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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 **Physician's Orders:**

Step	Action
1	All orders for treatment of the patient shall be entered into Epic and signed by the licensed physician, physician's assistant or nurse practitioner.
2	All orders for mechanical ventilation must be entered into Epic by a licensed physician, physician's assistant, or nurse practitioner.
3	Orders shall be concise and definite. Medication orders shall include the name of the drug, dosage (metric), route and frequency.
4	Only symbols and abbreviations that have been approved by the executive committee of the Medical staff shall be used (See Hospital Approved Abbreviation List).
5	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.

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