Ambulatory providers can refer patients in a variety of ways. This can present a challenge when referring to the ED, where information is critical to patient care. With Epic, ambulatory providers can easily and quickly place an electronic order for referrals with standardized referral information, which can be reliably transmitted to the primary ED provider and nurse caring for the patient.

Place New Orders for Referral to ED:

1. In the Visit Taskbar, at the bottom of the screen, click ➕**Add Order**.

2. Search for **"Referral to ED".** Orders that you frequently place appear as you type.

   - If you see the order you want as you are typing, select it from the list.

   - If you don't see the order you're looking for, press **Enter**. A list of matching orders appears.

Type "Referral to ED" in the Orders box of the Visit Taskbar.
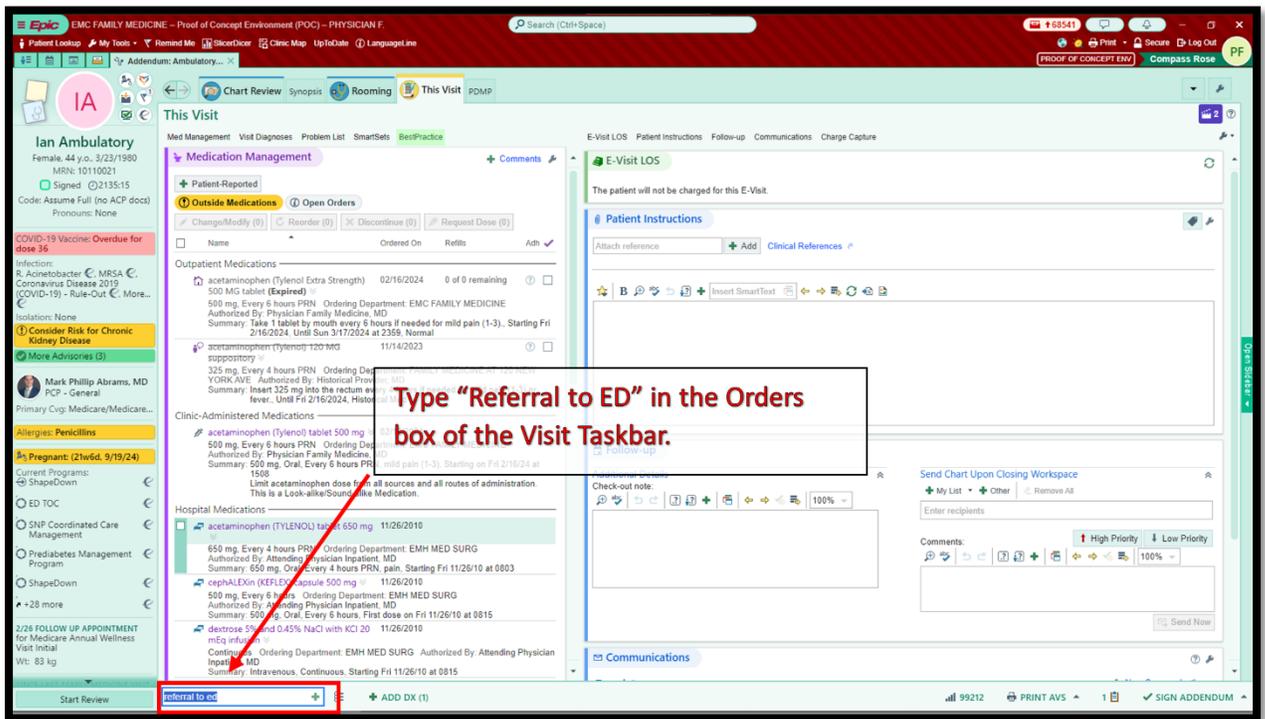
3. **Double-click** an order to select it from the list. The order appears in an orders cart to the lower right.

4. Click the order in the orders cart to modify order details, including name of referring provider, callback number, callback preference, and anticipated plan. The 🛇 icon indicates required items.

5. Update the order details.

6. Click ✔ **Accept** and Sign the Order as usual.

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Once the Ambulatory order is signed, an OPA fires to ensure that the ED provider sees the pertinent information .