



EHR Hospital Communication: July 31, 2013

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Remember: Many answers/clarifications on EHR processes can be accessed through the EHR Intranet site or EHR Learning (Learning Live)

❖ ED Medication Orders Default to “Once” (Starting 8/13/13)

Per the Orders RIE that occurred in May:

- ED medication orders will default to a frequency of “Once” starting August 13th. This includes single ad hoc orders and most medications included in PowerPlans.
- In PowerPlans, PRN and some scheduled medication have a limited number of doses with end times.
- Exceptions: Medications with multiple doses to be given in the ED (xopenex, albuterol, nitroglycerin, etc.).

This change is being made for the following reasons:

- The ‘Once’ frequency creates a stop time for the order. After documentation of one administration the order is completed (discontinued).
- The ‘Once’ frequency prevents an admitting physician from continuing these medications for inpatients admitted from the ED. If a medication order is continued on admission, it is never reviewed by a pharmacist, which creates patient safety issues.
- By utilizing just the ‘Once’ frequency, we can ensure no ED orders will be active at the time of admission med reconciliation for the admitting physician to continue.

Example of a single order with “Once” frequency:



Example of a PowerPlan/Subphase with all medications defaulting to “Once”:



❖ REMINDER: Planned PowerPlans Cross Encounters!

PowerPlans left in a planned state cross encounters. Before initiating a PowerPlan, verify that it is for the current patient encounter.

New Patient Access, New Processes, New Geography, New Ways to Engage

❖ PowerPlan Updates (Starting 8/13/13)

Due to medication corrections, changes in regulations or formulary changes, the following PowerPlan changes are required (these changes will NOT affect favorites):

- COPD Admission Medication (Correction and Antibiotic exchange):
 1. albuterol-ipratropium inhaler = Add albuterol-ipratropium CFC free 100 mcg-20 mcg/inh inhalation aerosol and remove plain strength
 2. moxifloxacin = remove moxifloxacin and add levaquin
- Source of Infection Lung Subphase:
 1. All IVPB (IV PiggyBack) orders = remove dose form "(soln-IV)" from sentence
 2. Remove moxifloxacin and replace with levaquin in each of the 4 orders
- GI procedures Pre:
 1. Remove moxifloxacin and add levaquin (3 orders)
 2. Cefazolin 2gm IV piggyback once = no further weight based
 3. Delete Cefazolin 1gm IV piggyback once
- ED Pediatric subphase (Add Order sentences to the Antibiotics):
 1. Azithromycin injection, 10mg/kg, Soln-IV , IV Piggyback, Once.
 2. Amoxicillin 250 mg/5 mL liquid", 30 mg/kg, Susp-Oral, PO (Oral), once