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Purpose	To standardize the procedure for responding to inadequate or incomplete physician orders.
Audience	All respiratory care practitioners.
Scope	All physicians' orders for Respiratory Care Services shall be concise and definite.
Policy	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.
Corresponding Policies	Institutional Handbook of Operating Procedures, Physician Orders, Policy # 7.11.5, http://www.utmb.edu/policy/ihop/search/09-11-05.pdf