**Issue/Process: Discontinue Order Process**

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### Issue/Background: Discontinue Order Process

Once Computerized Physician Order Entry is implemented in the fall of 2010, physicians will enter all of their orders electronically from any location within the Virtua system or remotely. Currently, physicians write orders to discontinue a medication, a diagnostic test or a specific treatment. Medication orders currently are faxed to Pharmacy. Pharmacy discontinues the order in the Pharmacy/MAK system. This is reflected on the eMAR.

Other orders that were originally entered into Soarian are discontinued in Soarian by NUS or nurses. The discontinuation is electronically sent to the performing department. Treatments or interventions that are not entered in Soarian, are verbally communicated to the nurse by NUS if there is a NUS present.

In CPOE, physicians will click on the order to be discontinued and discontinue it in Soarian. If it is a medication order, this order is automatically sent to Pharmacy/MAK for Pharmacist review and completion. It is then reflected on the eMAR (no change to current practice). For tests and treatments ordered for ancillary departments, the discontinuation is electronically sent to the performing department (no change from current process).

This process does not apply to discontinuation of orders at patient discharge – a global discontinue function will be used and reviewed under a separate template. The physician only needs to write the discharge order.

Other orders that are currently being verbally communicated will be issued by physicians electronically in CPOE and sent to nursing and/or NUS.

### Recommendations

- Physicians will discontinue medication orders in Soarian by clicking on the existing order and performing the discontinue function (not by issuing a separate “DC” order)
  - The order to discontinue is sent to Pharmacy/MAK
  - Nurses see and acknowledge the discontinue order in MAK
- Physicians will select non-med orders in Soarian and discontinue them by clicking on the order and performing the discontinue function (not by issuing a separate “DC” order)
- When a non-med order has been discontinued, a message will be sent to the Orders to be Acknowledged Worklist for both nurses and NUS
- Nursing and NUS acknowledge the order and act upon as appropriate

### Source of Recommendations

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- Nursing Informatics Team 6/28/10

### Response/Comments:

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