6. Select **Consultation – Select a Patient Group** and select the group you have just created.
7. Highlight the first patient on the list and select **Select the Group Patient** .
8. The selected patient record displays, select their **Therapy** tab and reauthorise any medication authorised by the pooled GP using an actual prescriber.

Training Tip – See http://help.visionhealth.co.uk/Vision_Consultation_Manager_Help_Centre/Content/ConMgr/Quick_Reference_for_Clinicians/Reauthorising_Repeats.htm for help with reauthorising repeats.

9. Select **Next Group Patient** , the next patient record in the group displays.
10. Repeat steps 8 and 9 until all active repeat medication is updated with a valid GP.

Training Tip – Without a medication review, you should only reauthorise for the number of repeats remaining, for example, if the patient has received 5 issues of 12 already, you should reauthorise for 7.