

PULMONARY AND CRITICAL CARE MEDICINE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM FELLOWS ORDER WRITING POLICY

This policy covers all orders written for patients under the care of the UNMC CCM Team, the Pulmonary Consult Team, the VAMC Pulmonary Consult Team and the VA CCM Team. Orders may be written by the attending physician, the Pulm/CCM fellow or the resident. Orders covered by the policy may be written, verbal or Computerized Physician Order Entry.

1. Residents on the team write all orders for primary patients assigned to CCM or the Pulmonary Consult Team.
 - a. The fellow and staff will also be able to write orders in the absence of the resident only in the interest of efficient patient care. The resident should be informed of the order at the earliest convenience to ensure they are aware of it, if there is a change in the management plan.
 - b. Students may write orders on patients they are following but the orders must be co-signed by the appropriate resident, fellow or attending, prior to being recorded by the nursing staff.
 - c. Each resident must review their patients' orders daily and sign all verbal orders written by them or other members of the team within 24 hrs of placement.
 - d. To facilitate correct entry of orders into the Computerized Information System (CIS) at TNMC, all orders must be legible, timed and dated and the resident's computer ID number must be written next to their signature. At the Omaha VAMC, all orders should be entered into CPRS by the fellow, resident or attending.
2. The resident, fellow or attending may write orders for patients seen in consultation only after conferring with the consulting physician.
 - a. Students may write orders only if co-signed by the resident, fellow or attending.
 - b. Orders should be written according to the guidelines in Section 1.d. above.
3. Consultants may write orders on primary CCM or UNMC Pulmonary patients only after clearing those orders with a member (Resident level or higher) of the team caring for the patient.
4. In emergent situations, (e.g. Codes or other life-threatening problems) a resident or fellow may give a verbal order for a private practice patient to prevent harm. The private practice physician (or his/her designee) must be notified immediately of the patient situation and of the order by the nursing staff or by the resident or fellow.