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## Inadequate or Incomplete Physician Orders

<b>Purpose</b>	To standardize the procedure for responding to inadequate or incomplete physician orders.
<b>Audience</b>	All respiratory care practitioners.
<b>Scope</b>	All physicians' orders for Respiratory Care Services shall be concise and definite.
<b>Policy</b>	Medication orders shall include the name of the drug, dosage, route and frequency.  In the event of an unclear or incomplete order, the ordering or covering physician will be contacted immediately. No therapy will be initiated until a complete physician order has been entered into EPIC.
<b>Corresponding Policies</b>	Institutional Handbook of Operating Procedures, Physician Orders, Policy # 7.11.5, <a href="http://www.utmb.edu/policy/ihop/search/09-11-05.pdf">http://www.utmb.edu/policy/ihop/search/09-11-05.pdf</a>