PULMONARY AND CRITICAL CARE MEDICINE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM
FELLOWS ORDER WRITING POLICY

Policy: Orders may only be written by physicians who have primary responsibility for patients under their care.

Procedure: This policy covers all orders written for patients under the care of the Pulm/CCM fellows on the UNMC CCM Teams, the Pulmonary Consult Team, the VAMC Pulmonary Consult Team, the VA CCM Team and the Nebraska Medicine Continuity Clinics. Orders may be written by the attending physician, the Pulm/CCM fellow or the resident. Orders covered by the policy may be 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, especially if there is a change in the management plan.
   b. Each resident must review their patients’ orders daily and sign all verbal orders written by them or other members of the team within 24 hours of placement.
   c. All orders must be entered into the EMR at Nebraska Medicine by the fellow, resident or attending. All verbal orders should be signed electronically as soon as possible. At the Omaha VAMC, all orders should be entered into CPRS by the fellow, resident or attending.

2. The resident, fellow or attending may enter orders for patients seen in consultation only after conferring with the consulting physician.
   a. Orders should be written according to the guidelines in Section 1.c. above.

3. Consultants may enter 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. If the
orders change the management plan or contradict the plan discussed on rounds, the resident should ask the consultant to not write the orders and the resident should discuss the consultant’s recommendation with the fellow or attending prior to writing the orders.

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.