RCS Orders

Purpose
To clarify and standardize the practice of accepting RCS orders.

Audience
All licensed Respiratory Care Practitioners (RCP)

Policy
- It is the policy of the department of Respiratory Care Services to provide respiratory care as prescribed by physicians.
- All licensed respiratory care practitioners as outlined in this policy shall accept physician orders.

Guidelines

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<td>All orders for treatment of the patient shall be entered into Epic and signed by the licensed physician, physician’s assistant or nurse practitioner.</td>
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<td>All orders for mechanical ventilation must be entered into Epic by a licensed physician, physician’s assistant, or nurse practitioner.</td>
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<td>Orders shall be concise and definite. Medication orders shall include the name of the drug, dosage (metric), route and frequency.</td>
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<td>Only symbols and abbreviations that have been approved by the executive committee of the Medical staff shall be used (See Hospital Approved Abbreviation List).</td>
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<td>All patients who are transferred from one physician team to a different team, when a room transfer is not involved, must have new Epic orders by the new physician team.</td>
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