

**POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL
 PHARMACY SERVICES**

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 SECTION: **INPATIENT PHARMACY SERVICES**

 SUBJECT: **AUTOMATIC STOP ORDERS**
POLICY

Automatic stop orders will apply to all in-patient units. The respective physician is contacted 2 days in advance of the identified stop date.

PROCEDURE

- A. All medication orders will be discontinued on the day of expiration, unless the practitioner re-orders each medication separately, including dosage, interval, and any qualifications, e.g., "prn sleep". Orders such as "renew as previously written" are unacceptable.
- B. For medications no longer indicated, the practitioner is to discontinue the medication(s).
- C. Automatic stop periods of medication are as follows, unless overridden by prescriber for antibiotic orders exceeding 14 days duration:

- 1. Controlled substances (except PCA).....7 days
- 2. Anticoagulants
 - Heparin treatment 1day
 - Heparin prophylaxis..... 60 days
 - Low molecular weight heparin treatment 7 days
 - Low molecular weight heparin prophylaxis..... 60 days
 - Warfarin..... 28 days
- 3. Intravenous and oral anti-infectives.....14 days
- 4. Darbepoetin7 days
- 5. Parenteral nutrition/Large volume, KCl-containing,I.V. solutions, IV drips.
 (exception: Practitioner may write for an exact period of time which
 may not exceed 3 days as regards parenteral nutrition).1 day
- 6. Hypertonic I.V. solutions (3% NaCl, mannitol 20%, etc.).....1 day
- 7. I.V. steroids.....7 days
- 8. Propofol.....1 day
- 9. Patient Controlled Analgesia (PCA).....3 days
- 10. Ketorolac.....5 days

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11. All other medications (includes drugs used to treat HIV and tuberculosis).....60 days

- D. As-needed orders: An order for medication to be given as needed (prn) must be qualified, e.g. acetaminophen 650 mg q4h prn pain. (Range orders are **not** permitted).
- E. All previous or pre-operative orders will be automatically discontinued:
 - 1. After a patient has been transferred to another unit; exceptions: consolidation of units; patient overflow; no change in acuity of care.
 - 2. Immediately after a patient undergoes surgery.
- F. Orders written for q4h while awake will be automatically substituted as qid.