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## **Seventy-Two (72) Hour Re-Order or Discontinuation of Therapy**

<b>Purpose</b>	To establish guidelines to assure the continuation of indicated therapy and to discontinue unnecessary therapy on patients in general care areas.
<b>Audience</b>	Physicians, Nursing, Staff, and Respiratory Care Services Clinical Staff.
<b>Scope</b>	<p>Patients receiving respiratory care shall be evaluated at 72 hours to determine and document therapeutic outcome in order to assist the physician in assuring optimal patient care.</p> <p>This policy applies to all patients receiving respiratory care and oxygen therapy in the general care areas</p>
<b>Procedure</b>	<p><b><u>General</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All therapy is discontinued when a written order from a physician is obtained, when a patient is discharged or when a patient goes to surgery.</li> <li>• Prescribed therapy is discontinued in the event of an adverse reaction to therapy/medication and the physician is notified.</li> <li>• Transfers from Intensive Care Units to general care areas require a new written order for the continuation of therapy.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Seventy Two Hour Stop/Re-Order</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Therapy may be discontinued 72 hours after the initial treatment if clinical assessment indicates that therapeutic objectives have been met.</li> <li>• The Respiratory Therapist will assess and document clinical outcomes in the notes section of Epic in standard SOAP format.</li> <li>• The Respiratory Therapist must inform the physician if therapy is no longer warranted; a physician's order to discontinue therapy after seventy-two hours is required.</li> <li>• Therapy that is clinically indicated at the end of the seventy-two hour period will be continued and re-evaluated in 72 hours for therapeutic effect.</li> </ul>
<b>Corresponding Policies</b>	RCS Policy and Procedure Manual, Guidelines for Medical Record Documentation, # 7.1.1.