Deferring and Discontinuing treatments
Deferring start date of treatments

To change start date for all drugs click on the calendar and choose start date.
OR select the drugs you wish to defer and click adjust start.

Select new start date using the calendar and click ok

Once you have approved the first cycle you can’t change the date by this method. To defer future cycles (see User guide – Date changes) as this links any changes to scheduling, and highlights the delay. However if you defer a treatment on the day it is due, it is best to reissue, modify date as above and approve. This leaves today’s visit on the schedule.

HINT: Use this step to bring forward the pre-treatment support regimen e.g. Dexamethasone pre docetaxel to start the day before chemotherapy, or to delay GCSF to start on day 2.
To discontinue a regimen
If you want to prescribe a different regimen for the patient discontinue the previous regimen - a patient can only be on one regimen at any one time.

On the Treatment tab click on the pen icon. Select discontinue. A record is always retained of previous regimens which have been set up, click on the Orders/Rx tab.

Click yes
If you know you are prescribing the last cycle of treatment, and there are further cycles available, before you order the planned last cycle click on the pen (under Treatments), click modify. Change Add to Remove (drop down box) and complete the number of cycles you wish to remove. When you order the final cycle the end treatment prompt will appear. Pick a reason from the drop down menu.

You may need to use the speech bubble to activate the approve button depending on your user group.

Select a reason for discontinuing by clicking on drop down menu. Select ‘Discontinue pending regimen dose recordings on and after’ (Do NOT choose ‘Discontinue all (past, present and future)’), as this will discontinue all cycles, including cycle 1, and will prevent nurses or pharmacy administering the final cycle and the end of treatment date submitted to SACT will appear as the date cycle 1 was first prescribed even if cycles have been administered.

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